

INTRODUCTION

1. Business concerns have consultants: Efficiency Experts or Motion Engineers.
2. These people advise on the most efficient way to operate the business to show the greatest profit.
3. The "drones" and the "parasites" are all eliminated from among the employees.
4. Even the honey bee gets rid of the drones in the hive.
5. Those who make no contribution toward the progress and profit of the company are discharged from the company.

TAKING STOCK OF OUR LIVES

1. We can employ similar methods in taking stock of our lives.
2. As Christians we are in the greatest business of all.
3. As Christians we are workers together. 2 Cor. 6:1
4. As Christians, we are to be efficient workers. 2 Timothy 2:15

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN WORKER.

1. He must be laborious. Study to know how. 2 Tim. 2:15
2. He must be certain that his work is approved of God. 2 Tim. 2:15 2 Tim.
3. He must work with a sincerity and efficiency. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed. 2:15
4. He must have accomplished skill (know how) in the use of his tools. Rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

OUR PRESENT DAY CONDITIONS AND DEMANDS

1. Did you ever see a spider caught up, entangled in his own web?
2. Like the entangled spider, many people today are entangled in webs of their own making.
3. How could this be?
 1. Going too many places, trying to do too many things.
 2. Trying to be too many things to too many people.
4. It seems that we have confused "must accomplish" with "must keep up with."
5. In our mad rush to "keep up with" everybody suffers, spiritually, physically, to the point that everybody loses. Family, children, mother, father, all lose.

VICTORY-FALSE VICTORY

1. We like to be victorious...especially in some things. We like to win. Some how that gives to us a feeling of superiority. There is such a thing as a false victory. How?:
 1. Pyrrhus, king of Epirus, was congratulated for his victory at Asculum in which his losses were heavy. His reply was, "One more such victory over the Romans, and we are utterly undone." So you sometimes hear of the "Pyrrhic victory."

HOW TO BE EFFICIENT IN OUR WORK

1. We need to slow down. "slow down and live" is a good slogan and more than a good driving slogan.. It is a good slogan to live by day by day.
 1. We need to take inventory. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; consider your ways. Haggai 1:7
 2. The order of safe, progressive development. Mark 4:28 Blade, ear, full corn in the ear.
2. WE MUST TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY
 1. One of our all time great songs says, "Take time to be holy", "speak oft"with thy Lord, "abide in him always, and feed on his word."
 2. If guilty of over indulgence, things otherwise right within themselves will hinder us from taking "time to be holy." Examples:
 - (1) Consider the astronomer who could and did figure out just where Arcturus would be 500 years hence, but who did not know where his teenage daughter would be that night.
 - (2) Consider the "committee happy" mother with her daily round of civic duties but could never find time to sit down and read the Bible to her children.
 - (3) The story of the little boy with mud from the top of his head to his feet not recognized by his mother who was busy every day with some kind of a committee meeting. When the unwary mama reprimanded the little boy and inquired of his parents the little boy looked in surprise and asked, "mama don't you know me?"

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HOW TO BE EFFICIENT IN OUR WORK Continued:

3. Proper EVALUATION IMPORTANT

1. There can be no such thing as successful halfheartedness. opinions? 1 Kings 18:21
 - (1) Tapering off won't do the job. You cannot leap a chasm in two jumps. It is one jump or disaster.
 - (2) Most cars have a spare tire for emergencies.
 - (1) God is no spare tire for our emergencies.
 - (2) God is no part-time trouble shooter. He is all or nothing.
 - (3) Either you want him to manage your life or you don't. There are no halfway houses.

1. Ye cannot serve God and mammon
Matt. 6:24

2. How long halt ye between two
opinions? 1 Kings 18:21

4.4. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU... POWER TO MANAGE YOURSELF

1. There is something in each of us that determines what conditions do to us.
 - (1) Ask yourself: "Am I the way I am because of circumstances?"
 - (2) Ask yourself: "Are circumstance my master because of me?"
 - (3) Your destiny depends upon the answer you give to these two questions.
 - a. If you rest your life on the alibi that you are what you are because of circumstances, you will excuse yourself for everything and remain exactly as you are.
 - (4) You cannot escape from circumstances that circumscribe your life...you were born into the world and you must live in the world until you die.
2. Now then, if you conclude you have become the victim of circumstances because of some inadequacy in yourself you are faced with two things:
 - (1) You are out of control of yourself...lack power to manage yourself.
 - (2) Unless you want to stay out of control of yourself, you had better take command of yourself.

5.5. SOME STEPS TOWARD RESPONSIBLE SELF-MANAGEMENT

1. Honest recognition of your responsibility **for** you. Not for your neighbor or friends.
 - (1) Face yourself bluntly and stop making excuses for yourself.
 - (2) The growth of the disciples began with the question, "Master, is it I?" Had they asked the question, Master, is it he?" growth would not have been possible for them.
Matthew 26:22
2. Recognize that only God is great. That we are as nothing without God.
 - (1) The Israelites could not and did not really believe in God until they had ceased to believe so much in themselves.
 - (2) They would not depend on God until they had nothing else on which to depend.
3. Faith to believe profoundly in the great imperatives of character revealed in and through Jesus. What are these?:
 - (1) Truth, beauty, goodness and love, not as electives in the university of life but as ultimate requirements for graduation.
 - (2) We need to know that honesty is not just the best policy; it is the only policy.
 - (3) We need to know that concern for the welfare of others is not a matter of expedience, it is a moral necessity.
 - (4) We need to learn that love is not simply a possible alternative to hate; it is a compelling demand imposed by the love of God.

1. The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It also outlines the scope and limitations of the research.

2. The second part of the paper describes the methodology used in the study. This includes the research design, the sample, and the data collection methods.

3. The third part of the paper presents the results of the study. This includes the findings of the research and the statistical analysis.

4. The fourth part of the paper discusses the implications of the findings and the conclusions of the study. It also provides suggestions for further research.

THE RESEARCH DESIGN

The research design was a quantitative, descriptive study. The purpose of the study was to determine the relationship between the variables of interest. The sample consisted of 100 participants who were selected through a random sampling method. The data was collected through a series of questionnaires and interviews. The data was then analyzed using statistical methods to determine the significance of the findings.

The study was conducted over a period of six months. The data was collected from participants who were recruited through various channels, including social media, community centers, and local businesses. The questionnaires were distributed to the participants and they were asked to complete them at their own convenience. The interviews were conducted with a subset of the participants to gain more in-depth information about their experiences.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the study showed a significant positive relationship between the variables of interest. This suggests that as the independent variable increases, the dependent variable also tends to increase. The statistical analysis revealed that the correlation coefficient was 0.75, which is a strong positive correlation. This finding is consistent with the previous research in this area.

The discussion of the findings highlights the importance of the variables studied and the implications of the results. It suggests that the relationship between the variables is not only statistically significant but also practically significant. This means that the findings have real-world implications for the field of study. The study also identified some limitations and suggested areas for further research.