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*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## Some Things to Consider

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**T**he Scriptures often call upon us to consider. The word “consider” occurs 67 times in the King James Version. It suggests to perceive or to examine carefully. Here are some things the Bible says to consider.

***The Ways of the Ant.*** Solomon wrote, “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest” (Proverbs 6:6-8). Wisdom can be learned from an ant. You may observe how an ant is industrious. Too many people are lazy! Many, who could work, would rather sit on the stump of do nothing with their hand out. The Bible says, “...if any would not work, neither should he eat” (2 Thessalonians 3:10). It may also be noticed how ants work together. Christians need to take lesson from this, as the Bible pleads for unity (1 Corinthians 1:10). As well, ants may be seen making preparation (Proverbs 30:25). We need to see the value of being prepared (Matthew 25:1-13).

***The Ravens and the Lilies.*** Most people worry too much. Some are overly anxious about what they are going to eat and wear. The Lord said, “The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye

better than the fowls?...Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these” (Luke 12:24, 27). The God who feeds the fowl of the air and clothes the grass of the field has the ability to feed and clothe us (Luke 12:28). We must put our trust in Him. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

***Thyself.*** Paul told the Galatians, “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Galatians 6:1). Every man’s first responsibility is to himself. Paul exhorted the Ephesian elders, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves...” (Acts 20:28). Paul charged Timothy, “Take heed unto thyself...” (1 Timothy 4:6). Paul commanded the Corinthians, “Examine yourselves...” (2 Corinthians 13:5).

***One Another.*** It is written, “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works” (Hebrews 10:24). Paul said, “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Philippians 2:4). In considering one another, we will love one another (1 Thessalonians 4:9), forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32), serve

one another (Galatians 5:13), comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18), and forbear one another (Ephesians 4:2). There should be mutual interest and care on the part of members of the body of Christ for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25).

**Jesus Christ.** The Hebrew writer declared, “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the

heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus” (Hebrews 3:1). Consider His life, His love for mankind, His death on the cross, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension to heaven, His power, and the fact of His coming again!

Don’t get so busy that you don’t take time to consider!

## The Christian’s Attitude

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**S**olomon said, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...” (Proverbs 23:7). Attitude is the reflection of what is on the inside of a person. It is important that Christians have the proper attitude to be pleasing to God. Here are some areas in which we need good attitudes.

**Toward Life.** Peter stated, “For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile” (1 Peter 3:10). We need to recognize life as the gift of God. God gave man life in the very beginning (Genesis 2:7). God made man in His image (Genesis 1:26-27).

**Toward Sin.** “Sin” is almost a forgotten word in our society. Sin, however, is what it has always been and will do what it has always done! “...sin is the transgression of the

law” (1 John 3:4) and will separate us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). God will not overlook sin in our lives (Hebrews 2:2).

**Toward Work.** Many have a poor attitude toward work! The word of God teaches us to work with our hands for the things we need (Ephesians 4:28). We need to develop the mind of the children out of captivity - “a mind to work” (Nehemiah 4:6).

**Toward Self.** How one feels about himself is important. Some think too highly of self (Romans 12:3), and others do not have enough faith in self. Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ...” (Philippians 4:13). We need to learn to deny self (Matthew 16:24).

How’s your attitude?

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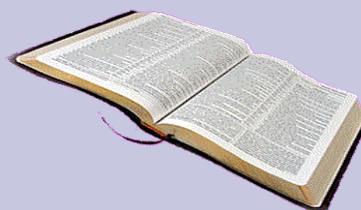
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