



- In Memory -

Eva Steff
1932 - 2017

*After the clouds, the sunshine, after the Winter, the Spring,
After the shower, the rainbow, for life is a changeable thing.*

*After the night, the morning, bidding all darkness cease,
After life's cares and sorrows, the comfort and sweetness of peace.*

- Helen Steiner Rice -

PERILS TO THE SOUL

Have you noticed the growing fascination that some have with other people's perils? They pay good money to watch stunt drivers jump a string of cars, or a tightrope walker make his way across a tiny rope 200 feet above the pavement. We marvel when someone unnecessarily puts himself at risk.

The greatest risk of all is the danger that threatens our soul. Paul warned that perilous times would bring dangers that threaten to undo us (2 Tim. 3-4). These perils include:

1. **Ignorance of God's Word.** Some will "creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth (3:6-7). Those who do not know God's word are fair game for religious racketeers.

2. **Doctrines of Men.** "Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith" (3:8). The Egyptian magicians resisted Moses by imitating his works. Satan is the great imitator. What God does, he counterfeits, forcing us to distinguish between truth and error.

3. **Prejudice.** "But they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was" (3:9). One who judges before he knows the facts is prejudiced. Some students searched the Scriptures and rejected the truth, while the Bereans searched the same passages and received the truth (read John 5:39; Acts 17:11. How can the same act (studying the Bible) produce such different results? The first group was prejudiced; the other, honest.

4. **Desire to Please Men.** Paul warns Timothy that God will judge him (2 Tim. 4:1), and therefore he must continue to tell people what they need to hear, whether they like it or not (vs. 2). One of Timothy's greatest problems would be the "itching ears" of those who demand something besides truth. (vs. 3-4).

Covet correction and don't let these perils steal your soul!

- Rick Duggin, Colleeveue Church of Christ, Columbia, TN (*BulletinDigest.com*)

"... what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" - Mark 8:37

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the family of Eva Steff at her passing. To David, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and many friends. She was a faithful member of this congregation for many years and will certainly be missed by all of us.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: Beginning tomorrow, July 10th through July 15th at Tomlinson Run State Park.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled for next Tuesday, July 11th (camp). Resumes Tuesday, July 18th at 9:00 a.m.

CHESTER'S AREA WIDE SONG SERVICE: This Friday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet to donate cookies is on the desk in the foyer. Monetary donations can be given to Pam Thompson or Sharon Sprout.

MECHANICAL PENCIL DRIVE: Through August 6th for school kids. Place in the box in the foyer. See Rico for details.

PANTRY: Cold cereal.

REMEMBER WITH PRAYER & CARDS: **Susie Haught** (daughter-in-law of Skip & Sue), 220 Rexroad Drive, Weston, WV 26452. **Margie Chisler** (Peggy Williams' sister), 1596 Daybrook Road, Fairview, WV 26570.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Joe Collins, Pat Allison, David McCoy, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Lewis Call (Cindy Miskimen's dad), Tom Wells (ex-husband of Claudette Miller). **WEIRTON MEDICAL:** Bill Robinson, Jim Smith. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

THE FEAR OF MISSING OUT

Oxford English Dictionary defines "Fear of Missing Out" as "anxiety that an exciting or interesting event may be happening elsewhere, often aroused by posts seen on a social media website."

This sounds new and modern but it isn't really new at all. Satan has been using this tactic since the beginning. In the Garden of Eden, Satan convinced Adam and Eve that they were missing out. He made them believe that God was keeping something special and amazing from them. Genesis 3:6 may as well begin by saying, "So when the woman saw that she was missing out..." And then the verse concludes with this idea: "And the man didn't want to miss out either, so he took a bite as well."

Their problems (which are our problems as well): **Lack of Contentment** (1 Tim. 6:6, 8; Heb. 13:5); **Lack of Self-Control** (1 Peter 4:7); **Lack of Focus on Heavenly Things** (Col. 3:1-9).

The fear of missing out leads to actual missing out. They thought they were missing out on a different and better life. They ended up missing out on life in the presence of God in the Garden.

What do we fear? Do we fear we are missing something the world has to offer? Do we fear missing out on the abundant life that Christ has to offer (Heb. 4:1; John 10:10)?

- Bart Warren, Glasgow, KY (*BulletinDigest.com*)