

Life Lessons

(2 Peter 1:12; Jude 1:5)

- Introduction:
1. From time to time, we need to be reminded of things we already know.
 2. It's not that the information is new, but it is brought back in the fore-front of our minds.
 3. That is what I want to do in tonight's lesson.
 4. Let's think about a few things we need to keep from slipping.

I. Take Heed Lest You Fall

- A. Ills. Matt Emmons - 2004 Olympics.
- B. Ills. Lindsey Jacobellis - 2006 Olympics.
- C. (1 Corinthians 10:1-12) "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."
- D. Demas (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 1:24; 2 Timothy 4:10).
- E. "What could have been."
- F. Ills. Of sitting in a former preacher's house, encouraging him to repent.

II. Look Out For The Interest Of Others

- A. (Philippians 2:1-4) "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."
- B. Ills. Jason McElwain - Athena New York.
- C. (Matthew 20:25-28) "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
- D. Get in the habit of lifting up others.

III. Rejoice With Those Who Rejoice

- A. (Romans 12:15) "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."
- B. (1 Corinthians 13:3-4) "for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, 'I am of Paul,' and another, 'I am of Apollos,' are you not carnal?"
- C. (James 3:16) "For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there."

- Conclusion:
1. This world is filled with glimpses of God in every day life.
 2. Open your eyes and see it.
 3. But don't overlook this important point: Being "Christ-like" is not the same thing as being "in Christ."
 4. (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27).