

Tryon Seventh Day Adventist Church

Tryon SDA “Ted Talk”

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Happy Corona Virus weekending, the more weeks we put behind us the better it will get. Unfortunately we will all be a little older, for some of us a lot older depending on how much time we have left. To a child it is an ever approaching adulthood nearer to grasp. For a seasoned citizen it is another week gone with the lingering question, how many are left?.

Isn't it odd how we think differently at different times? Take this epidemic for instance. How we think about it determines how it affects us. To some it can be impending doom, to others it is a time to be extra careful, to still others it is no big deal. I would like to take this time to reflect how we let this affect us. Is it a serious time and needs to be considered so. It also is a time to see how exactly we have been using our time here on earth.

Some things to take note of, apparently much of what goes on in Hospitals on a daily basis is not as life threatening as we have believed, as so much of it has stopped. Apparently toilet paper is more precious than being a good person. Obviously Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart are corona virus free zones – who knew. Also “Home Schooling” is not just for deeply convicted or “those” people. Road trips are not as needed as we thought. Vacations might be better spent relaxing than spent on the road the whole time. Getting home just in time to go back to the grind. Oh yeah and we spend too much time with video/internet/tv/movies/technology. We should take better care of ourselves our family's our friends our houses and our possessions.

How do we spend our time during the day? I know I put way to many miles on my vehicle every year (I don't vacation that much at all) and spend too much time running around. That needs to change. How often do we just “run to the?” and don't really think about planning better. How much stuff is in our cupboards?. How much stuff do we have in our house we don't need/touch or use often?. Do we have a “storage unit”?. – For what?. How often do we NOT do something because I am just to tired. Or I need a break!!!. I am especially guilty of being too busy. It seems as if it's been easy to let life take ahold of me and lead me down a very busy path. Where are our priorities? Where does it all end?.

It ends at our death or Christ's soon return.

We can spend much of our time trying to “get to know” God. We can spend time reading Scripture and other related books, listening to preachers and watching seminars and videos.

We can fill our time trying to find the answers, when all the time the answer is simply to trust God and be happy. Something that was in short supply prior to the lockdowns.

I read a quote recently, I have read it before many times but this time it sank in (funny how that happens) “God still has many secrets. If man knew them all there would be no incentive to know God better”.

How true this is. How it sets us in the correct relationship with God. Simply put it takes away our need to know!. We are here and be present in knowing that we alone can pass on to someone the true meaning of life. We alone can be the person to bring peace to someone. We alone can be the one to bring them to God. This is a huge responsibility. One that we CAN undertake. First we need to make sure we are on proper footing. And some times that means slowing down .

“Be still and know I am God”, yes it is just that simple.

So lets take this time to readjust our lives and see where we need to change and open up to do what we are supposed to do, not what we know we should do do.

I look forward to coming out the other side of all this in a better place having learned what I was supposed to learn, and I can only find that if I look at myself with Gods help.

God Bless.

Your Brother in Christ
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