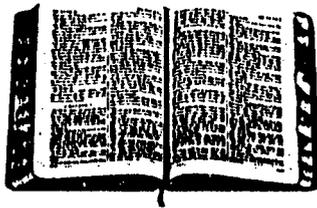


# THE INSTRUCTOR



*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* (2 Timothy 3:16)

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## "THE RESURRECTION"

Like the Sadducees of Old some today deny *the resurrection* of the dead. (See Mt. 22:23). In His discussion with the Sadducees Jesus affirmed *the resurrection* of the dead (See Mt. 22:29-32). There were some in the first century like Hymenaeus and Philetus "who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some." (2 Tim. 2:17-18). Likewise, there are some today who teach that *the resurrection* has past already and they, too, overthrow the faith of some. They teach that *the resurrection* occurred in 70AD. Let us see what the Word of God teaches.

### JESUS

Jesus very clearly taught an *unconditional resurrection of all the dead*, both good and evil ones. He said: "...the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." (John 5:28-29)

### PETER AND JOHN

"And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they

taught the people, and preached the resurrection from the dead." (Acts 4:1-2).

### PAUL

In Athens some thought Paul was "a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection." (Acts 17:18; also see verse 32).

Before the council Paul clearly taught an *unconditional resurrection of the dead*, both the just and the unjust. In Acts 23:6 he said: "...I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question." In Acts 24:15 Paul stated, "And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." In verse 21 he declared: "...Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day."

Also read 1 Cor. 15:12-28; 15:35-55. These verses also teach a resurrection of the dead!

*You and I are going to die!  
After death, there will be a resurrection of all the dead! Then we will face Christ in judgment! This will occur at the end! THEN WHAT?  
Are you ready? Now is the time to prepare! After death will be too late!*

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## Editorial...

### SOME SINS OFTEN OVERLOOKED (Concluded)

In view of the fact that many of God's children overlook a number of sins due to ignorance, a careful study of the Scriptures should be of benefit to us along this line. Let us continue our study of some sins often overlooked.

**XXXIII. THE SIN OF FAILING TO TREAT OTHERS AS WE WOULD HAVE THEM TO TREAT US IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED.** In Luke 6:31 Jesus said: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." The teaching here is simple and easy to understand. It is rather easy for us to overlook our responsibility to treat others as we would have them to treat us. However, to please God we must do so.

Some have the mistaken idea that we should treat others the same way they treat us. Others have the idea that we should take advantage of others if it will profit us. This, too, is contrary to the teaching of Christ in Luke 6:31.

If we do unto others, as we

would have them to do unto us, here are some of the things we will do.

1. We will *not* avenge ourselves. (See Rom. 12:19).

2. We will *not* try to overcome evil with evil. (See Rom. 12:21).

3. We *will* forgive those who sin against us. (See Mk. 11:25-26).

4. We will *not* judge others according to the appearance. (See John 7:24).

5. We will *not* go to law before unbelievers with brethren. (See 1 Cor. 6:1-8).

6. We will *not* take advantage of others in business deals, but we will always deal honestly. (See Rom. 12:17; 2 Cor. 8:21).

7. We will *not* "put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall" in our brother's way. (See Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 8:6-13).

8. We *will* be kind to others. (See Eph. 4:32).

9. We *will* be courteous and have compassion on others. (See 1 Pet. 3:8).

10. We *will* visit the sick, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. (See Mt. 25:31-46; James 2:14-17).

11. We *will* love others & work no ill to them. (See Rom. 13:9-10).

12. We *will* be merciful to others. (See Mt. 5:7; Romans 12:8).

NOTE: Let us follow the teaching of Luke 6:31 and not overlook the sin of violating what we sometimes call "*the golden rule*"!

**XXXIV. THE SIN OF MURMURING IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED.** The word translated "murmur" means "...to murmur, mutter, grumble, saying anything in a low tone" acc. to Thayer's Lexicon, p. 120. W.E. Vine defines it to mean "*indignant complaining*." It is obvious from the definition and usage of the word that it involves *displeasure, discontent* and/or *indignant complaint*.

There are a number of examples of *murmuring* in the Scriptures. Here are some of them.

