

Monday, October 29 – *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)* There are people who talk a great deal about Jesus and know a great deal about God, but don’t believe in any of it. Just because someone references Jesus doesn’t mean that they have put their faith in him. Conversely, there are people out there who believe in Jesus with all of their heart, mind, soul and body, but they don’t talk about it. All they do is strive to live as a follower every single day of their lives. These people have come to realize that their actions are far more eloquent than their words. What you do will always reveal who you are. If your words don’t line up with your actions, people will always believe your actions. Are you good at talking about Jesus or are you better at living as a follower of Jesus? Talk is cheap, following is priceless.

Tuesday, October 30 – *“The appetite of the lazy craves, and gets nothing, while the appetite of the diligent is richly supplied.” (Proverbs 13:4)* Rule number one of dream realization is action. If you never do anything to realize your dream, you will never realize your dream. All your dream will ever be is a nice thought or some fancy talk. Why dream if you never take the risk and try it out? God didn’t plant a dream in your life so that you could do nothing about it. God planted a dream in your life so that you would do something about it. A seed is no good unless it grows into a plant. Yet, the seed must die in order for the plant to grow. Dreaming and never acting on it is the ultimate in lazy. In fact, when you think about it, dreaming without taking action is down-right cruel. You will never know until you try. You will never grow until your laziness, your excuses, your procrastination and your fear dies. Talk is cheap, diligence is priceless.

Wednesday, October 31 – *“Anyone who tills the land will have plenty of bread, but one who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.” (Proverbs 28:19)* You have a dream. Now the work starts and work it will be. Nobody ever achieved a dream by simply waiting around for the dream to happen. Nobody harvested a crop by sitting around and hoping that a crop would grow on its own. Nobody has ever achieved a dream by simply talking about it. All you can achieve by talking is being a talker. The realization of your dream is going to require that you to do something. You will have to “till the land”, so to speak, if you want to realize your dream. It will be hard work, but nothing was ever achieved without hard work. There is no quick fix or easy way to realize your dream. The road will be tough. You will fall on your face. You will want to give up, but keep going because God has placed a dream in your life for a reason. Talk is cheap, working is priceless.

Thursday, November 1 – *“Whoever says, ‘I have come to know him,’ but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist.” (1 John 2:4)* To know God is so much more than simply knowing about God. I can know all about my favorite quarterback. I can know all of his stats, his passing percentage, his record as a starter and how fast he can run the forty yard dash. But that doesn’t mean that he will know who I am if I bumped into him on the street. In order to truly know my favorite quarterback, I would have to have a personal relationship with him. Likewise, in order to truly know God I must have a personal relationship with him. A personal relationship with God requires that I live my life in a certain way, that I follow God’s leading. If I do not follow God I would be a liar if I stated that I know God. I would simply know about God. Talk is cheap, relationship is priceless.

Friday, November 2 – *“We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.” (John 9:4)* The last thing that any of us wants to do is die with the regret of a dream that was never attempted. The should of’s, could of’s and would of’s weigh heavy on a death bed. None of us know how much time we have, so there is no better time than the present to start working on that dream. What is stopping you from trying something? What is stopping you from taking a step toward your dream? You are the only thing that is stopping you. Your fear of failure, your fear of other people and what they will think, that voice of that certain someone ringing in your head telling you that you can’t do it. Whatever is holding you back today, throw it off and do something about your dream. Worst case scenario is that when your time is up, you will be able to say I went for it. Best case scenario is that your dream is realized. Talk is cheap, taking a step is priceless.

“The richness in life is found in the _____ and the _____.” (Todd Burrier)

Procrastination = “The _____ of delaying or postponing something.”

“The language of _____ is more eloquent than the language of _____.” (Turkish proverb)

What did the caterpillar ask Alice?

Your _____ will always influence your _____.