

"The Little Things..." Wed Oct 9, 2024

I. I Peter 5:6-9

- A. Be Sober and Vigilant
 - 1. Awake, Watchful, and Alert
 - 2. One of our enemy's greatest weapons is the lure of the distractions of this world....When we allow these distractions to challenge our walk with God, we are in danger of becoming numb and complacent.
- B. This powerful and timely message...The Little Things...
 - 1. Make the biggest difference... (It's the little things that count!)
 - 2. It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen.
 - 3. Sometimes, it's just the little things that make you happy.
 - 4. Should never be overlooked or forgotten... (this is how you stay vigilant...this is how you stay in a place where you never become complacent or numb).
- II. Relationship with God...The Little Things that Mean the Most

A. *Ephesians* 5:25-32

- 1. The comparison of the husband and wife & Christ and His church
- 2. Key words: Nourishes and Cherishes: To hold and treat as dear; to care for tenderly or to nurture.
- 3. In a relationship between a husband and wife, what is the most dangerous thing that can numb that marriage or ultimately divide it? (There are many good answers, but only one true answer: Forgetting the Little Things that Made it Great!) (Do you remember when you were dating?)
- 4. In your relationship with God, the same question and the same answer is true. (In both cases...marriage and relationship with God, if we remembered, we would keep those things that are so dear to us; but when distractions come in, we don't hold close to our hearts the most important things...the little things).
- 5. The Danger of Forgetting...The Things That Carry the Most Value!
- 6. What does God want from me? Simply spending time with Him...the little things (just like dating.)
- B. Be Thankful
 - 1. *Colossians 3:15*
 - 2. Instead of finding something to murmur about, find something of which to be thankful. (This is also a powerful tool that enables you to keep the spirit of offence out of your heart).