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Our son has a 3x5 index card wedged into his bedroom mirror. It says, "Don't ignore God." I thought about that reminder one day as I sat watching the people of Amsterdam go about their daily routines. Jesus said in Matthew 24.38 that "as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

To ignore is to pay no attention to. Ignore something long enough and you will become ignorant, having little or no knowledge of something, unaware. Ignoring someone means not acknowledging their presence, personhood, or pleas. It cuts deep wounds into the core of the soul. It says we place no value on who the person is or what that person says. It says, "You are irrelevant, inconsequential, not important, not worthy of notice. When we ignore someone, we walk on by, paying no attention, giving no heed.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom, and instruction. Proverbs 1.7

Ignoring God is foolishness. A wise person will hear and increase learning. If we seek wisdom as silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, we shall understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. The Lord gives wisdom. When wisdom enters into our hearts, and when knowledge is pleasant unto our souls, then discretion will preserve us and understanding will keep us, to deliver us from the way of evil, from people that speak perversely. Wisdom is more precious than anything you might desire. Wisdom is a tree of life to those that lay hold of it.

*Does not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice?
 She stands in the top of high places, by the way in the places
 Of the paths. She cries at the gates, at the entry of the city, at
 The coming in at the doors. Proverbs 8.1-3*

God calls to repentance and return unto Himself, but His cries fall on ears deafened by the distractions of the immediate.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the

Knowledge of the holy is understanding. Proverbs 9.10

Don't ignore God. God is spirit. He's like the wind. We can feel His presence and see the results of His work, but we don't see Him in the same way we see an apple or an airplane. He's easy to ignore, for a season. We have to purpose to remember the Lord our God.

Think about it. Doesn't it feel great when someone pays attention to you? Doesn't it lift you up when someone really cares about what is happening in your life? God invests His life in you by spending time with you, listening to your heart, and sharing His life and resources with you. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

So how might it be when we pay attention to God? What if you started to really care about what is happening in the Father's life today? What if you invested in God by spending time with Him, by listening to His heart, by sharing His life, by giving of His resources to help others? Is God needy? No. Paying attention to God helps you. Paying attention to God blesses your life because as you draw near to God, He draws near to you. And can you think of a more spectacular Person to hang around with than the Almighty God, the Creator, the Source of all Life and Blessing?

The Lion of Judah is about to roar with a roar that will be heard over the entire Middle East. The devil is also a roaring lion. He goes around prowling, seeking whom he may devour. The battle lines have been drawn. The warfare is moving into asymmetrical warfare. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Keep in step with the Holy Spirit. Watch and pray. And above all, don't get complacent. Don't ignore God.

Sunday services begin at 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Jim Craig. Communion is served the first Sunday of the month. Celebrate grace with us!

Monday nights, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Dr. Mary begins "Breaking Bondages and Overcoming through Christ," a time for those seeking to break the bondage of addictions.

Tuesday nights, Pastor Jim continues his Greek studies in scripture, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
No class 6/10 and 6/17.

Wednesday nights, Dr. Mary continues the study, "Heaven: Looking Beyond the Horizon," 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



Please note: When this study of "Heaven" is completed, we will begin the spiritual warfare training once again. This summer we will be slowing it down, and the only cost will be for those materials someone wants to purchase. We'll keep you posted!

Friday nights, Bible study begins at 7:30 p.m. We continue the study of "The Tabernacle: How to Enter the Holy of Holies and Establish God's Presence in Your Life." Worship follows the study, with the ministry of the Holy Spirit in anointing, healing, deliverance, etc. God's presence is filling Craighouse as we come into the revelation of Christ, His offices, His Word, His holiness, His Wisdom, His resurrection, His mercy, and His Law.



Reminder: Our next Barnabas Project distribution will be June 21st. We are collecting now. We especially need children's clothing, school supplies, toys, baby items, and household items (but no electrics, TV's, computers, etc.). Please help us bless those less fortunate. Many families are now homeless or close to homeless what with mortgage foreclosures and job loss. Bring items to Craighouse or call 954-491-7270. You can obtain a receipt for tax purposes upon request.



Sunday, June 15th, A Father's Day Tribute: Testifying to the Father's Love
4:30 p.m. worship service at Craighouse®



Saturday, June 21st Barnabas Project distribution
Meet at Craighouse® 9:00 a.m. to proceed to distribution site
Call 954-491-7270 and/or watch for directions. We will take
Donations for this distribution up until June 18. See
www.marycraig.org for more on the Barnabas Project!



Saturday Summer Social, June 28th 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner and Bingo at Craighouse®
(no gambling; fun prizes)
Join us for this fun evening of food, fellowship, & friends.

Pastors:
Rev. Jim Craig
Dr. Mary Craig



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