Part Time Christians

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INTRODUCTION

- A lot of the time I think that's how people view their relationship with God. That's how a lot of people walk through life as a Christian. As just being a part-time Christian.
- They only spend some of their time. They don't wholly devote themselves to that job, so to speak.
- Because they're not putting in that much time, they're not getting much out of it.

1 Part-Time Christians Don't Do What They Ought to Do

Hebrews 5:12; 1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 10:37–39

- For though by this time you ought to be teachers, and yet you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God.
- These are people who had been Christians for a long time. He's not talking to new Christians here.
- Our faith ought to be growing. It ought to be growing. It cannot be stagnant and it cannot remain the same.
- The writers tell us that we are to grow, we are to mature, we are to long for pure spiritual milk.
- We cannot stay on the milk of the word and remain infants.
- For part-time Christians, God is not a priority. Part-time Christians love the world and the things in the world.

2 Part-Time Christians Have a Poor Appetite

Hebrews 5:11; Matthew 13:14–17; Ephesians 4:13

- Part-time Christians don't care about that. They don't care about coming to the assemblies and listening to the word of God preached.
- Why is it hard, Hebrew writer, to get through to these people? Because you have become dull of hearing.
- We must have an appetite for the word of God to hear it proclaimed to us and to change our lives accordingly.
- We have to get out of elementary school. We have to mature beyond that.
- If we are not maturing in the Word of God, then we're going to fall right along with that deception.
- Part time Christians have a poor appetite. They do not mature. They do not ever get out of elementary school. They never graduate.

3 Part-Time Christians Give Part-Time Devotion to Christ

2 Timothy 1:8–12; Ephesians 1:4–5; 1 Peter 4:12–19

- We should not be ashamed of our faith. We should not be ashamed of who we are.
- Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.
- How do you rightly handle the word of truth unless you study it? Unless you give full devotion to it.
- Satan wants us to be part-time in our devotion to him. But we must give our whole hearts to God.
- The God of the Bible is one that doesn't serve me. I'm supposed to serve him.
- You get out what you put in. Part-time Christians give part-time devotion to Christ. Half-hearted. Slacking.

THE CHALLENGE

Make that decision to not be a part-time Christian anymore. But to give full devotion to Christ.

MY NOTES