

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## 7 Things That Lead to the Sin of Neglect

The writer of Hebrews notes that under the Law— which was spoken through angels (2:2) - every transgression and act of disobedience received a just recompense of reward. He then poses this question: “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?” (v 3) . The immediate context implies a more severe punishment to Christians who *neglect* their salvation...better salvation than that available under the Old Covenant. Why the warning? Because this “great salvation” that we enjoy was delivered by Christ himself and further confirmed by his holy apostles (under the first oversight of the Holy Spirit). This *ought* to send a red-flag warning to every sincere Christian about the danger of *neglect*.

Neglect is one of those topics we all understand. We look in the mirror and honestly confess: “Yes, there are things I know that I neglect.” Of course, some things you can neglect and escape uninjured; but if we neglect other things...critical things...that neglect can cause permanent, even eternal damage. So why would anyone neglect something so important. I will suggest seven different things...mental states...that cause us to neglect that which we should not.

**Overconfidence:** We neglect things about which are overconfident. We ignore warning signs and red alerts because “It could never happen to me.” This is a fatal flaw common to young risk takers. If they survive life long enough, they may finally learn to respect risk. But when we do not, we will neglect wearing the life vest until it is too late. **Solution:** Learn to respect the possibility of being wrong.

**Inattentiveness:** We neglect that to which we do not pay close attention. If I stop checking the scale, I tend to neglect my exercise and healthy food. Companies that pay no attention to the numbers usually end up in financial trouble. What we do not measure, we tend to neglect. **Solution:** Learn to put a number to spiritual activity and measure results. Not as a checklist of human works but as a measurement of personal growth.

**Lack of Urgency:** We neglect that which we do not see as urgent. There is always tomorrow. Except that sometimes tomorrow never comes. When was the last time we did something completely selfless, something in service to God with a real sense of dire urgency? **Solution:** Do it now. Write a list of at least three things that must get done and put a deadline on each. Then take whatever steps are necessary to meet the deadlines. *Get it done.*

**Too Painful:** We tend to neglect what is too difficult or painful. We avoid unpleasant topics with others for fear of discomfort or conflict. Or we put off what is difficult because it is *hard*...just like the sluggard who fails to work during the spring and summer, only to find a bare harvest and cold winter. **Solution:** Respect the law of sowing and reaping. After all, it is a law. Pain cannot be avoided. It is just a matter of source.

**Divided interest:** When you are in love with two competing things, one is going to win and one will lose. Irritation with the loser will soon lead to neglect...and eventually a withering on the vine. **Solution:** Decide early what are the most important things, values, relationships. Measure all competing things, values, relationships as to their support for the primary. Discard incompatible things, values, relationships quickly...before they take emotional root.

**Ignorance:** We all neglect that which we are ignorant about. The problem is...we do not know what we do not know. **Solution:** Become a more active learner and never stop. If you cannot find an engaging meaty Bible Study, start one in your home. And **read**.

**What we do not value:** We tend to neglect that on which we do not place much value. Here is a common refrain: “I just do not get anything out of it [the worship assembly].” Hence, we tend to

neglect the most important house of the week. Of course, we need no encouragement to attend a three-hour ballgame. We do not neglect the treasure that we value most in our hearts. **Solution:** You can decide what it is you desire. Make a decision. Write it down. Then feed that desire. **Hint:** It works both ways—for good or bad.

—Jared Jackson

### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Shanna Edwards in the loss of her grandmother, **Velma Pyles**. Velma passed away at the age of 98 last Tuesday. She was a member of the Parkview Church of Christ, but had been in a Nursing Home for a while. Visitation is 6 – 8 pm on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at the Acres West Funeral Home.

### **Prayer Request**

**Carolyn Morrison** will undergo major back surgery on Thursday, March 14th in Columbus, Ohio. Prayers are being requested for her that the surgery will be successful and that she has a speedy recovery. Carolyn is Devida's sister.

**Sondie Williamson** (Devida's niece) had a test done on heart last week to see if the aneurysm in her aorta has reached the 5 cm. The test results will be back on March 30th. Please keep Sondie in your prayers. If the aneurysm is 5 cm she will undergo open heart surgery.

**Sharion Price** (Jack Wright's sister) underwent another procedure on her eye last week, which went well. Good results are expected from the surgery and a good portion of her eyesight is expected. Sharion appreciates all of the cards and prayers on her behalf.

### **Prayer List**

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Dennis Betts; Harshad Bhavsar; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; LaDonna Chism; Jon Cooper; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Wayne Gunn; Winford Hambright; Roberta Hamil; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Paul Ketchell; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; José Padilla; Doc Phariss; Sharion Price; Bonnie Pursley; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Beth Ann Warren; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

### **Eisenhower's Shut-ins**

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

### **Youth**

#### **Bible Quiz Question...**

What was the name of the man who went to sleep and died falling from a window while listening to Paul preach? But then, the Apostle Paul brought him back to life. (Acts 20:9-12)

#### **Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...**

It is true that the well where the servant met Rebekah was called Lahairoi.

### **Events**

Watch **"In Search of the Lord's Way"** every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the **"Speaking the Truth in Love"** program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

## **Singing Seminar**

Myron Bruce will be here to conduct a **“Singing Seminar”** on April 6th and 7th. Please plan to attend and learn more about how we can improve our singing in our worship unto the Lord.

## **Thank You**

I'm thinking of you all with thanks and asking God to bless your days. Always with love and God's blessing to all my sisters and brothers in Christ and to thank you dearly for the beautiful “Get Well Encouragement & Birthday Cards. Thank you, Larry and Janis for your love, concern and for taking care of me. I love you all and can't thank you enough for caring and praying for me.

Love in Christ,

Hattie

## **Office News**

The **“New Mexico Children's Home”** will be back the 1st week in June for a food pick up. No food items were given at this time. Monetary donations are also accepted.

### Courage or Foolishness?

It takes a lot of courage  
To put things in God's hands,  
To give ourselves completely;  
Our lives, our hopes, our plans.  
To follow where he leads us  
And make His will our own,  
But all it takes is foolishness;  
To go the way alone!

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

## **March 10th, 2019**

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

West...

East...

## **A.M.**

Allen Weakland

Oliver Hernandez

Allen Weakland

Allen Weakland

Josh Wells

Jeff Wesson

Larry May

Cody Wesson

Jackie Perkins

Tommy Garcia

Dan Igo

Josh Weakland

Clint Titlow

John Wood

## **P.M.**

Allen Weakland

Rudy Ochoa

Allen Weakland

Allen Weakland

Charles Wood

Trinidad Wood

Bill Brown

George Warren

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon*; John Wood 413-7444 *Pulpit*; Bill Tolbert 381-5564 *Table*; George Warren 557-2171— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Craig Wesson 934-4633 *Collections*: Craig Wesson 934-4633

**Sunday AM**

*“Beneath the Cross”*  
*(Matthew 27:32-44)*

**Sunday PM**

*“To Do Good”*  
*(1 Peter 2:11-15)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class...* 63  
*Morning Worship...*90  
*Evening Worship...*60  
*Wednesday...*74  
*Contribution...*\$4,620.00