1. The Israelites *murmured* against Moses and Aaron. In murmuring against them, they were murmuring against God. (See Exo. 15:24; 16:1-8; 17:1-6; Psa. 106:25; Num. 14:1-3; 14:26-29). NOTE: Their carcasses fell in the wilderness because of their murmurings.

2. The Pharisees *murmured* against Christ and His disciples. (See Luke 15:1-3; 5:29-32).

3. The disciples *murmured* at hearing some of Christ's teaching. (See John 6:50-66).

4. In Acts 6:1 the Grecians *murmured* against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

In 1 Cor. 10:10 Paul said: "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also Murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." In Phil. 2:14 Paul said: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings."

Like the Israelites of old, some people today *murmur* about what they have to eat and drink.

Many murmur about their clothes; or about their jobs; or about the weather; or how others treat them; or about their lack of good health; or their lack of friends. Some may *murmur* about the facilities that the church meets in to worship God. Some may even *murmur* against the elders, deacons, preacher, song leaders, class teachers or those who lead in prayer or those who do not lead in prayer, etc. We should follow the admonition of Paul to *do all things without murmurings*.

#### PUNISHMENT FOR MURMURERS

Many Israelites missed Canaan, the promised land, because of their *murmurings*. (See Num. 14:11-12, 26-39; Psalms 106:24-27).

Those in this dispensation who die guilty of *murmuring* will be

lost! (Read Jude 14-16; Rev. 21:27). Let us be very careful and watchful so that *we will not be guilty of overlooking the sin of murmuring*.

**XXXV. THE SIN OF NEGLIGENCE IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED.** The word translated "*neglect*" basically mean *to be careless, overlook, disregard and neglect*. *Neglect* is a very common sin.

Timothy was exhorted to "**Neglect not the gift that**" was in him (1 Tim. 4:14). In Acts 6:1-2 the Grecians were murmuring against the Hebrews because their widows were being "**neglected in the daily ministrations.**" In 2 Peter 1:12 Peter said: "**Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.**"

*Negligence* in spiritual matters is far more dangerous than it is in physical matters. Let us consider why negligence is such a dangerous sin.

1. NEGLIGENCE IS DECEPTIVE! We all realize the sin involved in such things as murder, adultery, stealing and drunkenness, but *negligence* is much harder to detect. We learn from Judges 5:23 that the inhabitants of Meroz were to be cursed because they *neglected* to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Many neglect obeying the gospel because they think they have plenty of time. Many brethren fail to contend for the faith because they are deceived by negligence.

2. NEGLIGENCE REQUIRES NO EFFORT! It is easy to neglect. Unless we act positively, we will be guilty of this sin. Faith without works is dead. (See James 2:14-26).

3. NEGLIGENCE IS OFTEN THE ROOT OF OTHER SINS! In Acts 6:1-2 there was *negligence* that led to *murmuring*. (Continued on page 4)

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When parents neglect to properly train their children, a number of other sins will result. (See Eph. 6:3-4). If we neglect to teach the truth and contend for the faith, churches as well as individuals will engage in various sinful activities. (See 2 Tim. 2:2; Eph. 4:15; Jude 3). When we neglect to watch, pray and guard ourselves against temptations, sin will result.

4. THE NEGLIGENT WILL BE LOST! In a study of the parable of the talents in Mt. 25:14-30 we learn that the five and two talent men were blessed because they fulfilled their responsibility. However, the one talent man was cursed because he neglected to fulfill his. In a study of the parable of ten virgins in Mt. 25:1-13 we learn that five of them were not allowed to enter in to the marriage because they had neglected to take sufficient oil with their lamps. (Continued in right column)

The Hebrew writer (2:1-3) said: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." NOTE: *There is no escape in the last day if now we neglect so great salvation!*

We should always take sin seriously. Sin will result in spiritual death here unless repented of. It will separate us from God in this life and cause us to be lost eternally in hell fire! Let each of us examine our hearts and search our souls and see if we have been overlooking any sins in our lives. If so, repent! (CRS)

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## SENTENCE SERMONS

A lot of people who think they are broad-minded are in reality shallow-minded.

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Knowledge that is neither used nor shared is useless.

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Kindness never goes up in price or down in value.

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It may take many years to build a good reputation, but one can be destroyed in a few minutes!

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Many are willing to bend their knees in prayer, but not their wills in obedience to God.

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