

Just Five More Minutes

By [Mike Riley](#)

The radio blaring startled me awake. Just five more minutes, I told myself, as I banged around on the head board and finally found the snooze button. Four times, I said, “just five more minutes” — only my snooze alarm is random — it goes off at intervals everywhere from five to nine minutes. Suddenly, it was 33 minutes later than I was supposed to get up and I was in a panic. The rest of the day was thrown off kilter because of just five more minutes. I haven’t decided if the snooze button is a great invention or a curse. I know it impacts me, because I’ll play mind games with it. I’ll set my alarm ten minutes early because I can “sneak” in a few extra minutes of sleep when it goes off. The quality of sleep isn’t very good, but it seems so much better because it is some sleep I’ve managed to “steal.” Truth be known, I would have slept better if I had set the alarm for the right time and simply got up with it.

I wondered this morning how often God had been calling me and I hit my internal snooze button instead. Just wait a little longer God, just a little longer, just a little longer. Suddenly, I’m running way behind and I missed out on the opportunity to listen or to serve. God puts someone on my heart and says, “Give them a call” or “Drop them a note.” I reply, “Okay God, just as soon as I”; and then it’s weeks later. I find out that in the interim, they had been going through a crisis time and really could have used some encouragement.

We all do it, don’t we? I think I do it less now than I used to earlier in my Christian walk, but I’m far from perfect. I’m so glad that He is a loving, patient and merciful God. He’s used to people putting other things ahead of time with Him or in obedience to Him.

Once when Jesus and His disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to He said. But Martha was distracted by all of the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, “**Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!**” The Lord answered, “**Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her**” ([Luke 10:38-42](#)).

Martha would have made time with the Lord only after the house was perfect. The disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane would have prayed with Jesus after a little nap ([Matthew 26:36-43](#)).

When will you and I make time to listen and obey? Until next time, may we take the time with Him instead of playing games with life’s snooze alarm.

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What If The Preacher Stayed Home?

By [Mike Riley](#)

Have we every thought about what would happen if the preacher stayed home from the assembly of the saints?

The story is told of a pioneer preacher who was once conducting a Gospel Meeting at a certain congregation. Because he knew the membership, and seeing the very poor attendance on the first night of the meeting, he stayed home the second night.

The next day, when the brethren asked him where he was, he replied, "Well, if some of the members can stay home, so can I."

After this news was circulated in the community, the attendance was very good for the rest of the Gospel Meeting.

Brethren, we are all members of the spiritual body of Christ ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#); cf. [Romans 12:5](#); [1 Corinthians 10:17](#); [1 Corinthians 12:12](#); [Ephesians 1:22-23](#)). Each one of us is needed to promote the proper growth and development of that spiritual body ([Ephesians 4:16](#)).

Like our physical body, if the spiritual body of Christ is to function properly, all members have to do their part in order to maintain the body's spiritual health. Even the most seemingly insignificant member, is still very important to the proper function of the whole body ([1 Corinthians 12:22](#)).

Brethren, do we truly "care" for the souls of fellow members in the spiritual body of Christ, the church? ([1 Corinthians 12:26-27](#)). Do we truly "care" for the spiritual growth and development of the body of Christ?

If we do, we will encourage every member in the spiritual body of Christ, to be present at every assembly possible ([Acts 11:22-26](#)), for we do not want to incur God's judgment upon us ([Hebrews 10:23-27](#)).

Those to Serve

(B) Jeffrey Burks (FV) Calvin Burks

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Dates to Remember

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To

Doug & Theresa Pruett, Jan 26th

Have We Measured Ourselves Lately?

By [Mike Riley](#)

The following questions are good indicators of spiritual growth:

- Do we spend time reading God's word and talking with Him each day in prayer? ([2 Timothy 2:15 ASV](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:2](#)).
- Do we look forward to fellowshiping with the Lord? ([Hebrews 10:23-25](#)).
- What "fruit of the Spirit" is apparent in our life? ([Gal. 5:22](#)).
- Do we talk about Jesus with people who don't know Him? ([Luke 14:23](#)).
- How are we using our God-given talents? ([Matthew 25:14-30](#)).
- Do we have a generous and giving spirit? ([2 Corinthians 8:1-5](#)).
- How much better do we know God today than we did a year ago? ([1 John 2:3-5](#)).

A child seems to grow up all of a sudden, but it's actually a continual process. Just as Jesus grew in both wisdom and stature ([Luke 2:52](#)), we are to continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" ([2 Peter 3:18](#)).

We are no longer to be children, but are to "grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ" ([Ephesians 4:14-15](#)). Have we measured ourselves by God's divine standard lately? ([2 Corinthians 13:5](#); cf. [John 12:48](#)).