HOLD ON TO GOD’S INSTRUCTION

Being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. James 1:25 (KJV)

I will be the first to admit that I do not seem to remember like I once did. Count it to old age, chemo brain, or not trying hard enough. I am not sure which is the closest to the real truth. Nevertheless, I want to be able to remember God’s instruction. “A forgetful hearer” is not a title with which I want to be labeled. It was not intended for God’s word to go in one ear and out the other. How encouraging it is to see someone who can memorize and recite God’s word. I am not one of those people but I have been blessed to remember the general meaning of the word. One must remember that memorization of the Bible is no good if it is not turned to righteous living. A faithful hearer of the word of God becomes a doer of the work of God.

God’s instruction is worth holding on to, to be more like Christ. Christ prayed in John chapter 17 that we might have the type relationship with the Father that he had. The instructions left us are those that lead us into that special relationship. He teaches us to pray when he says “in this manner pray ye.” We are given an example of battle tactics against Satan when he says “it is written.” Jesus gives us a picture of loving our neighbor in the story of Good Samaritan. Each example, each story or parable gives us instructions for becoming more like Christ.

Last of all, the blessings from holding on to God’s instructions are ours to possess. “This man shall be blessed in his deed.” When we hold on to God’s instruction and become a faithful doer of the work, we become the recipient of God’s blessings. Just think about it. It is a blessing to help someone who has fallen on hard times. It is a blessing to cut grass for the elderly. It is a blessing to lead someone to Christ. So hold on to God’s instructions and receive your blessings!

Yours in Christ,

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