

Bible Study

I Will – Lesson 19

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CELEBRATE YOUR APPOINTMENTS

Acts 28:23-30

This month we have been celebrating “I will be a Joyous Christian”. We can be joyous as we celebrate our accomplishments, our affirmations and our appointments.

Appointments are a part of the fabric of life. Every day we make an appointment in our daily routine or for a special meeting. A daily routine appointment can be as simple as the time of day that we eat or our bedtime. A special appointment can be with your doctor, employer or your hair stylist. You make these appointments because you value your time and the time of the professional.

Too many people fail to make an appointment with God. That is reflected in their designated time for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with believers. We have become too “I” conscious rather than “we” conscious. The failure of the “I” conscious is its lack of concern for the people which can leave out the God conscious factor. The God conscious is always concerned about the community and involved in the lives of people. The God conscious is the “we” conscious.

The African billionaire story: My success is bathed with prayer, preparation and persistence.

Let me share with you three things that can help us celebrate our appointments.

1. We Make Appointments for Explanation. (vs. 23-24)
 - A. We take time to discover something
 - B. We take time to decide on something
2. We Make Appointments in Expectation. (vs. 25-27)
 - A. We hope to hear something that will help us
 - B. We hope to see something that will heal us
3. We Make Appointments as an Exploration. (vs. 28)
 - A. We desire to explore and fulfill our next assignment
 - B. We desire to explore and fulfill our next achievement