

## Developing the Proper Attitude Toward Our Deeds

1 Timothy 5:24,25

### Introduction:

- Have you ever asked yourself, *why am I doing this?*
  1. A student: *Why am I doing this algebra homework when I will never use it?*
  2. A runner: *Why am I running this marathon?*
  3. A Christian wife: *Why am I working so hard at my marriage when my husband could care less?*
- Developing the proper attitude toward our actions or deeds is essential for ourselves, others, and God's kingdom.
  1. In 1 Timothy 5:24,25, Paul gives a universal truth that applies to e\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Understanding this passage will help us develop the proper attitude toward what we do.
  3. This passage puts our deeds into two categories:

### Obvious Deeds – these are immediately seen (24a, 25a)

- *Some people's sins are quite evident* (v. 24a)
  1. The biblical definition of sin is m\_\_\_\_\_ the mark.
    - a. G\_\_\_\_\_ has set that mark.
    - b. The mark is the g\_\_\_\_\_ of God, which we all have fallen short of (Rom 3:23)
    - c. We were created to glorify God. When we don't that is s\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. How often is your sin obvious to others...
    - a. In your r\_\_\_\_\_?
    - b. In your r\_\_\_\_\_?
- [People's open sins] *go before them into judgment* (v. 24a) – this pictures sin p\_\_\_\_\_ the way to judgment.
  1. The judgment for the unbeliever is e\_\_\_\_\_ condemnation.
  2. The judgment for the believer in Christ is by o\_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. R\_\_\_\_\_ as soon as you realize your sin.
    - b. Ask f\_\_\_\_\_ from those who have witnessed that sin.
- *Likewise, good deeds are quite evident* (v. 25a)
  1. The biblical definition of a good deed (or work).
    - a. If sin is missing the mark, then a good deed is one that is done to g\_\_\_\_\_ God.
    - b. We glorify our Lord when we act out of l\_\_\_\_\_ for Him (Jn 14:15)
  2. When a person initially places their trust in Christ
    - a. That person becomes a new c\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 5:17)

- b. That person is recreated by God to do g\_\_\_\_\_ works (Eph 2:10)
  - 1) Jesus said that we are to let our light s\_\_\_\_\_ so people will see our good works and glorify God (Matt 5:16)
  - 2) Good works are a result of genuine f\_\_\_\_\_ (Jms 2:14).
3. What good works are evident in your life?

### **Obscure Deeds – these will eventually be seen (24b, 25b)**

#### ● *For others, their sins follow after* (v. 24b)

1. Note the contrast between sin going before a person (v. 24a) and sin following behind (v. 24b)
  - a. Open sin goes b\_\_\_\_\_ a person, leading them into judgment.
  - b. Secret sin trails b\_\_\_\_\_ a person.
2. Eventually, your sin will find you out.
  - a. For the unbeliever
    - 1) Most of their secret sins will be discovered in this l\_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2) All their sins will be revealed on judgment d\_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 20:12,13; Lk 2:2)
  - b. For the believer
    - 1) Most of their secret sins will be discovered in this l\_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2) No sin will be revealed on judgment day because all believers' sins have been judged in Christ and are f\_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3) God will d\_\_\_\_\_ every believer who has not repented of a particular sin. Why?
      - a) Because the Lord l\_\_\_\_\_ believers (Rev 3:19)
      - b) Because His discipline keeps us in the f\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 11:32)

#### ● *Those [good deeds] which are otherwise cannot be concealed* (v. 25b)

1. This refers to good deeds which are not evident (see NIV or NLT)
  - a. G\_\_\_\_\_ anonymously to God's work.
  - b. H\_\_\_\_\_ a fellow believer while they are not around (e.g. mowing their lawn or shoveling their driveway).
2. The moment we do a good work to seek the praise of others, that work is no longer good from God's v\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 7:21-23).
3. Every good work done will be r\_\_\_\_\_ in the next life and will be rewarded accordingly (1 Cor 3:13).
4. WARNING:
  - a. Good works that we do secretly are not more s\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. We are not required to do good in secret whenever we can, only when God demands it.