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Prov. 10:5 He that **gathereth in summer** *is* a wise son: *but* he that **sleepeth in harvest** *is* a son that causeth shame.

This summer our church is implementing a plan called “Summer Spark” which will run from this Sunday until Labor Day weekend. This will be a churchwide endeavor focusing upon four areas of visitors:

FAMILY

FRIENDS

ACQUAINTANCES

OTHERS

## THE GOAL

To spark interest in pleasing the Lord;

To spark interest toward winning the lost;

To spark interest in our church growth;

To spark interest in personal growth.

## THE METHOD

The method is to PRAY and then give invitations every week to these groups in order to be a faithful witness for God's glory and building our local church.

## THE PROCESS

The process to implement this program includes the following:

1. PRAYER!
2. Personal invitations, face-to-face;
3. Personal text message invitations;
4. Personal email invitations;
5. Personal telephone invitations.

❖ Our motive for being involved in implementing the *Summer Spark* is to glorify the Lord.

# I. THE REASON FOR OUR INVOLVEMENT

## A. Believers Should Be Involved Because it is Commanded

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Jn. 15:8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:  
and *be ready always to give an answer to every man  
that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you*  
with meekness and fear:

## B. Believers Should Be Involved Because There is a Cause

1 Sam. 17:29 And David said, What have I now done? *Is  
there not a cause?*

Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, *The harvest  
truly is great, but the labourers are few:* pray ye  
therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send  
forth labourers into his harvest.

❖ If we fail to be faithful witnesses, the harvest will be futilely lost.

Jer. 8:20 **The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.**

Joel 1:11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; **because the harvest of the field is perished.**

❖ We must be about our Father's business:

Luke 2:49 "...wist ye not that **I must be about my Father's business?**"

Jn. 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, **Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.**

C. Believers Should Be Involved Because We Care



1 Pet. 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for **he careth for you.** <https://mercyandtruthministry.com/product-category/full-color-gospel-tracts/page/2/>



## II. THE RECKONING OF OUR INVOLVEMENT

### A. Believers Will Give an Account of this Personal Opportunity

Rom. 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

## B. Believers Will Give an Account of the Purposed Objective

- ❖ Salvation is NOT by works, but by grace through faith.
- ❖ AFTER salvation, a believer should exhibit salvation by a life of godly works.

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through** faith;  
and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ  
Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before  
ordained that we should walk in them.

Jn. 9:4 I **must work the works of him that sent me,**  
**while it is day**: the night cometh, when no man can  
work.

- ❖ The motive for godliness is due to the outworking of an inner relationship with Christ.

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:**

Phil. 2:13 For **it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.**

- ❖ Like the ant, our church needs to have a productive summer:

Prov. 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 **Provideth her meat in the summer**, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

