I WAS LOST AND YOU WERE IN A HURRY

I attended your services Sunday evening. You wouldn't remember me. I was there looking for something—I think I would have found it if you had not been in such a hurry. You sang hymns about a loving Lord. I felt a tight choking sensation, and my heart beat faster. Your preacher's message was thrilling. I realized I was lost and from the way he spoke, it seemed important to have a Savior.

The preacher finished his appeal and asked you to stand and sing another of those beautiful songs you know so well. I swallowed a lump in my throat and wished I knew the joy of which you sang. I was about to answer the call of the Gospel, when I heard a buzzing beside me. When I looked around, you were picking toys and telling your children to get ready to leave. In front of me were whisperers and gigglers. A couple had already headed for the door. The ushers rushed about stacking chairs and opening doors. Beside me, you were frowning at your watch as if time were running out.

Seeing what I saw, I didn't want to look anymore. My eyes burned, my throat hurt, my feet wouldn't walk down the aisle. I would see that you really didn't care. This salvation the preacher had been telling about was not as important to you as getting out "on time." I only wanted to get away. I waited until services were over and walked out among you—alone unnoticed—and lost. Lost, because you were in hurry. Lost, because it appeared you didn't really care if I was saved.

~Author Unknown

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"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a
light to my path"

(Ps. 119:105)

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THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

- Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend a few hours a week with their fellow Christians. They are my best workers.
- 2. Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked. I can use them.
- 3. Blessed are the "touchy" who stop going to church. They are my missionaries.
- 4. Blessed are the trouble makers. They shall be called my children.
- 5. Blessed are the complainers. I'm all ears to them.
- 6. Blessed are those who are bored with the preacher's mannerisms and mistakes, for they get nothing out of the sermons.
- 7. Blessed is the church member who expects to be involved to his own congregation, for he is part of the problem instead of the solution.
- 8. Blessed are those who gossip, for they shall cause strife and divisions that please me.
- 9. Blessed are those who are easily offended, for they will soon get angry and quit.
- 10. Blessed are those who do not give their offering to carry on God's work, for they are my helpers.
- 11. Blessed are those who professes to love God but hates his brother and sister, for he shall be with me forever.
- 12. Blessed are you who, when you read this, think it is about other people and not yourself. I've got you too!

~Author Unknown

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SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITY

When God questioned Adam as to whether he had eaten of the forbidden fruit his first response was to blame Eve (and even God) for his disobedience. His reply was, "The woman whom thou gravest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:12). Eve does the same thing when she is questioned. She said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:13). Even though both of their statements were true it did not change the fact that they had disobeyed God and were responsible for their actions.

One of the greatest needs in our society today is getting men and women to accept responsibility for their actions. Someone commits a horrible crime and explanation is that he was influenced by some movie or TV show he had seen. While that may be true it does not justify his action.

The person who truly repents is one who recognizes that he is responsible for his action and, being moved by godly sorrow, repents of that sin (2 Corinthians 7:10). He will not justify himself by blaming others.

Another way that some refuse to accept responsibility is to reject the one who exposes their sinful relationship Herodias had John beheaded. However, John's death did not change the fact that they were still guilty.

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians he said, "For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you" (1 Corinthians 1:11). Note, Paul does not condemn those of the house of Chloe for telling him of the problems at Corinth. Had there been no contentions then there would have been no contentions to report to Paul. Paul deals with the real problem, i.e., the contentions among them. Can you imagine the Corinthians defending themselves by saying anything to Paul about what

they were doing? The wrong involved was not Chloe's reporting of the contentions. The wrong was the contentions among them.

I knew of an incident where it was necessary for brethren to withdraw from a member because they were walking disorderly. This is exactly what the Bible teaches should be done (2 Thessalonians 3:6). When the action was taken the guilty individual condemned the brethren for "the way they handled the situation" instead of dealing with the thing that brought the "situation," i.e. their unfaithfulness.

We need to learn that our obedience to God is not dependent upon what someone eles does or does not do. I have heard people who may be involved in some dispute with another person make the statement, "I'll repent if he will." If the person is truly penitent he will repent and do what is right regardless of what someone else may or may not do. He can repent of his sin and be right with God whether the other person does or not.

All of these situations demonstrate what pride does to an individual. It demands humility for one to say, "I have sinned" and accept responsibility for that sin (See Luke 15:18-21), however, if we desire to please God and gain that wonderful home in heaven this is exactly what we will do. We will not try to justify ourselves by blaming someone else.

~James Hann						

HAVE YOU SENT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING A CARD OR CALLED THEM? HAVE YOU ENCOURAGED THEM LATELY? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

*Diane Hedge

*Gigi Dickison

*Bobbi Dickison

*Don Dickison

*Marvin & Irene Douglas

*Mickie Farkas

*Kurt Doughty

*Jeff Eaton

*Renee Eaton

*JP Hathaway

*Mindy Bement

*Our Young Men and Women

*Our College Students

*Our members who don't have obeying spouses