People Who Were Serious about Serving God
Job 13:13-15

Introduction:
A. We often ask, “Why can we not get our neighbors interested in the Lord and His church?”
B. Yet might ask, “How much real interest do we show in being a Christian?”
   1. Enough to really put time and effort into attending services? Studying? Working?
   2. Enough to really sacrifice money? Friendships? Popularity?
C. Too many serious about Salvation not Service – Crown not Cross.
D. How many people do you know who are as serious about serving God as some Bible characters were:

Discussion:
I. Job Was Serious about Serving God (Job 13:15; cf. Jas. 5:11)
   A. He lost his family and property – still trusted the Lord.
   B. He suffered great personal pain and sickness – still trusted the Lord. (Job. 2:7-9).
   C. He was chided by his friends, even his wife – still trusted Lord.

II. Moses Was Serious about Serving God. (Heb. 11:24-26)
   A. Willing to give up privileges of grandson of king of Egypt.
   B. Willing to give up all the wealth of Egypt for God.

III. David Was Serious about Serving God (Psa. 119:9-16).
   A. He did not want to sin. (v. 11).
   B. He confessed when he did sin. (2 Sam. 12:13; Psa. 32:1-5)
      1. So must we (cf. 1 John 1:7-9; 2:1)
      2. I know of no statute of limitations on sin.

IV. Daniel Was Serious about Serving God.
   A. Character so pure that enemies had to attack religion. (Dan. 6:4,5).
   B. Convictions so strong that willing face lion's den than forsake them. (Dan. 6:10).

V. John the Baptist Was Serious about Serving God.
   A. Willing to preach under adverse conditions. (Mt. 3:4).
   B. Unwilling to wink at sin even in the king. (Matt. 14:3,4).

VI. Paul Was Serious about Serving God.
   A. Willing to give up everything gained in Judaism for Christ. (Phil. 3:7,8; Ill. Muriel Gill)
   B. Willing sacrifice rights for good of Cause. (1 Cor. 9).
   C. Willing to arrange his schedule to fit the Lord’s schedule (Acts 20:6,7, 16).

Conclusion:
A. Don't you think it is about time to quit dabbling in religion and get serious.
B. Don't you think it is time that we put the Lord above everything and everybody else? (Luke 14:33).
C. Don't you think it is time that we begin putting going to heaven above every other goal in life?