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HOW SAD TO BE FOUND WANTING?

I ponder have needs or being short on things, famines and shortages, I ponder having too much? Is this possible?

I ponder today weight problems of a serious nature, this is a sermon we must consider.

First, let me share a story I read in a magazine Elizabeth Taylor, the great movie star had gained many pounds and just got fat. One day she started dropping weight and got back to her "star figure."

The reporter ask Liz, why? What made you lose weight. She said, while traveling with her husband in Virginia. She was at a motel, got out of the shower and there in a full length mirror, she saw how fat she really was. Prior to this she had been using only small mirrors, and avoided seeing herself as she really was ... Fat.

When she saw and realized how fat she was, it was easy to lose weight. Now, this story is powerful. Not at all about the fat, but seeing herself as she really was then bringing about change.

Our enemy wants us to use small mirrors to hid the facts of our real condition. We must see self in the light of the word, and the shadow of the cross. Do we avoid real full length mirrors? Do we avoid the truth? The whole truth? Nothing but the truth?

I know, some great man said, "Gravity and time is an enemy to all." But maybe daily habits and choices have something to do with how we really are?

There is a spirit of gradualness. I know some people that have a "victim spirit" and feel like the whole world teams against them. Many act like they have no choices. This is a lie from hell, we are what we are ... because that is what we choose to be.

we have need of measurement: inches, feet, yards, kilometers, gallons, liters. We need to measure blood pressure and we put mercury in a tube, a glucometer to measure blood sugar, air gauge for the tires.

At church I sat a medical scales and place them at the center of the altar, and said I was going to weigh every person and announce to all. That got the attention real fast.

My text was Daniel 5:27 Tekel: **Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting.**

God has a scales, they are accurate and true.

Yes, we all know the mene ...days are numbered and will be finished.

Why do we here so little about the tekell....

The weigh in.

Before every price fight there is a weigh in??

Belshazzar's knees knock when he realizes God is going to have a weigh in and how sad to be wanting?

(Dan.5:22 Belshazzar knew this day was coming.)

He saw his dad, Nebuchadnezzar have a nervous breakdown and live like an animal because he failed his weight test.

The same PARTY HARDY attitude and a lack of using a full mirror to see self as he really was will cost this young man dearly.

Belshazzar the party is over, Dan.5:6.

The improper diet of the eternal things, the wrong priorities, pay day comes. What if OLE Bel, would have got on God's scales and self-evaluation and corrected?

One more point about this:

Heb. 12:1 ... **Lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily beset ...and run with patience**

In high school we had this star player that was lazier than mud. Often the coach placed 5 pound bags of sand around his ankles, he had to wear them all week. Right before the game, the coach untied the weights and sent Ellison to the floor. He jumped higher and built strength, by laying aside the weights.

Many are willing to lay aside sin, but God is asking us to lay aside the weights. What would happen if we laid aside television for a period of time?

The Mormons as misdirected as they are, will not watch TV on Monday night, Family Night. We dare not ask our people to lay aside weights, because we might have to walk disciplined before them?

What could these weights be God calls us to lay aside?

Three things affect our weight, how much we eat?

What we eat?

How often we eat?

A fat lady once told me she ate like a bird. Birds will eat their weight in food daily in hot weather? A bird eats continuously?

Here are something's that greatly affect our weight spiritually.

1.EAR PLUGS// STOPPED UP EARS.

Acts 7:27 before they killed a good man, they stopped up their ears.

2. NEVER LEARNING TO TELL TIME.

Eph. 5:16 listing priorities, killing time. What you love you will find time to do!

3. PERSONAL DEVOTIONS.

Matthew 22:29. You will never arise above in public what your private/ closet prayer life and word study really is.

4. WEARING ROSE COLORED GLASSES MAKES THE WORLD LOOK ROSY?

Mat 7:1--2. Be careful with your measuring stick, that will be how you are measured? Critical/ judging spirits cause us to devour each other. Gal. 5:15. Beware of this weight problem. Read Proverbs 16:2, clean eyes???

5. MOOD SWINGS/ LACK OF EMOTIONAL CONTROL.

This comes often from worry/fear/ lack of trust and faith. Neh. 8:10. The joy of the Lord is our strength. That your joy may be full ... requires a great discipline and control of your mouth and ears. John 15:11.

6. WHEN THE COMMANDMENTS AND OUR LABOR BECOMES GRIEVOUS.

1John 5:3.

7. THE WEIGHT OF FAMILY.

Gen. 2:18 Dad always stated Don't shake the family tree too hard,... nuts will fall out. Families are good, we must overlook each others faults. 1 Peter 3:7--8 Compassion is first launched at the house.

8. WHAT KIND OF RELIGION?

James 1:26 There is a pure and undefiled religion, and few of us have it. It is to visit the widows and fatherless in affliction.

NOW GET UP ON THE SCALES, IT IS TIME FOR THE WEIGH IN. IF WE DON'T NOW, GOD WILL MAKE US?? HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH? GET IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR?

PSA.107:9 **HE SENT HIS WORD, AND HEALED THEM, AND DELIVERED THEM FROM THEIR DESTRUCTIONS.**

Healed and delivered us in JESUS NAME. He who fears the tests studies little?