

# The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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## Global Warming?

by *Kenneth E. Thomas*

The following is how I answered a person who asked about “Global Warming.” What is your understanding of this matter?

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

**God, not man**, will eventually destroy the world as we know it (II Peter 3:9-18; Genesis 8:18-22; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46; Jude 14-15). While we should be careful not to pollute our environment as best we can, still puny man has little to do with effecting so-called “**Global Warming.**” Even reputable scientists (many of them) at least **reject the Al Gore theories** that are being pushed on the public. Cattle passing gas do more to harm the environment than all the exhaust emissions combined “they” say. So, do what you can to clean up the globe and leave the rest to God Almighty. **Christ “upholds all things by the word of His power”** (see Hebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16). So, Christ is in control of the world. I feel good about that!



## Procrastination

by *James Needham*

Procrastination – The word is derived from “pro” meaning forward, and “crastinus” belonging to tomorrow. Thus, “to put off doing something until the future” (Web.) Tis a terrible sin, this, but it is especially bad in man’s dealings with his Maker; yet, it is about the most prevalent sin around. It is practiced in the church and out of it, and carries the same reward in both places – eternal destruction.

Many things are wrong with procrastination. Let us note a few:

1. **IT IS A THIEF:** It steals from you the joy that comes from serving God *today*. It steals from God the influence for good you could have upon others. **INDEED** it steals from **YOU** – it steals **YOUR** soul! It steals your life, for one day there will be no tomorrow!
2. **IT IS A LIAR:** It never says never, it says *tomorrow* and means *never*! For procrastination, tomorrow never comes!
3. **IT IS DISHONORABLE:** It makes promises without the slightest assurance that it can fulfill them. He who promises God his service and obedience **TOMORROW**, promises something that is not his, and indeed may never be his! Tomorrow belongs to those who will live in it, and nobody knows that such will be his privilege.
4. **IT IS A DECEIVER:** It promises to one that which does not belong to it. All time, present and future, belongs to God (James 4:13, 17). God holds the future in His hand. Never let procrastination deceive you into believing that you or anyone else can add or subtract one second.
5. **IT IS A ROBBER:** It robs you of your soul; it robs your companion of a husband or wife who is a Christian. It robs your children of a parent or parents who are Christians; it robs your parents of a son or daughter who is a Christian. It robs you of that peace that passeth all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

Many who read this bulletin are in disfavor with God. None of you plans to be lost – all plan to obey the Lord **TOMORROW**. I never met a person who **PLANNED** to go to hell! All have good intentions for the future; but, as it is said, “the road to hell is paved with good intentions.” One can have **GOOD INTENTIONS** about a thing for a lifetime and die without ever doing it – in fact, that is usually what happens to a procrastinator.

Much of the beauty of obedience lies in the readiness with which it is rendered. How wonderful the story of the first fruits of gospel harvest, “*Now when they heard this (the very first gospel sermon) they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles. Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost...then they that GLADLY received his word were baptized: and the SAME DAY there were added unto them about three thousand souls...*” (Acts 2:37f).

So remember, “*NOW is the accepted time, NOW is the day of salvation*” (II Cor. 6:2). Obey today. Today is late, tomorrow may be too late!

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## **News and Notes:**

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“*...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*” James 5:16