

Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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Proactive Faith

“Be proactive not reactive.” A common phrase used in the construction industry. You see, it is better to plan ahead, think of all obstacles, and find ways around them before it’s “too late”. Because then you are just being reactive.

Proactive is defined as anticipating and preparing, whereas reactive is, as you can imagine, reacting to something that has already occurred.

When you live your life in a reactive state, you are always one step behind the curve. Each of us can understand this. You can never seem to “catch a break” because you are constantly reacting to what is happening now instead of getting ahead of the track. And when we react instead of pro-act, we often react poorly.

Have you ever tried to catch the proverbial “snowball” down the hill? This is reactivity. Once it has started, it doesn't stop. However if you were proactive, you would have built a wall, or a road block, in order to stop the snowball before its too late.

Our faith is the same way, why is it that life gets to us so often? What is it about certain temptations that haunt us more than others. It's because we were not proactive in our faith. We did not plan, we did not prepare, we simply were living our lives. And when it came, we reacted—and most of the time...poorly.

Proactive Faith

- Defining the difference

Proactive: Acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty

Reactive: To act in response to or under the influence of a stimulus or prompting

- How to be Proactive

- Search the scriptures

Acts 17 : 11

- Test, Never let go of trueness, Leave falseness behind

I Thessalonians 5 : 21—22

- Divide the truth

II Timothy 2 : 15

- Be ready

II Timothy 4 : 2

- Know how to answer

Colossians 4 : 6

- The problem with Reactiveness

Consider King Agrippa, how will he react on judgment day?

- Why should you be proactive?

You will be tempted; You will go through hardships;

You will die and then be judged.