

MESSAGE # 20: Some Practical Lessons

I. Introduction:

Welcome to our concluding talk about the book of Esther. This is our 20th message and the last three have been summary notes about things we saw in our transit through the book. In this final talk I want to ramble a little...just in case you have not heard me do it before and I may repeat some things or try to stress some particular emphasis that I did not do in passing. My remarks in this talk are addressed to those who know the Lord or to those who do not know Him but will believe on the Lord Jesus and enter the family of God. So this is something on the order of family talk and I will get on with it now.

II. Discussion:

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- A. It is important that you see your life belonging to God and His people and that you are willing to use every aspect of it for Him.
 - B. Within friendly reason, it is important that we seek to be consistent and put the value of others and the will of God ahead of personal gain or greed.
 - C. It is good that we learn to make the moves in life dependent on the Lord...that we neither go before Him nor get lost following too far behind. I know this is a general thing but we need to be discerning in it and practical as well.
 - D. Never allow circumstances to dictate a policy that is contrary to the Word or truth of God. At the same time learn to be clear about what the Word of God requires (or desires) and what is explicitly in our province.
 - E. And never minimize the contributions of others....or maximize your own in a way that is boasting. Be yourself for God and encourage others in a walk that honors Him as well.
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III. Conclusion:

It has been a great privilege to fellowship with you in the study of this Book. May God bless you richly by His Word and may our yielded obedience to Him be an act of daily worship and sacrifice. For the present then, this is Tom Taylor .