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# One Tick At A Time

MATT 10:16-22 PJ 1023-24

I) INTR:

A.) There is a story of a little clock that while it hangs on the wall it began to consider his future.

1.) He realized that he ticked ~~120~~ times per minute. 60

a.) 7200 ticks per hour. 360 per HR

b.) ~~172,800~~ Ticks per day. 8640 PERDAY

c) 63,072,000 ticks per year. 3,153,600 per YR

d.) 630,720,000 ticks for ten years.

2.) About this time his little tongue was hanging out and he was exhausted and said, "I'll never make it"!

3.) But then he realized he had been making it all right until he began to consider his future.

a) He said, "I've made it this far, but How?"

b.) Then it hit him, One tick at a time!

II.) The problems of living the Christian life, many times, seem too much for us for the same reason.

A.) The people of the world are affected by this same problem.

1.) ~~M~~any people can't make it through the day without ~~t~~taking 3-4 pills, ~~or~~ a couple of BEERS!

2.) The world in general is afraid of the future.

B.) The Christian is no exception.

1.) But he is exhorted to be faithful under all circumstances:

a.) Rev 2:9-10 pg 1306

(1.) after mentioning all their problems the Lord says, "Be thou faithful unto death."

(2.) This strongly implies faithful even if it means your life will be lost!

b.) Matt 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

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MATT 10:16-22 READING

(1) Salvation is for the faithful

(2) That home in heaven will be yours, if ye endure to the end

c.) We look at all the problems that we are faced with.

1.) Evolution, Denominationalism, Anti-ism, Liberalism, Indifference, threats of wars, etc ....

2.) If a Christian ~~were~~ WERE to dwell on these things surely his conclusion would be the same as the little clocks, "I'll never make it"!

3.) Much energy and talent is ~~taken~~ from the church because of this problem of seeing ~~630,720,000~~ 3,153,600 ticks and not just one tick at a time.

Ex. a) A certain Christian ~~wants~~ to do a certain work for the Lord. As he looks at his talent and ability now in comparison with what it will take to accomplish the job - He gives up - too many ticks away.

TALENTS

USE THE TALENT THAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU - AND WATCH IT GROW.

(1) He is defeated before he begins.

(2) Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

(a) Do we really believe that!

Ex b.) A congregation wants to do a certain work. But they begin counting all the ticks between them and their goal and then forget it.

(1.) Eph 4:20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

Ex (c.) a man looks at all the temptations in living the Christian life, and concludes I can't live the Christian life, it is too hard.

(1.) Why? looking at ~~630,720,000~~ 3 MILLION PLUS ticks instead of one tick at a time.

D.) Note the song we sometimes sing:

1.) "One Steps at a Time."

(a) "The flesh is so weak and hopeless."

(1) Matt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter ~~not~~ into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

(b.) as long as we continue to trust in the flesh we are never going to get anywhere.

(1.) We must start walking by faith and not by sight.

2.) Comment on rest of song.

(a.) Keep hold of my hand dear Savior, till I my journey complete. One steps at a time, dear Savior, till faith grows stronger in thee. One step at a time, dear Savior, till hope grows stronger in me.

(1.) As a young child holds his parents hand when learning to walk, we need to hold on to Christs hand until we become strong enough Christians to walk by ourselves.

BUT WE WON'T BE BY OURSELF - THE LORD IS WITH US.

II.) Another Important lesson from This Story of The Clock is That Time is Important.

A.) Eph 5:16 ~~Re~~ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

1.) The reason we have so much time to set around and worry about the future is because we don't redeem the time.

a.) Matt 6:31-34 pg 1019

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS.

(1.) Jesus says in so many words that a person can live by faith and spend his time ~~live time~~ counting the 630,720,000 ticks.

B.) Another point is that the length of life is not the important thing, it's how we have spent it, little or much.

1.) Christ spent 33 years here, while Methuselah spent several hundred years here.

a.) It is not how long your here it is how you use your time WHILE here.

2.) Someone has said, "I am a steward of this very moment."

(a.) I am not guaranteed another moment or another tick, just the one I have at this time.

(b) John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

CHRIST IS SAYING THAT HE MUST WORK NOW WHILE HE CAN.

(1.) When Christ comes back, it will be to late to work. We have to do our assigned duty now.

(c.) We need to become so involved with the work of our Lord that we want to learn of the meat that fed his body, which was not food.

(1.) Jn 4:31-35 pg 1123

THE SPIRITUAL FOOD THAT WE NEED TO HELP WITH THE HARVEST THAT IS NOW READY TO BE REAPED.

III.) Conclusion

A.) While we set worrying about the ~~630,720,000~~ 3,153,600 ticks, many are passing from this life ~~un~~ unprepared to meet their master.

(1.) While we set around ~~concerning~~ ourselves with what we can't do - souls are being lost.

B.) We need to quit counting and start ticking.

1) If you never reach your goal, you will ~~be~~ have the satisfaction of having done your best and your all.

a) Set your goal for one tick at a time.

One tick - one step

first step - { HEAR THE WORD
FAITH
second step - REPENT
third step - CONFESS
} unto Christ
forth step - BAPTISM → INTO CHRIST

The steps don't end there - there are still some more ticks on your clock.

Your clock has not stopped yet!