

The Effect of Neglect

I am a gardener. To have a successful vegetable garden, one must do certain things to raise produce. In many areas of our country, there is a drought. Without rain, crops will not produce fruit. Insects will devour the crop, if not caught early. Without fertilizer, vegetables will become stunted and not yield blooms, which, in time, become corn, tomatoes, beans, and other nutritious food. A gardener must not neglect the garden. It's often said, "You reap what you sow."

The same is true in our spiritual life. If we neglect our relationship with God, something comes in to take its place. Like a small infestation of insects in a garden, sin grows and grows until it is difficult to eradicate.

The effects of neglect are obvious when we fail to pray. Pray throughout the day for family, friends, your church and pastor, schools, our community, and our country. Read the Scripture. Memorize verses that encourage you, verses that you can share with others when opportunities arise. Sing hymns and join with others in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord of your life. Look for ways to serve mankind while serving God.

Galatians 6:7,9 reads, "Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap. ... Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up."

How are you neglecting Christ in your life? One person can make a difference ... in your home, your church, in your community. Let it begin with you.

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Therefore,
as we have opportunity,
let us work for
the good of all.

GALATIANS 6:10 (CSB)

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn 350 "The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn No. 344 "Jesus Loves Me"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Nancy Lacerte

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 592 "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Scripture Mark 10:13-16

Sermon Rev. Mike Dickey

"Let the Children Come"

Hymn No. 282 "Living for Jesus"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be here with us.

Mercy's Well will have a concert at Sappony today at 6pm. A love offering will be collected.

Join the Petersburg Baptist Association for a fun summer event on Sunday, July 30th at the Chili Peppers game. enjoy a night out with friends and family while watching the best baseball around enjoying great food and being entertained throughout the night. The gate will open by 4:30pm. Two ticket options are available. The \$20.00 meal voucher ticket includes a choice of 2 entrees (Hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog) 1 bag of chips and 1 drink.

If you wish to receive prayer requests by text, please let the pastor know so you can be added to the list.

Missed a sermon? Or just want to hear it again? Our past sermons are available on Facebook and You Tube.