

A Second Chance Don't Ignore It!

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1 We have often said—*If I had another chance I would have done things differently; or, If I had a second chance, I would have treated them better; and, If I had to do it over I would do it much differently.*

2 We get another chance—AV 1 John 1:9 “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*”

3 Are we taking *advantage* of this Second Chance God gives? Are we *talking* differently to people? Are we being more considerate of others?

4 A vitally important matter is *knowing* what is on the other side of this life! What happens when this world ends? We have to *know* what is *after* this brief life—

5 And God says AV 1 Corinthians 2:9 “*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*” Isaiah 64:4.

6 If we have *committed* our life to God; If we are committed to *follow* the instructions of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount—then we *can know* what our next stop is—

7 AV 2 Corinthians 5:8 “*We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*”

8 It is difficult to *visualize* eternity—no time; no clock watching; no deadlines; no final seconds of playoff games.

9 Eternity is just up ahead, and our preparing to stand before Jesus without shame because of our actions, words, and comments to others—this standing before Jesus unashamed—eclipses everything else.

10 God has been *patient* with us—*many* times and in many ways, yet we often ignore His Word and do things we should *not* do; say things we should *not* say; treat someone in an unkind way; and we have been angry for no just cause! But praise God, He gives us *Another Chance!*

11 Jesus does as well—AV Mark 1:15 “*The kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*”

12 God will someday and suddenly—give the command for His Son to return—*then* no more opportunities to repent; no more second chances; no more last-minute reprieves!

13 Knowing what is on the other side—and knowing that we will *be there* for eternity should have us *think* about conduct, our comments; and our attitudes with family members, friends, and co-workers—*would God have approved?*

14 *If we would really think about eternity for five minutes, we would lose no time in giving our life to God anew and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Master.*

15 That is very true and it is why the devil has us *think* about anything *but* eternity. He has us be involved in a multitude of interests and activities so eternity is not thought of—*not much or for not long anyway.*

16 Most people of the world think about jobs, family, vacations, retirement, financial protection, or some other temporary thing. People in general avoid thinking about *eternity.*

17 If you asked someone: *Is it important to earn a lot of money with Jesus at the very door? Will that new car you want make your chance for entering Heaven any better? Is that new house in the suburbs you purchased any benefit to you, now that Jesus is about to return?*

18 The only important thing is: *Knowing* God and *trusting* Him in faith for all aspects of life—knowing our sins are *forgiven* because we repented of them and placed them at the foot of the Cross of Jesus by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit—that is the *only thing* that will mean *everything!*

19 A vital issue is if we *allowed* God to teach us what we need to know to be ready to meet His Son.

20 Have we really *trusted* Him—because we really *love* Him—since He loved *us* enough to give His life on the Cross to pay our debt John 3:16.

21 The only thing that matters is where we *are* on the other side—and the only way we can be sure it is the *right* place, is that our heart is *right* with God, and that our *attitudes* are right with everyone else around us.

22 AV John 17:3 “*This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*”

23 The only thing that matters is that we *know* what God will *do* for us—that is why we *trust* Him in faith for everything.

24 If we do not take advantage of the opportunity God gives us here, there is no changing the result after eternity begins.

25 AV Colossians 3:2 “*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*” But Satan has people to set their affections on things in *this* life, and not *thinking* about things in the next—where everyone *wants* to be—but may *not* be!

26 Self takes people to the flames and is why the apostle said AV Colossians 3:3 “*For ye are dead*”—or self is dead—as it is crucified *with* Christ after we *confess* and *repent* of our sins “*Our life is hid with Christ in God.*”

27 4 *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*”

28 Most people do *not* think about eternity or consider how *long* it *is*—but at some point, everyone will *be* on the other side—forever abiding in *one* of *two* places—*forever!*

29 AV Job 16:22 “*When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.*”

30 This life is simply a *journey* to the next life. We must *know* what is next because it is coming.

31 Today is a second chance to *get* right with God—and another chance to *make* things right with someone we offended.

32 Like: *I’m sorry for the way I’ve treated you; I was wrong. With God’s help, things will be different now. I now know how important it is to obey* AV Matthew 7:12 “*All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.*”

33 Where do we want to spend eternity? God is *merciful* and *patient*—and He is *waiting* to show us what we need to *know!*

34 Are we *asking* Him to show us? Are we *asking* Him to have us *ready* to meet Jesus? Today is the *day* we are given to repent of mistakes.

35 NKJV 2 Corinthians 6:1 “*We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you’*”—but are we *confessing* to Him so He *can* hear us?

36 Are we *asking* God for His help to *change* what *must* be changed? Can we *treat* people as if we truly *loved* them? Eternity is at stake!

37 If we have the *right* information and do the *right* thing *with* it, we will find ourselves at the *right* destination *forever!*

38 If we have the *wrong* information and do the *wrong* thing with it, we will find ourselves at the *wrong* destination—*forever!*

39 Today is the chance given to us to *recommit* our life to God; to *confess* and *forsake* wrong

ways or attitudes we *hold* on to far too long; and to learn under His teaching—how to meet every person and every situation in a scriptural way.

40 We can tell our children: *I really care where you spend eternity!* If we look them in the eye and say that and *mean* that—God can enable our words to touch their heart.

41 When we show someone we *care* about their eternity, they are more willing to listen to advice. If we want to see them in Heaven, then *living* the Truth *in love* Ephesians 4:15 can make that happen.

42 Christ-like attitudes and treating people in a considerate way—at work, during sports, at school, church, and anytime we interact with others—can have much impact, because the way we act is so *visible* that it speaks *volumes* of truth.

43 Setting a right example for children to *see* and *hear* and *follow* has far more impact on young people than anything we could explain in words!

44 Jesus did *His* part two thousand years ago—now we do *our* part—*live* His Truth 24/7—there is *never a time we do not live the Truth.*

45 God has given a second chance —what are we doing with it? What we *do* with the information we *have* is critical, because our attitude toward God, His Word, and those around us involves where we spend the rest of eternity.

46 *Now we choose!*



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