

Don't Procrastinate

An old man once said to his pastor, "When I was seventeen, I began to feel deeply at times about sin and eternity, and this continued for two or three years; but I determined to put it off till I should be settled in life. After I was married I reflected that the time had come when I had promised to attend to God and my soul; but I had bought this farm, and I thought it would not suit me to become religious till it was paid for, as some time would have to be devoted to attend church, and also some financial giving. I then resolved to put it off ten years; but when the ten years came round I thought no more about it. I now often try to think on it, but I can't keep my mind on the subject one moment."

The pastor urged him, by all the terrors of dying an enemy of God, to set about the work of repentance.

"It's too late," he said; "I believe my doom is sealed; and it is just that it should be so, for the Spirit strove long with me, but I refused."

The pastor turned to the man's children, young men and young women, who were around him, and pleaded with them not to put off the subject of religion or grieve the Spirit of God in their youthful days.

The old man added, "Mind that. If I had attended to it then, it would have been well with me today; but now it is too late."

"Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart" (Hebrews 3:15).

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