

Don't Quit Part 3 - June 19, 2016

Warm Up

When we are faced with the question, "Are you rich?", our minds tend to immediately turn to an accounting of the financial resources we possess. God's desire is clearly that his people be "rich", but that desire involves so much more than our money and possessions. 1 Timothy 6:18 commands those with material resources to "do good" and to "be rich in good deeds".

Into The Bible

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:14-17 ESV

""You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

- Timothy 6:19 refers to taking hold of the life that is "truly life". What is the true life that we are to embrace?
- Each of us is created with a divine "to do" list. What practical steps can we take to discover that "to do" list, and how can we recognize when we are working within it?
- In what sense is a good deed done without pointing the recipient to Christ "cruel"? What are some practical ways to "connect" our good deeds back to Him?

Application

Pause to reflect on times when someone has demonstrated random acts of kindness toward you. How do you feel when that happens, or someone just does a little something "extra" for you? Look for at least one opportunity to "act" randomly each day on someone else's behalf to provide them the opportunity to experience what you felt in those moments. Be sure to "connect" the act to God so that people are pointed to Him.

Summer is on it's way. We have VBS coming June 27-29. Please for our outreach effort and also for volunteers for this life changing event. summer comes vacations and family trips.

Pray for our upcoming sermon series on the Holy and our Deeper Weekend.

Please pray for these Life-giving Churches in our area: Trinity Family Church and Legacy Church.