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*"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13*



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### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

## Wisdom God Gave an Ant

By Phil McIntosh



Have you ever seen a "round tuit?" If you are not familiar with the term, it is the name ascribed to a circular disk, about the size of a drink coaster, with the word "TUIT" on it. It is, for all intents and purposes, a **round** "tuit." Now what's it for? Well, it's a fabrication in jest connected to the people who always said they would do something "when they got around to it." What they often meant was that they either did not have the time, couldn't be bothered by the task at that current moment, or that it was of lesser importance than other things that had their attention and they would attempt to accomplish it later, if at all.

There are various tasks in our hectic existences that get easily overlooked. Sometimes we jump on them and sometimes we let them slip quietly under the rug. A metaphor we might use to describe our procrastinatory actions is to "kick the can down the road." This phrase means putting off until tomorrow, or later, what could be done today. Regardless of the motivation or intention behind it, it is like "get around to it" in that the result is the same- something or something is procrastinated. We are a funny people. To borrow a line from an old cartoon we'd gladly pay someone tomorrow for a hamburger today; but frequently we'd also rather exert effort tomorrow that could be exerted today. The dictionary form of procrastinate (according to Merriam-Webster) is "to put off intentionally and habitually; to put off intentionally the doing of something that should be done." Perhaps, after being accused of procrastinating, one might say they're not doing it intentionally, they just hadn't gotten around to it yet. Oxford's definition hits closer to home when it describes procrastination as to "delay or postpone action; put off doing something."

If the thing being procrastinated is of little importance or value, and the consequences for leaving it undone are essentially nothing, perhaps it is not too big of a deal. If the thing being procrastinated is your soul, then, by all means, get on it right now, because it is the biggest deal (**2 Cor. 6:1-2**)! Maybe you think in those terms. Perhaps it's only human. Let me suggest for you, though, another way to look at it. Even in the small things to be done (or left undone) we can create furrows in the pathways of our personality and mind; we call these "habits." If you start allowing bad habits to pile on top of one another it is wholly conceivable you will allow those habits to grow and encroach upon the more important things that you really don't want to procrastinate (**Gal. 5:9; 1 Cor. 5:6**).

One of the most practical books in the Bible, as it pertains to our everyday lives, is the book of Proverbs. This book was penned by King Solomon, who was gifted an enormity of wisdom by God. Add on top of that the fact that, "all scripture is given by inspiration of God" (**2 Tim. 3:16**), and you've got some weighty and compelling reasons to listen to what the book of Proverbs says. In chapter six, we read of the great example of the ant:

"Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, <sup>7</sup>Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, <sup>8</sup>Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest. <sup>9</sup>How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? <sup>10</sup>A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep- <sup>11</sup>So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man." -Proverbs 6:6-11

Ants are industrious creatures. They're resourceful, strong, dedicated, and, according to Solomon, don't procrastinate. Can you be more like the ant? Can you think of some things in your life that you are putting off until tomorrow that could be done today? Maybe it's a card or letter that you've been meaning to write, maybe it's that exercise you always say you need, maybe it's less time in front of the television and more around you family, and maybe it's spending more time in your Bible and with the church. Remember, habits have the capability to absorb other activities in our lives. If you're lazy in one area of life, it very likely will bleed over into other areas. Don't let your life be stagnant, your activity be stale, or your spirit be lethargic because you forgot the wisdom God gave an ant.

## Almost Heaven



I was born and raised in the great state of West Virginia. I love to go back home to visit my family and this June I get to spend a little time in a place that has been enshrined in a song as "Almost Heaven". I don't remember streets of gold, but some were brick. I don't remember there being no pain, but I do remember spraining my knee and having to be on crutches. I don't remember not seeing any tears, sorrow, or death, but I do remember attending many funerals in that state of dear family members. Albeit the state is beautiful with its mountains, valleys and rivers, but being "almost Heaven" is no way near all of the glory and splendor of Heaven, itself.

Come to think of it, "almost" anything is not anything. "I almost won first place." "I almost got away with it." "I almost bought a new mustang." In reality I came in second, I got caught, and I didn't buy that mustang. "Almost" makes it sound better though, doesn't it? We often tell the kids when we are traveling that we are almost there. We haven't completely arrived yet, but we are really close; they start gathering their things and are eagerly waiting for us to get there. But they still have to wait.

Some of the saddest words in the Bible are "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). Why? Because almost becoming a Christian is still not being a Christian. You are still lost, no matter how "almost" you are. Almost being a Christian will get you almost Heaven. What exactly is "almost Heaven" spiritually? It's the better sounding phrase for hell. Why settle for almost when you are able to have the real thing? Why would you want "almost Heaven" when you CAN have Heaven? It's quite simple. Hear the gospel of Christ (Romans 10:17), believe in Christ (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6), repent of your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30), confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37), be immersed in water for the remission of sins

(Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16) and live faithfully (Acts 2:42, 47; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10).

Please, please, please don't let the saddest words said about you is "\_\_\_\_\_ almost became a Christian". Let's take out the "almost" today.

By Kristina Odom

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**SINGING CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY**

Join us for singing class & practice this Wednesday, March 16th, at 6:00 pm.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 2- MARY MCANALLY
- 10- MARTHA CHAFIN
- 13- COREY CULVER
- 17- ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 28- DIANE LINGLE
- 30- DONNA MCCLENAN-WEAVER

**MARCH CLEANING CALENDAR**

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

**THANK YOU!**

<p><b>Feb. 27-TEAM ROGER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick</li> <li>Brenda</li> <li>Roger</li> <li>Linda</li> </ul> <p><b>March 6-TEAM JAMES S.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kim-Marie</li> <li>Xavier</li> <li>Jaden</li> <li>Kingsford</li> </ul> <p><b>13-TEAM PHIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle</li> <li>Beverly</li> <li>Donna</li> <li>Josephine</li> <li>Yvonne</li> </ul>	<p><b>20-TEAM LEE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lee</li> <li>Natalie</li> <li>Rufus</li> <li>Derek</li> <li>Ken</li> <li>Tim</li> </ul> <p><b>27-TEAM ZACK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zack</li> <li>Amanda</li> <li>Diedre</li> <li>Paul</li> <li>Ruby</li> </ul>
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