

Monday, November 19 – *“For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.” (2 Thessalonians 3:11)* Your dream cannot be to stick your nose into everyone else’s business. The dream that God has planted in your life requires your attention and it requires work. Both of which cannot happen if you are constantly meddling in someone else’s affairs or sitting around doing nothing but gossiping. A quick reminder of a fact, an unfair fact, but a fact none-the-less. Everyone in your life is watching you to see who you are. And, who you are is a direct reflection on Jesus. People will decide about Jesus, God and Christianity by watching you. Being an idle person, who is a busy body and does no work, gives Jesus a black eye. It makes him, and you, look bad. Everyone is watching!

Tuesday, November 20 – *“So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.” (2 Corinthians 5:9)* This takes us back to week one in our study of what it means to dream again. We need to take God seriously. Whatever we are doing and wherever we are doing it, we must do everything in order to please God. First, we do this because this is truly what it means to be a follower. We need to get good at pleasing God by following his lead, seeking his guidance and leaning on him for courage and strength. Second, we do this because the only bible that someone will ever read is you. Who you are, the decisions you make, the dreams that you pursue, the love that you show and the grace that you offer will be someone’s only connection with God. There is someone, and in many cases multiple someones, who will only understand what it means to be a Christian by watching how you live your life. Thus, the decisions that you make, the way you handle adversity and the way you treat others will have a direct reflection on God. Everyone is watching!

Wednesday, November 21 – *“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.” (1 Timothy 2:1)* As you are dreaming again, don’t forget about others. Don’t get so wrapped up in your own stuff that you forget about the people in your life. Make sure that you are carving out time, on a regular basis, to pray for others and to say “Thank You” for the people who are a part of your life. You see it over and over again in the life stories of people who achieved wonderful things. Too many times, they go through some pretty dark valleys. Too many times those dark valleys were caused by the simple fact that, in the pursuit of their dream, they forgot about others. They forgot about the people who love them. They forgot why they were pursuing their dream in the first place. They lost their way because they lost their focus on what is really important. The achievement of your dream is nowhere near as important as the person you become while you are dreaming. Everyone is watching!

Thursday, November 22 – Happy Thanksgiving! – *“Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath day they rested according to the commandment.” (Luke 23:56)* Why did they rest on the sabbath? They rested because it pleases God for his children to take a day off and rest. What does this teach you on your journey of dreaming again? All work and no play make Johnny or Jenny stressed, overworked, tired, sick, lonely, isolated, burnt out and depressed. Life is a balancing act. There are times to work and to work with everything that you have and everything that you are. Yet, there are also times to rest and play with everything that you have and everything that you are. When one works too much, life gets out of balance. Also, when one plays too much, life gets out of balance. Today, is a play day. Enjoy your family and friends and give thanks with all your heart and soul as well as your time. Everyone is watching!

Friday, November 23 – *“If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at your door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.” (Genesis 4:7)* This is a piece of a conversation between God and a man named Cain. See, Cain was ticked off because his offering wasn’t accepted by God. To make matters worse, his brother, Abel, had made an offering that was accepted by God. Knowing how mad Cain was, God pulled him to the side and told him our verse for today. His warning to Cain is very appropriate for you as you dream again. In the midst of dreaming again make sure you are “doing well”. This doesn’t mean not being sick, it means that you are living a balanced life, following God and loving others. If not, as God shares with Cain, sin is lurking right outside your door and it wants to devour you. You must master it. How do you master the sin that is lurking right outside your door? Do well. Everyone is watching!

What have we learned?

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Context of our passage for today:

Never take your _____ !

Everyone is _____ !