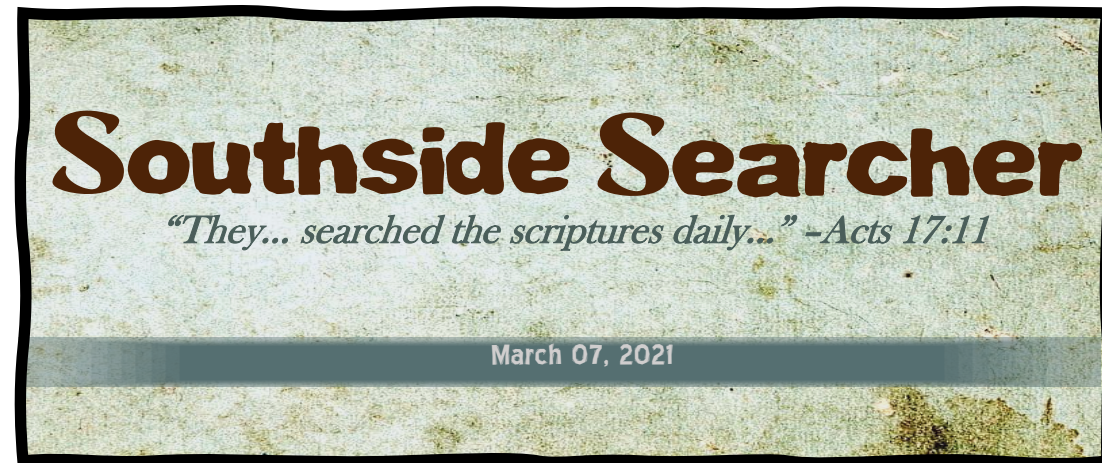


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## Timidity

TIMIDITY IS DEFINED, in simple terms, as a lack of courage or confidence. One who is timid is easily frightened. Joseph of Arimathea was timid about his faith (John 19:38), as were those in John 12:42-43 who would not confess their faith in Jesus because they feared being put out of the synagogue. Perhaps the most tragic biblical example of timidity is that of Peter when he was frightened into denying the Lord three times.

Timidity does not go well with being a Christian. As God's children, we are called upon to be courageous in the face of temptation and persecution. We also need courage to share the Gospel with others. Timidly is the other side of the same coin of cowardice, and the cowardly are listed alongside murderers, fornicators, and idolaters as ones who will suffer eternal punishment (Revelation 21:8).

Timidity is a big deal. No wonder God gives us so many exhortations to be strong and courageous, just as He did with Israel before they began claiming the promised land (Ephesians 6:10; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 3:16). Those words are apt for Christians today as we fight our way to our promised land. *"Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you..."* *"... Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:6-9). The answer to Timidity? Remember that God is with you!

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# Luke-Warmness

The idea of being “lukewarm” is to be “moderately warm or tepid,” or “having or showing little ardor, zeal or enthusiasm.” It is to be indifferent and apathetic. The reader should know this is a major issue facing the Lord’s people today! Consider some thoughts concerning lukewarmness from God and His Precious Word.

**1) Lukewarmness Brings With It An Unwillingness To Fight For The Truth.** Ever wonder why Jeremiah is referred to as the “weeping prophet?” Perhaps because he had the sad responsibility to write about God’s people who were “not valiant for the truth upon the earth” (Jer. 9:3). They refused to take a stand for or defend God’s Word. Jude 3 reminds us we “should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” Let us never grow so indifferent or weary we are unwilling to protect and defend God’s Word. Again, of God’s people, Ezekiel penned, “Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD” (Eze. 13:5). Let us fight for and defend God. Let us fight for and defend Jesus. Let us defend The Word of God!

**2) Lukewarmness Brings About A Weak Heart.** Ezekiel remarks, “How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things” (Eze. 16:30). Solomon taught to “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23). Are you being extra careful to watch what is allowed to enter your heart? What is allowed in may very well lead to weakness.

**3) Lukewarmness Generates A Divided Heart.** Hosea exclaimed, “Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty” (Hos. 10:2). A divided dedication strives to please God at times, but please self too. This is why James orated, “A double minded man is unstable in all his ways” (Jam. 1:8). We must be giving our all to God, all of the time. Our souls are too valuable, and eternity is too long not to!

**4) Lukewarmness Leads To Laziness.** Of the Lord’s people Haggai wrote, “This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD’S house should be built” (Hag. 1:2). Notice these folks knew what needed to be done, but lacked the gumption and initiative to do it! This attitude is somewhat prevalent among God’s people today. We must be as the busy ants (Prov. 6:6- 11), always progressing forward, getting the work done before it is too late. Are you?

**5) Lukewarmness Produces Dispirited Service.** Read Rev. 2:1-3 and take notice of the good things being done. Yet, Jesus said to them, “I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love” (Rev. 2:4). It might be said they were “going through the motions,” actually and mechanically doing the expected things, but their heart was nowhere to be found. Such a sad state of affairs! Instead of carrying on with this attitude, may we be as the Thessalonians, whose “faith” and “charity” were growing and abounding (II Thess. 1:3).

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# Losing Salvation

*“But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

-Luke 9:62

*“Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done...And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money...But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!”*

-Acts 8:13, 18, 20

*Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”*

-James 5:19-20

*“You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”*

-Galatians 5:4

*“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”*

-Hebrews 3:12-13

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*

-1 Timothy 6:10

*“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*

-1 Timothy 5:8

*“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.”*

-Hebrews 2:1