

## LESSON 09-25-05

### The Behavior of Believers

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." - Heb. 6:9

One problem with Christianity today is that we have too many *average* Christians. Too many believers are *off* and *on*.

**These seven things are not prerequisites to salvation, but things that accompany salvation.**

#### I. Confess Christ Publicly

- A. While public profession is not essential to salvation, it certainly *accompanies* it.
- B. Don't be a *secret* disciple.

#### II. Church Membership in the Local Congregation is the Next Step.

- A. Church membership has a lot to do with *successful* Christian living.
- B. It should be a *fundamental* church.
- C. It should be a church that *separates* from apostasy.
- D. It ought to be a *soul-winning* church.
- E. The pastor should be a good Bible *teacher*.

#### III. Concentrate Daily on The Study of God's Word.

- A. Feeding on the Word of God is essential to Christian *growth*.
- B. "When we pray we talk to God. When we read the Bible, God talks to us." – D. L. Moody

#### IV. Commune Daily With God in Prayer

- A. It's God's appointed way for us to *obtain* things.
- B. Prayer is also the way for the believer to receive *forgiveness* and *cleansing*.
- C. It's the way to get wisdom.

#### V. Communicate Daily The Gospel To Others.

- A. *Witnessing* is essential to successful Christian living.
- B. God's program for world evangelism is that *every* believer wins others.
- C. *Everyone* has opportunities to speak daily to numbers of people.

#### VI. Conquer Temptation and Sin.

- A. Temptation is sin only when one *yields* to it.
- B. Temptation is a *common* experience for everyone.
- C. The successful Christian must deal *thoroughly* with sin.
- D. Let's not *cover* our sins by calling them something else.

#### VII. Contribute Regularly to the Cause of Christ.

- A. God has only one way of financing His work, and that's through the gifts and offerings of **His** people.
- B. At least **ten percent** of the believer's income should be given to the cause of Christ.
- C. The believer is only a steward, not a **possessor**.
- D. God has put things in our hands to be used for **His** cause.