

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 1/13/08

“Lessons from a Broken Down Old Car”

I. Topic to be Discussed

- A. God paints pictures
- B. I want to paint a picture this morning about the lessons I learned from a broken down old car

II. Hear Then the Parable of the Heap of Junk

- A. Enjoy God's blessings in your life
 1. God made life exciting, enjoy what life offers: Joshua 1:15; Proverbs 5:18; 23:15-16,24-25; Ecclesiastes 3:22; 11:9; Romans 12:15; 15:24; 1 Timothy 6:17
 2. Our reaction to blessings, at times
 - a. Feeling guilty for the good - Colossians 3:17 - give thanks
 - b. Waiting for the bad - John 11:16 - Thomas - let's go die
 - c. Looking for the bad - John 9:1 - who sinned?
- B. But, don't lose sight of the bigger picture
 1. Things can be distracting (bigger than life): Martha (Lk 10:40); David; Solomon; Rich man (Luke 12); Demas (2 Tim 4:10); Rich young ruler (Matt 19)
 2. What has or is DISTRACTING you? - James 4:13-17
- C. Shortcuts never work in the long run
 1. If you want something valuable - put in the effort
 - a. Quality vs. Quantity
 - b. Mundane tasks - John 21:15-17 - feed My lambs
 - c. Faith like a mustard seed - Little – Big
 2. Are you putting in the effort?
 - a. Feeding, Communicating, Serving
- D. Find the LASTING in the TEMPORAL
 1. Enjoy the journey
 - a. Ecclesiastes 2:24;3:13; 3:22; 5:18 - enjoy the good in labor
 - b. “So busy looking at tomorrow that we don't see today”
 2. Everything falls apart: Eccl 3:1-9 - opposites... what PROFIT?
 - a. Eccl 12:13 - Fear God and keep His commandments
 3. Look for something MORE in the emptiness of life