

# *Pastors Thoughts of the Week*

## **The Straight Course**

*“Straightway they forsook their nets, and followed Him.” —  
Mark 1:18*

The temporizing spirit of the Adamic nature is all too willing to defer to a “more convenient season”. How evanescent is that moment of inspiration that quickens the soul with divine urgings? If we do not act decisively, that moment will so rapidly dissipate. Desire must be met with resolution; and resolution with action. The love of many will “wax cold” so it is best to act while the heart is hot.

The Roman poet, Horace, coined the aphorism “Carpe Diem” (seize the day). The opportunity may never present itself ever again. Bartimaeus knew he had but one moment to beg for his petition. He forcefully, obtrusively cried out and His plea was received and duly rewarded. The kingdom of God is taken by violence (Matthew 11:12) not inertia. How many intentions are left withering on the vine of inactivity? What for the moment was a fervent resolution so soon degrades to a task best left to another time.

The thought may come at an inopportune time, but there is no mistaking that the call is from the Lord. Some kind act or thoughtful word needs to be discharged. Go at once for the king’s business requires haste! By tomorrow the prompting may not strike your heart with the same urgency. There is a soul in eternal danger and the Lord has given you the burden. Discharge the commission posthaste for the next week may bring an untimely death. There is the peculiar sense that some loved one needs protective prayer. Straightway to the closet and offer up the needed intercession though you may never learn the outcome of that petition until that eternal day of discovery.

That old serpent, the devil is the grand procrastinator. He populates the realm of the damned with the foolish who hear the Master calling “Follow Me” but they with one consent begin to make excuse. How eternally vital it is to “seek the Lord while He may be found” and make a “straight course” to His receiving arms “while it is called today”.

Have a blessed day,

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*Faith cometh by hearing; and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17*