

December 10, 2017  
Sermon Notes  
Psalm 126

Do others see that "the Lord has done great things" because you:

1. See God

John 10:27 ESV

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

See God:

1. Relationship
2. Ordinary Circumstances
3. Pages
4. Community
5. Pay attention

God "shows up even when we're not 'on retreat' or 'having a quiet time.' He invades grocery lines and football stadiums, cry rooms and cafeterias. He speaks in ways we expect, and in ways we do not.

Leigh Mcclory

Matthew 18:20 ESV

20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

The spiritual life is not an escape from life but an affirmation of God's way of life in the struggles we meet in our personal thoughts, in the relationships we have in the family, among our neighbors, at work, and in our leisure. The Christian life is an embodied life. It affirms that all of life belongs to God, and God is everywhere in life.

Robert Webber

To live life coram Deo (in the presence of God):

All of life is religious or none of life is religious. To divide life between the religious and the nonreligious is itself a sacrilege.

Do others see that "the Lord has done great things" because you:

2. Seek God

Psalms 105:4 ESV

4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Colossians 3:1-2 ESV

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Hebrews 2:1 ESV

1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Avoid "mental coasting":

1. It requires no effort
2. Is an unconscious process
3. Never leads you upstream
4. Increases speed downstream
5. Is dangerous to others
6. Leads to shipwreck

Hebrews 2:3 ESV

3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,

Signs of drifting:

1. Diminishing desire for the Word
2. Diminishing desire to be with God's family
3. Diminishing desire to share the Gospel
4. Increasing desire for things of the world

Jeremiah 29:13 ESV

13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Do others see that "the Lord has done great things" because you:

3. Serve God

Galatians 6:9 ESV

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Mark 10:45 ESV

45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

A person's final standing before God will be determined by that person's relationship to Jesus Christ as revealed in his or her works.