Some Stupid Things Christians Do To Mess Up Their Lives, Part Two Psalms 119:9-16

Observations

- This morning I spoke about how neglecting God's word and not practicing it is one of the Stupid things we do to mess up our lives
- David, in Psalms 119, talks about how he loves God's word and memorized it, not just in his brain, but in his heart!
- James 1:22 tells us to be "doers of the word and not hearers only," ... "fooling yourselves"

#2 Forsake the Fellowship Of The Church!

- You will often hear economists and news anchors talk about the "leading economic indicators"
- Now these indicators, by no means are the ultimate predictors, but they do give the nation an idea which way the economy is heading
- I suggest to you that if I wanted to get a good idea of a Christian's walk with the Lord, one of the key spiritual indicators is, "Do they attend church regularly?"

Observations

- Now I know that there are legitimate reasons for not making every worship service
- There are seasons of life in which it is difficult and almost impossible to be here every Sunday.
- But when I think back about Christians doing some stupid things to mess up their lives and note their church attendance, which at one time was consistent and had slipped to be sporadic at best, to me their "slippage in attendance" was a warning sign of big trouble ahead

I Believe This To Be True:

Once A Person Drifts Away From The Church, It's Almost Inevitable That They Will Drift Away From The Lord!

Some Will Say, "I Spend A Lot Of Time On My Own With The Lord"

- This answer is naïve but is actually a known excuse
- I believe that it is just about impossible to be a Christian in "isolation!"
- The word of God does not teach independence but "INTERDEPENDENCE" - We need each other!

We need each others' :

- encouragement, support
- warnings and correction
- wisdom and perspective

Because By Ourselves We Can Be Deceived!

The New Testament Is Full Of "one another" Phrases!

Romans 12:10, "be kindly affectioned one to another" Romans 15:7, receive or "accept one another" 1Corinthians 12:25 tells us to "care for one another" Galatians 6:2 commands us to "bear one another's burdens" 1Thessalonians 5:11 tells us to "edify one another" James 5:16 tells us to "confess faults and pray for one another"

1Peter 4:10 tells us to "minister (serve) one to another"



WE CANNOT DO THESE "ONE ANOTHER" THINGS APART FROM FELLOWSHIP!

The Early Christians In The Book Of Acts Walked With The Lord!

What Was Their Leading Spiritual Indicator Saying?

"And they continued (devoted) steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42

When we forsake worship consistently we open ourselves up to doing stupid things that can mess up our lives.

The Plan Of Salvation

Believe the Gospel Acts 15:7

Repent Of Sins
Acts 17:30

Confess Christ Acts 8:37

Be Baptized Acts 8:38