

Intentional Living

(Philemon 15)

- Introduction:
1. God is involved in the affairs of men.
 2. Were this not true, there would be no need to pray.
 3. However, we are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17).
 4. How God has intervened in the affairs of men can be classified as:
 - a. Miraculous - Suspending laws of nature.
 - b. Providential - Working within laws of nature.
 - c. The difference in the two can be summed up in anonymity.
 5. In view of God's working, I want to challenge you to live your life with intention.

I. Live Life Intentionally

- A. What if we viewed the events that transpire in our lives with intention and purpose?
- B. How would that change the way we live?
- C. What if the people with whom we come in contact is purposeful and not accidental?
 1. The person in line with you at the grocery store.
 2. The waitress who serves you in the restaurant.
 3. The person with whom you have a "fender-bender."
 4. The person sitting around you in the bleachers at the ball game.
- D. What if these people were placed there for a purpose; in answer to a prayer?
- E. Wouldn't we speak more for Jesus?

II. Examples of God's Providence & The "Perhaps" Factor

- A. Philemon and Onesimus (Philemon 15).
- B. Ron and Zona Hogan.
- C. (Genesis 50:20).
- D. (Esther 4:15).
- E. (Romans 8:28).
- F. (Matthew 7:7-8).

- Conclusion:
1. Are the every day encounters we have with people all a part of God's plan for our lives?
 2. I don't know... "perhaps!"
 3. What I do know is that we should live as though they are so that we don't miss the opportunities God places in our path.
 4. Let's open our eyes and see the opportunities to serve God when we decide to live life intentionally.