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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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Procrastination

Tackling Procrastination before it Tackles Us

In our series on conquering Procrastination, we've taken our first step. We have learned what it means to visualize the end from the beginning, but more importantly we continue to learn why it is so harmful to us as Christians to let procrastination keep us from our duty.

This morning let us continue conquering Procrastination by taking the second step: Count the Cost.

What do you think this means? It's actually fairly simple; you be realistic about what it is going to take to actually complete the task at hand. Is what you want to do, worth the cost?

When it comes to our soul's what is it that Christ asks us to "pay in" or "give up" to live a life as a Christian? Is it worth it—YES.

This morning look at this step differently. Not from the vantage point of, "What do I have to give up?" but more along the lines of, "What will it cost if I don't become a Christian?" or, "What will it cost if I don't teach others?" etc.

Ask yourself: Have I given all to the Lord? Did I invest fully or partially? This is the second step.

Procrastination

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Pro—forward

Crastinus—of tomorrow

Procrastination is a behavior which is characterized by the deferment of actions or tasks to a later time.

* Step 2: Count the Cost

Be realistic about what it will take to finish the task.

Our vision—What does it cost if we aren't a Christian?

* Count the cost—When we fail to work

Matthew 25 : 14—30

James 1 : 25

* Count the cost—When we put treasure / pleasure first

Mark 10 : 17—22

I John 2 : 15—17

* Count the cost—When we don't talk with the lost

Acts 4 : 10—12

II Peter 2 : 19—21

* Warnings

Consider what it costs to not becoming Christian.

* Step 2: Count the Cost.