

Evening Lesson

HOW TO HAVE A GREAT SPIRITUAL RETIREMENT

Eccl. 12:1-5

INTRO:

1. Most of us plan to retire one day.
2. We will not be retired in this life very long before we go to our eternal retirement. **James 4:14**
3. We will want to be better prepared than the rich, foolish farmer in **Luke 12**.
4. How can I be assured of a great spiritual retirement?

I. CHOOSE YOUR EMPLOYER.

- A. Joshua made his choice many years ago. **Josh. 24:15**
- B. Jesus pictured the church as a man hiring laborers for his vineyard. He hired as many as he could that were willing to work. **Matt. 20:1-7; Matt. 22:14**
- C. It is not a complicated choice since there are only two employers: Satan or the Savior. **Rom. 6:16; Matt. 6:24; 1 Kings 18:21**
- D. Not choosing plays into Satan's hands. **2 Thess. 1:7-9; James 4:17**

II. KEEP YOUR EMPLOYER HAPPY.

- A. At one point Jesus looked for fruit and when he found none, he cursed the tree and it died. **Matt. 21:18, 19**
- B. He again pronounced a curse in the parable of the talents. **Matt. 25:30**
- C. Jesus separated the sheep from the goats on the basis of "You did it or you did not do it." **Matt. 25:40, 45**

III. WORK HARD.

- A. Christ calls us to be workers. **Matt. 7:21**
- B. He is our example. **John 9:4**

IV. DON'T STOP BEFORE QUITTING TIME.

- A. We can't give up when we get tired. **Rev. 2:10**
- B. I need to stick with it. **Ezek. 18:24; 2 Pet. 2:20-22**
- C. There is too much on the line to fold our hands and quit. **Gal. 6:9**

CONC:

1. A great spiritual retirement awaits.
2. Don't miss it!