



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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WOULD YOU BE MISSED?

By Mike Riley

After completing many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation time by William Randolph Hearst, the publisher of the San Francisco Examiner. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer for two reasons. He said, "If I quit writing my newspaper column for six months, it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second reason is that it might not affect the circulation of the newspaper.

Mr. Brisbane's answer was profound. In view of his answer, let's ask ourselves, "If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed?" Would the Lord's work suffer or would there be no difference whatsoever? As members of the Lord's church, we each have a responsibility in doing the Lord's work and building up the body of Christ (**Ephesians 4:11-16; I Corinthians 14:26; II Corinthians 12:19; Ephesians 4:12**).

We cannot hire someone else to fulfill our responsibility to the Lord (**Galatians 6:4-5; Romans 2:6; I Corinthians 3:8**). We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time with which He has blessed us. Let us hear the inspired writer, Paul, as he wrote to the Ephesian brethren, "*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil*" (**Ephesians 5:15-16**).

Brethren, let us resolve from this day forward, that we will become more involved in the Lord's work, "*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds*" (**Hebrews 10:24**).

God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision, and financial means. Let's be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause "*while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work*" (**John 9:4**).

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?

To help you set and keep your priorities straight, take the following personal inventory.

1. **Which is more important to you?** Making sure your dog (or cat) gets fed every day or making sure that your child gets daily spiritual nourishment?
2. **Which is more important to you?** Watching television or taking time for prayer and Bible study every day?
3. **Which is more important to you?** Speaking out on current political issues or speaking out to help someone understand Bible truth?
4. **Which is more important to you?** The time you spend playing sports, hunting, or fishing or the time you spend with your children?
5. **Which is more important to you?** The time you spend adorning your body or the time you spend improving the inner man?
6. **Which is more important to you?** What you think of last Sunday's sermon or what God thinks of your response to the sermon?
7. **Which is more important to you?** The condition and appearance of your house or what goes on inside your house?
8. **Which is more important to you?** The preacher speaking to you at the door after worship or the preacher speaking to you through the sermon?
9. **Which is more important to you?** The temperature in the church building or the spiritual temperature of the church which meets in the building?
10. **Which is more important to you?** The number of people who show an interest in you or the number of people in whom you show an interest?
11. **Which is more important to you?** The number of people who speak to you at church or the number of people to whom you speak?

David Sain