

- Many people make decisions daily that will have future consequences and the only consideration is “_____.”

Conclusion

- The summer should be refreshing, not just _____, but _____.
- Let’s be _____ in our spiritual walk this summer.
- Let’s stay _____ with our church this summer.



MIDWEEK SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Proverbs 30:24-28 *There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: 25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; 27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands; 28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.*

Proverbs 6:6-8 *Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.*

Job 32:9 *Great men are not always wise...*

1 Samuel 16:7 *But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.*

- Our church has always _____ for a great summer, for an opportunity to have a fruitful Summer.

1. Like the Ants We Must Live with the _____ of Our Weaknesses

The ants are a people not strong...

Romans 7:14-20 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

- It is not sin to have _____, but it is a problem when we don't recognize it and make provisions to overcome it
- Real _____ is realizing our weakness and making provisions for them.
- The point is we need to _____ that **we have weaknesses and compensate for them.**

2. Like the Ants We Must Commit to the _____ of Our Responsibilities

...yet they prepare their meat...

- They were _____ in on doing what they were supposed to be doing when they were supposed to be doing it.
- There is a great work we should be understand- _____.

Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Proverbs 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

"The greatest ability is dependability."

3. Like the Ants We Must _____ the Opportunity.

...in the summer.

- Be _____ with the church and the opportunities we have to fellowship and serve.
 - Summer Saturation (begins June 25)
 - Summer Fellowship Sundays (June 23, July 7, 21, 28)
 - Family Nights (June 30, July 14, August 4, 11)
 - 4 to Flourish
 - Monday Dinner Nights
 - Adult Class Fellowships on Fridays
 - Thursday Fellowship Services
 - Independence Day Picnic
 - Youth Conference (July 15-17)

4. Like the Ants We Must _____ Self-Discipline

Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler...

- They are _____ enough to do what they are supposed to do with the group.
- Have a plan that will keep you going and compensate for your weakness
 - _____ on the word of God.
 - _____ to the house of God.
 - _____ with the people of God.

5. Like the Ants We Must Have a _____ for the Future

Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Proverbs 10:5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.