

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR LAST TRIP IS UP!

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INTRODUCTION: (Welcome...)

A. Tell the story of the man in the elevator.

("Make sure your last trip is up!")

B. That is where the title of this lesson came from.

HOW TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR "LAST TRIP WILL BE UP!"

A. Life is somewhat like "an elevator"; it has its ups and downs.

1. God has provided for us all that we need as Christians to be "spiritually strong."

a. The Bible. (2 Tim. 3:16)

b. Prayer. (Rom. 10:1)

c. Worship. (Ps. 122:1)

d. Blessings. (Eph. 1:3)

2. If we don't take advantage of these things that God has made available to us, then we will never become "strong Christians." (Heb. 5:12-14)

B. It is God's desire that we as Christians "grow spiritually stronger" the longer that we serve Him. (1 Pet. 2:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:15-18)

C. The Bible tells us "How To Make Sure That Our Last Trip Will Be Up!"

1. "Add To Our Faith" > (2 Pet. 1:5-11)

2. "Do Good" > (Jn. 5:28-29; Acts 10:38)

3. "Keep The Commandments" > (Rev. 22:14; Mt. 19:16-17)

4. "Live Righteously" > (Mt. 25:46)

D. The "greatest commandment" of all!

(Mt. 22:35-40; Jn. 14:15; 1 Jn. 5:3)

E. The “road to Heaven” is not the easiest road to travel. (Lk. 9:23; Mk. 10:29-30)

F. But then neither was the “road to Calvary”. (Mt. 26-27; Heb. 12:1-3)

CONCLUSION:

A. When you find yourself getting “spiritually weak”, think about Jesus and all that He endured.

B. “Draw strength from His example.”

(1 Pet. 2:21-25)

C. “Be Faithful To God!”

(1 Tim. 6:12; 1 Jn. 5:4; Rev. 2:10)

D. And in this way you can know that indeed

“Your Last Trip Will Be Up!”

E. THE INVITATION!