

GOD'S PLAN FOR SERVICE

PROGRAM #373 FIND, FOLLOW AND FINISH

This week our topic is FIND, FOLLOW AND FINISH. Small children ask lots of questions to find the answer to what puzzles and interests them. As adults we encourage this finding by children even though at times it might be exasperating. When we get to our teens and older, we begin to assume that we know what we need and become set in our knowledge and conclusions about what is good, what is right and our desire to do what we want to do. We tend to set up our own roadblocks to finding new information and new understandings of what we thought we already knew.

This can apply to our relationship with God as well. What we have come to accept and believe in by young adulthood, can be, what Dr. Adrian Rogers, described, as our “weights” or our “wings”. If we see what we have found in faith as a weight, our faith is seen as that which is keeping us from doing the fun things of life or keeping us from following paths that are attractive to us but don’t fit within the teachings of the Bible. In contrast we could see our faith as our wings to enable us to reach the otherwise unattainable by working with God instead of resisting Him. Our wings enable us to continue to find and then to follow.

When we decide to follow our faith that we have discovered and developed, we find the peace of God and His counsel as we face the struggles of life. If we have not chosen to follow God, we face these struggles on our own. Some of us find a Christian faith but then decide against following it because our personal desires suggest other paths. We are likely to follow a zigzag path in life if we do not follow our Christian faith consistently.

Even when we decide to follow our faith, we find many opportunities in life to go astray when temptation is set before us and we decide to pursue it. The Bible teaches us to maintain our faith throughout our lifetime. We are told to finish what we have started. Later adulthood provides many opportunities to teach and influence others in the building of their Christian faith. Serving God is not something from which we can retire. Whether we spend eternity in Heaven or Hell depends on our faith at the end of life and not on great deeds we did at midlife. So we must find our faith, follow it and then finish it in a manner pleasing to God.

Study questions are available for this program. You can obtain them by writing to info@godspansforService.org or calling 615.268.7223. May God continue to bless you.

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR PROGRAM #373 FIND, FOLLOW AND FINISH

These study questions are intended for use with God's Plan for Service, Program #373. The primary purpose of the study questions is to help the listener/reader to more fully grasp the significance and implications of the topic. Recipients may write to Dr. Oosting (by email to info@godspansforService.org or mail to GPS, 1226 Knox Valley Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027.

1. Have you FOUND your Christian faith? The test of whether you have or not is in whether you can explain it to others. Where would you start in explaining your Christian faith?
2. Do you FOLLOW your Christian faith on a daily, consistent manner? What are the temptations that might deter you from following well?
3. Will you FINISH well? Has your Christian faith become a "weight" or a "wing"?

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