

Why Do You Look? - cont.

other?", when fallen brethren need saving (James 5:19-20). Some brethren have turned away from the truth and need to be brought back. Let us try to convert them back so they will live and not die.

"Why do you look one upon another?", when your children need training (Ephesians 6:4). So many children today are not being raised on godly principles. We need both parents to raise them right so that they will live and not die.

I could go on with many other applications. For example, "Why do you look one upon another?", when the spouse needs caring (1 Peter 3:7) ... when the truth needs defending (Jude 3) ... when the men need developing (1 Timothy 3:1-13) ... when the local church needs restoring (Revelation 2:4-5).

Brethren, what is the point? In times of crisis and importance, there is a need for vision, there is a need for leadership, and there is a need for action. Let's not just stand around looking at each other. Let's all get up and work to find a solution to the problems of life - our own and those of others. - Chris Reeves

- Word of the Week -

"Compassion" (Gr. *splanchnon*), similar to the word "sympathy", is a deep inward "feeling with" for others. The true Christian does not just "feel" for himself, but he is also moved deeply within to "feel with" others (Philippians 2:1; Colossian 3:12; 1 John 3:17). Let us all "feel with" others this week and do what we can to help them. Others, is the real focus of Christianity.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Why Do You Look One Upon Another?

Now there came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance. But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent forth our fathers the first time.

- Acts 7:11-12 -

Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy grain from Egypt.

- Genesis 42:1-3 -

Great Principles Set Forth

When there was a famine in the land of Palestine during the time of Jacob (like the one in the time of Abraham), he saw that there was food to eat in Egypt and he sent his sons to get some. Consider some important, spiritual principles that are set forth in this one simple verse.

First, when you see a problem, find a solution. Don't just let the problem drag on. Jacob knew that there was a famine problem, and he found a solution in Egypt. When you have problems in your life, find solutions!

Second, when you see a problem, don't just stand around doing nothing about it, get up and solve it. Jacob's sons were just standing around looking at each other instead of doing something about the problem. He told them, in essence, to stop standing around and get down to Egypt for some food. When you have a problem in your life, don't just stand around doing nothing!

Third, when you see a problem, recognize that you must live, not die. Jacob did not want to die of famine, so he got his sons to go down to Egypt for food. When you have a problem in life, solve it so you won't die (physically or spiritually)!

Fourth, when you see a problem, know that emergency demands urgency. Jacob knew that a famine and lack of food was obviously a serious problem, so he was urgent about getting his sons to go to Egypt. When you have a problem in life, take action immediately to fix it!

Do Not Stand Around

Brethren, we have many problems in life that need to be addressed among ourselves and the world around us. My question is: "Why do you look one upon another?" Let's not just stand looking around, let's get out there and solve the

problems.

"Why do you look one upon another?", when the lost need converting (Matthew 28:18-20). The "great commission" is still for us today and many lost in sin need our saving message. Let's teach them so they will live and not die.

"Why do you look one upon another?", when the destitute need helping (Galatians 6:10). Doing good to all men is still commanded today. Let's help them so they will live and not die.

"Why do you look one upon another?", when the saved need exhorting (Hebrews 3:13). There are brethren today who are falling away from Christ and need our encouragement. Let's build them up so they will live and not die.

"Why do you look one upon another?", when the unlearned need teaching (Hebrews 5:12). There are many, young and old, who need to be taught the word of God and we need volunteers to teach in the local church. Let us take our turn to teach others so they will live and not die.

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