

# Today Is The Day

## 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

- Today is the day of salvation...
- Implying that our salvation needs not momentary, but daily attention, lest we receive the grace of God in vain.
- Our work and our vocation (calling) are daily – Eph. 2:10; 4:1.
- Our conduct is to always to worthy of the gospel – Phil. 1:27.
- We always have daily opportunities in one form or another. What are some of them?

### Daily Prayer

- Mat. 6:11 – “Give us this day...”
- Faith and confidence in God – 1 Jn. 5:14-15.
- For ourselves – Phil. 4:6-7.
- For others – 1 Tim. 2:1-6
- Set the tempo for your own life – Acts 3:1; 10:9; Dan. 6:10.
- Psa. 86:3 “Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long.”

### Daily Bible Study

- Acts 17:11; 1 Tim. 4:13.
- 1 Ths. 5:19-22 – a short list that cannot be accomplished without sufficient study!
- Quench: Extinguish; to “suppress, stifle”.
- Despise not prophesyings: “To make of no account, despise utterly;” consider nothing; hold in contempt.
- God’s way of touching our lives is via His word, Jn. 17:17, 20; Rom. 10:17.

### Daily Vigilance

- Pro. 8:34 “Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.”
- Be watchful for error – 1 Jn. 4:1; Acts 20:31; Col. 3:17.
- Be alert for the devil's attacks – 1 Pet. 5:8-9.
- Be watchful for the Lord's return! – Mat. 24:42; Rev. 3:3.
- 1 Cor. 16:13-14 “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.”

### Daily Exhortation

- Heb. 3:13 “But exhort one another daily...”
- 1 Ths. 5:14 “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”
- Exhort – Call to one's side; admonish, entreat, teach.
- Warn – Put in mind, caution, reprove.
- Comfort (the weak) – Encourage, console.
- Support – Support (by paying attention to) the weak.
- Patient – Be of long spirit; persevere, not lose heart.

### Daily Cross Bearing

- Lk. 9:23 “Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”
- Deny – (Strong) deny utterly, that is, disown, abstain;.
- (Thayer) 1a) to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone 1b) to forget one’s self, lose sight of one’s self and one’s own interests.
- The cross was Christ's daily mission, everything He said and did was dedicated towards accomplishing it.
- What gets in the way of our “daily” commitment?

### Daily Service

- Acts 20:35 “I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
- Eph. 4:28 “Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.”
- Gal. 6:10 - When is our next opportunity?

### Decision...

- Today is the day of salvation...
- If you are not a Christian.
- If you are a Christian, your salvation needs daily attention.
- If we accept the challenges of daily discipleship the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will be with us – 1 Ths. 5:28.
- We always have daily opportunities in one form or another. What are some you can take care of today?

**1Jn 5:14** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

**1Jn 5:15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

**Act 3:1** Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*.

**Act 10:9** The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.

**Dan 6:10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

**1Th 5:19** Do not quench the Spirit.

**1Th 5:20** Do not despise prophecies.

**1Th 5:21** Test all things; hold fast what is good.

**1Th 5:22** Abstain from every form of evil.

**Joh 17:17** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

**Joh 17:20** "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

**Joh 17:21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

**Rom 10:17** So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**1Jn 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**Act 20:31** Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

**Col 3:17** And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**1Pe 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**1Pe 5:9** Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

**Mat 24:42** Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

**(To Sardis) Rev 3:3** Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

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### OUT OF THIS LIFE

Out of this life I shall never take  
Things of silver and gold I make.  
All that I cherish and hoard away  
After I leave, on earth must stay.

Though I have toiled for a painting rare  
To hang on my wall, I must leave it there.  
Though I call it mine and boast its worth,  
I must give it up when I quit the earth.

All that I gather and all that I keep  
I must leave behind when I fall asleep.  
And I wonder often, just what I shall own  
In that other life, when I pass alone.

What shall He find and what shall He see  
In the soul that answers the call for me?  
Shall the great Judge learn, when my task is through,  
That my soul had gathered some riches, too?  
Or shall at the last, it be mine to find,  
That all I had worked for I'd left behind?

--Author Unknown