

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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Don't Quit!

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Have you given up on your new year's resolutions yet? The second Friday in January is known as Quitters Day. If you are reading this when the e-bulletin is sent out, that would be today, January 9th. By this time about 80% of people give up on the goals they had for this year. This makes one wonder, why do people give up so quickly? We are only nine days into the year and most people have already tossed in the towel. There are many reasons why this may be the case. These are the same reasons people give up spiritually.

Many quit because there is a commitment issue. They realize that maybe they need to study the bible more or be more involved in church events and in a perfect world they would be. Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect world. Daily study or family devotional eventually get put on the backburner. There is no deep, internal determination to follow through. A half-hearted approach to God will never be fruitful. Luke 9:57-62 depicts three individuals coming to Jesus to pledge their fidelity to him. Each of them had something in their lives that prevented them from making the commitment to Jesus. Tragically, some do not possess the resolve to follow God.

In the same vein, some claim to be too busy. Jesus said of the thorny would that the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke out the effects of the gospel. There are those who become so concerned with the affairs of this world they rob themselves of the time, energy, and attention necessary to pursue the things of God.

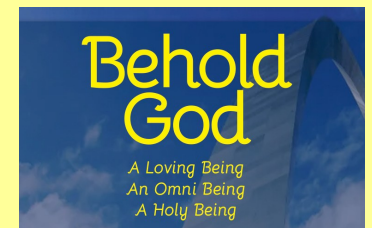
The pressure of perfection is another reason people tend to throw in the towel. A new year's resolution many have is to eat healthier. One day things are just hectic, and they are exhausted. They swing by McDonald's for dinner. They are so racked with guilt that they give up on the diet entirely. Christians, especially new Christians, often place high expectations on themselves. They think that they should already have their lives completely in order. When they fail they feel hopeless. Even those who have been Christians for many years are not impervious to these feelings. We must always remind ourselves that perfection is impossible. The majority of the New Testament was written to those who were already in Christ. We learn from these writings that they never attained perfection (Colossians 3:5-17) and we won't either. This does not mean that we stop trying to better ourselves but that we curb our expectations. Otherwise, we will lose hope and give up.

Though many have already given up on their resolutions for some of these reasons, let us never give up on following God!

Arch Youth Conference

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QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS PART 1

- Above Reproach- 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:6, 7, Roman 3:23
- Husband of one wife- 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:6, Matthew 19:1-9
- Sober-minded- 1 Timothy 3:2, 1 Peter 5:8
- Self-controlled- 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8, Proverbs 25:28, 1 Corinthians 6:12
- Respectable- 1 Timothy 3:2, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 5:4, Colossians 3:12-14
- Hospitable- 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8, Hebrews 13:2, Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 4:9

NOTES:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 680 There's Not a Friend

Song: 219 He's My King

Prayer

Song: 343 Ivory Palaces (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 220 He Lives

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-2

Sermon

Song: 822 Heaven Came Down

Song: 870 I'm Happy Today (Vs. 1)

Prayer

1 Timothy 3:1-2

E E M T W M I N D E D I E I D
 H M E S L O P M E M B E E B N
 F O D E S E R I S E D I M D T
 T S O B E R E I L T E G B B I
 I E E T A R E P M E T O D M F
 C F S A T R A B S K R O W S F
 M A B L E N F I I T V D S L U
 H I E T A H S S E L E M A L B
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 S H O U H W A O I B E B H S B
 P F E S P I S P O S I T I O N
 I U E B I F N G N I Y A S D N
 T L M A U E Y E R G O T D A L
 A S A N H W I F S W Y H G D V
 B L N D T S B F A B A S Y S T
 L S A R E R P E V F O U S P S
 E O H V D N S P T E I G R A N
 E E E E S S R B E H A V I O R

THIS
 FAITHFUL
 SAYING
 MAN
 DESIRES
 POSITION
 BISHOP
 GOOD
 WORK
 BLAMELESS
 HUSBAND
 WIFE
 TEMPERATE
 SOBER
 MINDED
 BEHAVIOR
 HOSPITABLE
 ABLE
 TEACH

1 Timothy 3:1-2 (NKJV)

- ¹ This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work.
- ² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23