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“They Made Light of It” – Part 2
Matt. 22:1-14

Introduction:
A. In part one, we noticed the seriousness of taking the things of the Lord lightly.
1. The invited guests and the guest without wedding garment.
2. Sin, salvation, marriage, church, and attendance.
B. In this part, we notice five others areas that are often taken too lightly.

Discussion:
I. People Often Take Worship Too Lightly.
A. By carelessness in what they do in worship to God. (John 4:24; Mt 15:9).
B. By carelessness in how they worship – lack of reverence and godly fear (cf. Heb 12:28).
II. People Often Take Bible Study Too Lightly.
A. The danger of ignorance (Hos. 6:4; Acts 17:30).
B. The need to study (2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 17:11).
1. Neglect church’s Bible classes – preparation and participation.
2. Neglect home Bible study.
3. Merely read for a kind of therapy, little real study.
III. People Often Take Their Appearance Too Lightly.
A. Little concern for dressing modestly (1 Tim. 2:9-10).
1. Modest - “orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest”...”. (Vines)
2. Shamefastness - “that modesty which is ‘fast’ or rooted in the character” - Vines.
3. Sobriety - “Habitual inner self-government, with it constant rein on the passions and desires ...” (Vines)
B. Little concern about dressing lasciviously.
1. Lasciviousness is a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:19).
2. Lascivious – “1. Characterized by or expressing lust or lewdness, wanton. 2. Tending to excite lustful desires” (Webster’s New World Dictionary.)
C. Little concern about hair length (1 Cor. 11:14,15)
IV. People Often Take Serving Others Too Lightly.
A. By ignoring legitimate needs (Matt. 25:34-46).
B. By shifting persons responsibility to the church (1 Tim. 5:16).
C. By enabling spongers (cf. 2 Thess. 3:10).
V. People Often Take Teaching Too Lightly (cf. John 6:44,45).
A. By taking responsibility to teach lightly (cf. Jesus and woman at well).
B. By taking responsibility of teaching lightly (Jas. 3:1-4)

Conclusion:
A. We need to “get real”, “get serious” about things that pertain to God and His word.
B. We need to remember what happened those in the parable who “made light of it.”