

TODAY NOT TOMORROW !

The greatest enemy of advancement is “tomorrow”. The lazy man’s way of evading today’s duties is to boast of what he will do “tomorrow”. “Tomorrow” leaves more houses unclean, more books unread, more programs unlaunched, more tasks unfinished, more resolutions unkept than any other factor in life.

The church has a great enemy. It is “tomorrow”. The greatest liability in the church may not be ignorance, unwillingness and unconcern as much as it is “tomorrow”. More discipline has been neglected, more prospects have been unapproached, more people have been lost for the sake of “tomorrow” than for any other hindering cause.

The soul has a great enemy. It is “tomorrow”. Infidels, agnostics and the indifferent have influenced many souls to journey to hell. However, so many, many more are going there because they are counting on “tomorrow”.

“Tomorrow” is Satan’s most effective tool in keeping men and women lost. If he can keep us waiting until “tomorrow”, he knows he has us, even though all of his other schemes may fail. Paul said, “...behold now is the day of salvation.” (2 Cor. 6:2) TODAY NOT TOMORROW !

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THE “TATE” FAMILY

A description of the Tates, originally appearing, a long time ago, in a bulletin printed by an Oregon church follows:

“There is an old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything in the church. Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Sister Agi Tate stirs up trouble whenever it is possible. Her brother Irri Tate often encourages her. Whenever new classes or a change in the existing classes or any new work that might require a little extra work is suggested brother Hesi Tate and sister Vege Tate are quick to jump in with buckets of cold water.”

“Then there is sister Imi Tate who would love to have the church mimic every unscriptural innovation the unsound are known to practice. When a scriptural, practical, and carefully and prayerfully worked out budget for the wise use of the church treasury is presented to the consideration of the church, everyone tends to quake if brother Devas Tate stirs, clears his throat and raises his hand. Brother Poten Tate wants so desperately to be the big shot that he can be expected to object to anything that does not first recognize the need to be proposed, or at least sanctioned by him before it is implemented.”

“But all members of the family are not undesirables. Brother Facili Tate is a very helpful member. A delightful member of the family is sister Felici Tate. The preacher’s heart is often warmed by the spirituality of brother Cogi Tate and his twin brother Medi Tate.”

Editor’s note: As indicated above, this did not originate with me. That is: I did not think of it first. I did, however, take the liberty of editing it some. Please understand that it is intended to be facetious and at the same time an exhortation. If we all read it with a “Lord is it I” attitude, it will only do good. The Lord intends that we constantly examine self.

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