

“LABORING IN VAIN”

TEXT: Phil. 2:14-16

PROPOSITION: Let's labor so that it will mean something some day

there's...

I. A SPIRITUAL IMPOSSIBILITY WHICH WE MUST RECOGNIZE CONCERNING OUR LABORS

No matter what we do it will never merit or earn salvation
(Eph. 2:8, 9; Isa. 64:6)

II. A SHAMEFUL IDLENESS WHICH CHARACTERIZES MANY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1. When it comes to using their talents (I Pet. 4:10)
2. When it comes to being involved in God's service (Col. 4:12)
3. When it comes to witnessing and reaching out to others (Matt. 28:19,20)

III. A SWEET INCENTIVE WHICH OUGHT TO PROMPT US TO LABOR FOR THE LORD (I Cor. 15:58)

God promises to bless us and reward us for whatever we do.

IV. A SIMPLE INVITATION WHICH THE LORD EXTENDS TO EACH ONE OF US

1. To stop trying to work for salvation and to trust Him (Rom. 4:4,5)
2. To follow Him and serve Him out of love (Matt. 11:28-30)