

The Importance Of Follow Through

Standalone Message

Sunday, September 4, 2022 at 9:00am and 11:00am

Text: Selected Scriptures

Integrity: doing what you say you're going to do when you say you're going to do it

Prov 6:16-17: "There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue and hands that shed innocent blood..."

Proverbs 12:22: "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight."

Psalms 15:1-2, 4b (NLT): "Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts...and keep their promises even when it hurts."

Proverbs 10:26: "Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him."

Proverbs 25:19 (NLT): "Putting confidence in an unreliable person in times of trouble is like chewing with a broken tooth or walking on a lame foot."

"The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship." -Unknown

Matthew 5:16: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Three strategies for improving your follow through:

1. Avoid procrastination

Deuteronomy 23:21,23a: "If you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin... You shall be careful to do what has passed your lips..."

Ecclesiastes 5:4: “When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow.”

2. Resist the urge to commit prematurely

James 1:19a (NLT): “Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak...”

Proverbs 20:25 (NLT): “Don’t trap yourself by making a rash promise to God and only later counting the cost.”

3. Have the humility to utilize a system

Examples of systems:

Carry a notepad and pen

Write on your hand

Use post-it notes

Place papers on your office floor

Utilize your smartphone calendar

Email or text yourself reminders

Create an artificial early deadline