

# ***Are We Earnest About Our Religion?***

*Jude 3-7*

## ***I. Do We Earnestly Seek And Heed The Word of God?***

• **Hebrews 2:1** → Therefore we ought to give the more **earnest** heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let [them] slip.

–Do we listen? (Acts 8:5-6; 10:33; I Sam. 3:9; James 1:19)

–Do we study and meditate on the word of God? (Ps. 1:2; 119:97, 11,15; II Tim. 2:15)

–Are we obedient to it? (Acts 10:34-35; 47-48; Heb. 5:9; 10:36)

## ***II. Do We Earnestly Contend For The Faith?***

• **Jude 3** → ... ye should **earnestly** contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

–Are we ready like Paul? (Rom. 1:15-17; II Tim. 4:6-8)

–Are we set for the defense of the gospel? (Phil. 1:17; I Pet. 3:15)

–There are many who would pervert the word of God. (Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19; II Pet. 3:16; II Cor. 2:17; II Pet. 2:1-3)

## ***III. Do We Pray Earnestly?***

• **James 5:17** → Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed **earnestly** that it might not rain:

–Without ceasing? (I Thess. 5:17)

–Do we continue steadfastly in prayer? (Col. 4:2)

• Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; (Col. 4:2 – NASB)

–Does the Lord hear our voice in the morning? (Ps. 5:3)

–Would we follow the example of Daniel? (Dan. 6)

## ***IV. Do We Earnestly Care For Others?***

• **II Cor. 8:16** → But thanks [be] to God, which put the same **earnest** care into the heart of Titus for you.

–Our brethren. (I Cor. 12:25-26; Js. 1:27; I John 3:16-17; Matt. 25:34ff)

–Those who are lost. (II Pet. 3:9; Lk. 19:10; Mk. 16:15; Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:1-4)

–Those who have gone astray. (Gal. 6:1-2; Js. 5:19-20)

## ***V. Do We Earnestly Desire To Go To Heaven?***

• **II Cor. 5:2** → For in this we groan, **earnestly** desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

–Do we desire to go to heaven more than we desire to make money?

–Do we desire to go to heaven more than we desire to be popular?

–Do we desire to go to heaven more than we desire the pleasures of this life?