

The Lord's Day Morning

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**“Resources for Facing Life Today”
James 1:1-12**

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Scripture Lesson: James 1:1-12

Text: James 1:5

Introduction:

1. A great mistake to think life is now or ever will be easy.
 - a. This is a mistaken idea.
 - b. Because do not understand, many people stay miserable much of their lives.
 1. They think it should be easy, have all they want, never have a disappointment, nor sorrow, never have to work. Do what they want to do all the time.
 - c. This is not true.
2. Must be prepared to face...
 - a. Hardships, etc.
 1. Work
 2. Responsibility
 3. Disappointments
 4. Sorrow
 5. Sickness
 6. Duties
 - b. To live with others
 1. Hardly possible to be hermits in these days
 2. Family or boarding house
 3. Neighbors
 4. Those who wait upon us at stores
 5. Work with us
 - c. To live with ourselves
 1. Many cannot stand to be alone and so they are either miserable or they make others miserable.
 2. Horace saying Jim could not enjoy great books or music, etc. and to be useful.
 - a. Life will not give you much joy, pleasure, or satisfaction unless you find a place of usefulness.
 - b. Your work. The performance of your duties and all will be very uninteresting until you can believe you are of some use.
 - d. Be prepared to die
 1. One is not prepared to live until are prepared to die.
 2. Lady I talked to, Mrs. Gwen
 3. Lady Dr. Callender told me about who did not have house in order
3. What are some of resources one must have to face life?

a. Let us look at them.

I. Courage

1. I am not thinking of physical courage.
 - a. Hope will not have to use as some of you have in past.
 1. No more war.
 - b. Not highest type of courage
2. Takes more courage to face life than to face death.
 - a. Constant day after day
 - b. Death one minute and over
3. Courage to accept Christ
 - a. No one prepared to face life until have come to know God through Christ.
 - b. The bravest act I saw in France. ("Wings of Spirit, page 67)
4. Courage to face ridicule if need.
 - a. Page 293, "New Testament Sermons," Talmage
5. Courage to do what know should.
 - a. My uniting with ministerial candidates Association in Austin College.
6. No place in the world of today for cowards.

II. Character

1. Do not know how to define it.
 - a. Know some things which enter into it.
2. Tenacity – persistence
 - a. No time or place for quitters
 - b. Enough people who give up because...
 1. It is hard
 2. Do not want to pay price to win
 - c. It is time for those who face life
 1. Seek a goal
 2. Have a purpose
 3. Press on
3. Honesty
 - a. Some live lies to themselves
 1. Not admit weakness
 2. Not seek help
 - b. Some live lies before others
 1. Pretenders
 2. Nothing much in life for them
4. Dependability
 - a. No place in life for those you cannot depend upon.

III. Unselfishness

1. One who starts out in life to get as much as they can and give as little as possible will surely find life to be only a miserable existence.
 - a. Troubles will always be magnified
 - b. Duties will be despised

- c. Someone will be imposing on you all the time
- 2. Only those who live unselfishly really find anything in life.
- 3. If life has become dull and monotonous to you, try doing something for someone else.
 - a. A young man Dr. Truatt sent to read Bible with blind man, page 299, "Quest for Souls."
 - b. Miss Boyd on her birthday.
- 4. Unless we have this spiritual life we will have no joy or satisfaction.

IV. Must have resource of Christian faith

- 1. What is this Christian faith?
 - a. Have reviewed it twice recently at evening service. Let me do it here again very briefly.
 - b. Belief in God.
 - 1. Transcendent God
 - 2. Great
 - 3. Wise
 - 4. Loving cares for us as individuals. Is able and willing to help us.
 - c. Belief in Christ.
 - 1. He was God
 - 2. He manifested God
 - 3. He died for our sins
 - 4. Not fully understand how, but somehow because of His death God can and does forgive us.
 - d. Belief in life after death
- 2. This faith is the resource for facing life.
 - a. Prepares us to live with ourselves
 - 1. Are at peace with God
 - 2. Are unafraid
 - b. Brings courage
 - 1. Dr. Frank Norris who was threatened by some man because of his campaign in Fort Worth and they told him if he did not desist they were going to kill him right then. He told them to go ahead that they might kill his body, but his soul would go to heaven.
 - c. Make unselfish
 - 1. God cares though man may not
 - 2. See rewards in heaven
 - d. Face life knowing will reach heaven

Conclusion:

- 1. Do you have the resources to face life today?
- 2. You young people, take them now.
- 3. You older people, it is not too late.
- 4. Come now to Christ.