



I would not suggest that there is no benefit to thinking about things and discussing them. We would not want to be thoughtless in our approach to spiritual things. It is true, however, in the final analysis that thinking and talking are no substitutes for action. A trademark of the Pharisees was their tendency to talk a good game, but never do (Matthew 23:2). There comes a time when thinking and talking must translate into doing, and the phrase, "I'll think about it," should be left off.

Often if we continue saying, "I'll think about it," the thing thought about will not be done at all.

Governor Felix probably never found his "convenient season." When duty is conveniently shoved into the realm of mere thought, it is easy to forget. It is often this way when some generous impulse strikes us. A person's need moves us to think that something ought to be done, and we would like to help; but we stop to think about it and the moment of opportunity is gone.

There are times when wisdom says, "I'll think about it," but, there are more times when the better part of wisdom says, "Don't think about it, just do it!"  
Dennis Gullede



Sermon Notes:

**Welcome, The Apple Valley Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to our guests. We are honored by your presence today. If you have any questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.**

Prayer List

Nicolas has been having asthma problems, keep him in prayer. Pray for Wanda's sister Peaches, she is having upcoming procedures for her eyes. Also pray for Wanda's friend Josie Esperanza who has lost her husband. Francisco will be having surgery in October. Francisco Jr. will be having a toe

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amputated due to diabetes complications. Pray for Sylvia and family. Pray for sister McKinney (having back problems) and, also she asked that we pray for Stephanie Munoz who has cancer and for her family as well. Pray for Shetera's health. Also pray for sister Lorena's cousin, Jackie Grimes, who has suffered a heart attack. Pray for brother Henderson and family, he

also asks prayers for the Ray Hamilton family for their loss. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers. Pray for brother Freeman, he will need more eye surgery. Pray that Donna's bone density test situation is resolved so that she can get what she needs in a timely manner. Keep Rosetta's grandson in prayer. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena Armstrong who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Also pray for Leola's 7 year old nephew who has cancer. Pray for Stan's friend Lee who is having brain surgery.

Song Leader - Stan  
Prayer - Henry  
Preaching - Stan  
Table Lead - Jeremiah  
Helper - Dan  
Helper - Prince  
Announce - Lenard  
Prayer - Brandon

Order of Services

1. Singing
2. Opening Prayer
3. Singing
4. Preaching
5. Invitation Song
6. Communion Song
7. Communion
8. Song Before Offering
9. Offering
10. Announcements
11. Closing Song
12. Closing Prayer



### Portable Baptistry

Needing donations to purchase a portable baptistry so we can move forward with building remodel plans. Anticipated cost is \$1200.

### Shower

Shower for Katryce's baby Delilah. Sunday September 27th between services.

### Devotional Service

Saturday October 3rd 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Theme: 2 Tim. 2:1-5. Stanley Harmon II will be doing the speaking.

### Welcome Home, Birthday Party For Travis

September 28th, 6:30 PM  
10570 Dover Rd., Apple Valley. If you plan to attend, put your name on the list in the foyer.

### New Brother In Christ

Gildardo Ramirez, the son on Alex and Diana was baptized into the body of Christ Sunday September 5th. Praise God!

### Traveling

Pray that Louis returns home safely. Pray that Travis is safely returned to us. Stan's sister is traveling, pray for her safety.

### Going To Heaven

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, "**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**" Our soul is



the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in Matthew 16:26, "**For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?**" One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today's materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. Our Lord says in Matthew 6:19-21, "**Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust**

**destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.**" Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Everyday we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in Colossians 3:2, "**Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.**" We should regularly think about going to

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HEBREWS 12:1

Heaven is a prepared place (John 14:2-3) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "**Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.**" There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "**Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.**" Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence. We must finish the race. Ron Boatwright

### Plan of Salvation for Mankind

Hear the Word .....Romans 10:17  
Believe the Word .....Mark 16:15-16  
Repent of your sins .....Luke 13:3-5  
Confess His name Matt. 10:32-33  
Baptism .....1Peter 2:21  
Live Faithful .....Revelation 2:10

### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class.....10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship .....11:00 AM  
Sunday Afternoon.....2:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM

### What Does "I'll Think About It" Really Mean?

There are times when it is dangerous to think! How often do we respond to someone's unwelcome question or offer with the oft-heard refrain, "I'll think about it"? There is the story of how in preparation for war the ancient Greek king, Agesilaus, assembled his armies to go into action. He sent word to an ally asking him to help

Greece in its hour of peril. The other ruler replied that he would consider it. Agesilaus replied: "Tell him that while he is considering it we will march!"

Sometimes when we say, "I'll think about it," we really mean that we do not want to decide. In such cases, we don't really mean that we will think about it; we mean exactly the opposite -- we don't want to think about. We will shelve the proposal. How many times do we meet an invitation to teach in the Bible school program or become a part of the visitation program or assist in World Bible School, with, "I'll think about it"? Does our thinking about it ever generate into actually doing it? Remember that King Agrippa was "almost persuaded" to become a Christian (Acts 26:28). Paul knew that he believed (Vs. 27), but Agrippa did not want to render a decision.

Sometimes when we say, "I'll think about it," we are merely postponing something that we should do immediately. This was the shortcoming of Governor Felix when Paul boldly "reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, 'Go thy way for this time, when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee'" (Acts 24:25). There are people who intend to obey the Lord someday. Others plan to return to Christ and be faithful again someday. It is worthy of note that in every recorded instance of salvation in the Book of Acts, when people learned of Christ and his teachings, they responded immediately. They did not put it off! (Continued on next page)