

Come let us Grow Together: Carefree

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

A carefree lifestyle and responsibility as a Christian soldier of Jesus Christ are not the same thing. As a Christian your lifestyle should be one of showing forth good works, not taking it easy in a field of daisies. “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Mt 5:13-16)

“Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.” (Acts 9:36) “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Eph 2:10) “This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.” (Titus 3:8)

There is much work to be done as a follower of Jesus Christ and floating on a canoe on a lazy river is not the work of a Christian soldier and isn't work at all. It is a carefree lifestyle, one free of any responsibility and as Christians there is great responsibilities that we must be busy about.

“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matt 24:44-51)

A carefree lifestyle will lead you down a path of destruction where everything looks pretty, feels good, and there is beauty all around for you to take your ease. “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Pro 14:12) “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.” (Pro 21:2)

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Lk 19:10) “And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.” (Mk 1:17-18) Christians have much

responsibility to follow after Christ and to win souls to the kingdom of God. There isn't time to spend sitting around carefree taking in the warm breeze on a beautiful summer day while having a nice cup of iced tea.

“But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.” (Heb 6:9-11)

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?” (Lk 9:23-25)