BEGINNINGS

Have you ever thought about beginnings? Our parents thought beginnings were important. The idea was, if you got it right to start with, there was a greater chance of success.

This business of living is serious. However, in order to be more “understanding” and not to hurt someone’s feelings, we act like it is not so serious at times.

If you look at things with an un-jaundiced eye you will see that after some folks are “converted” they still hold to thoughts and opinions of the past that are contrary to the teaching of truth.

It is important that someone new to “the faith” understand the import of strong and right beginnings. Some “thoughts or feelings” might not be against truth, but we must be able to recognize those that are and dispose of them. A study of the word of God will certainly help in that respect, so the new convert needs to be a diligent student of thee Bible.

Repentance is the key to new beginnings. If one really desires to begin right, their repentance should be genuine. To know what repentance is, read Jonah. When Jonah repented, he did the opposite of what he had intended to do.

Repent or perish was the word of Jesus. “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:5) “Repentance” today seems to be more perfunctory. But Paul said, “For godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation, a repentance which bringeth no regret: but the sorrow of the world worketh death” (2 Cor. 7:10 Emphasis mine)

If you did something to someone that made them unhappy, would you be sorry? Then people should be sorry for living in the devil’s camp. There was a time when people came to the Lord, weeping because of their sins. Now it is just a “matter of fact” with some.

My dad, In planting a crop, always insisted the first row be right. Why? So all the rest would be right.

Beginnings are important!!!