### III. THE RESTRICTIONS TO OUR INVOLVEMENT

#### A. Our Lack of Involvement May be Due to Ignorance

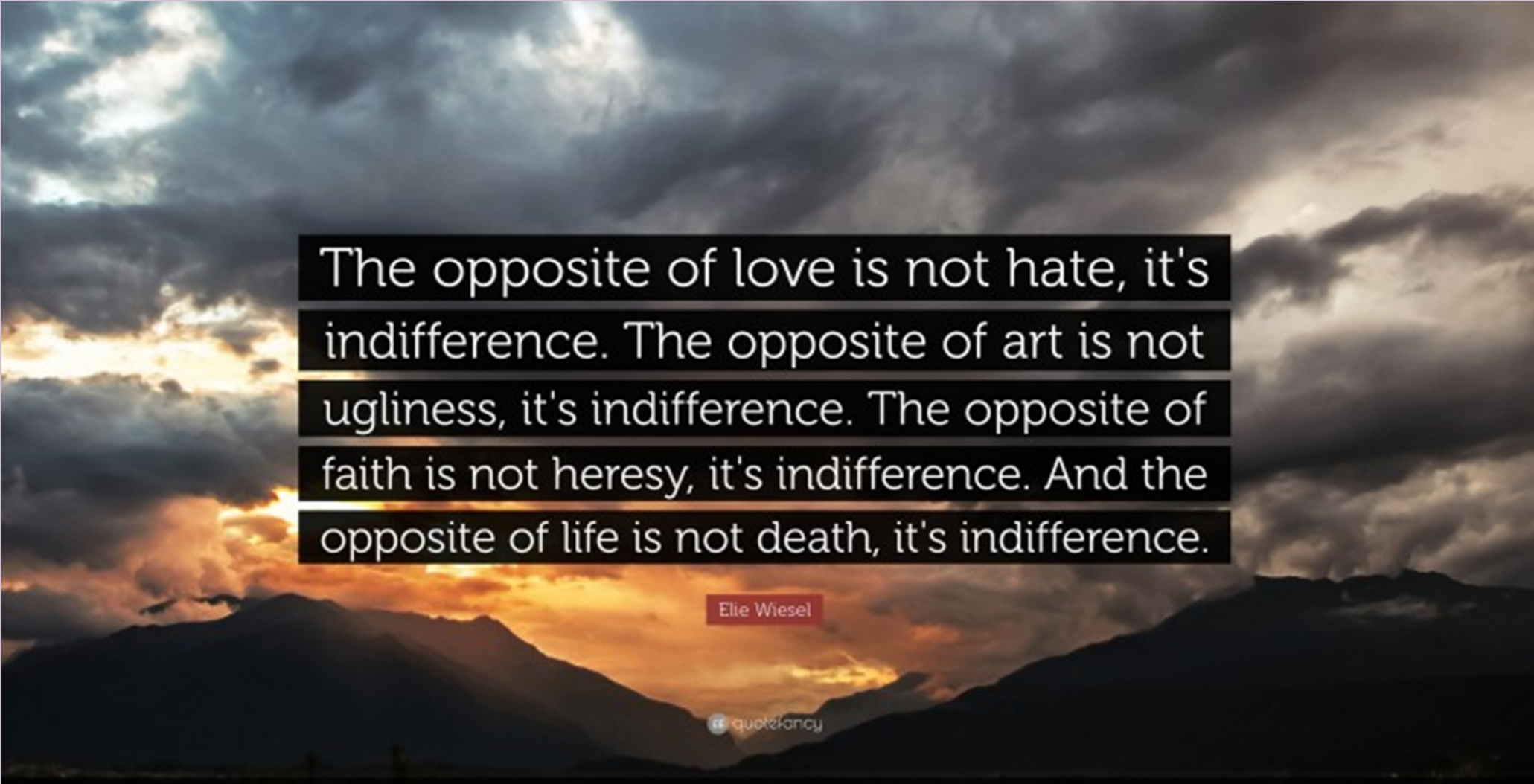
Mark 12:24 And Jesus answering said unto them,  
**Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?**

2 Thess. 1:8 **In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God,** and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Jas. 4:14 Whereas **ye know not what *shall be on the morrow***. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

1 Cor. 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned**.

## B. Our Lack of Involvement May be Due to Indifference



The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

Elie Wiesel

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Psa. 142:4 I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; **no man cared for my soul.**

### C. Our Lack of Involvement May be Due to Indolence

Eccl. 10:18 **By much slothfulness the building decayeth;** and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

Prov. 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; ***therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.***

Prov. 13:4 **The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath nothing*:** but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

## IV. THE REWARDS FOR OUR INVOLVEMENT

- A. The Certainty of the Judgment Seat –  
2 Cor. 5:10 “For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...**”
- B. The Criteria of the Judgment Seat –  
2 Cor. 5:10b “...that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.”

## C. The Conscience from the Judgment Seat – 2 Cor. 5:11

2 Cor. 5:11 **Knowing** therefore the terror of the Lord, **we persuade men**; but we are made manifest unto God; and **I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.**

- ❖ Believers have different responsibilities: some plant, some water – “...his own labour.”

1 Cor. 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and **every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.**

13 **Every man's work shall be made manifest:** for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try **every man's work** of what sort it is.

14 If **any man's work** abide which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive a reward.**

15 If **any man's work** shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

- ❖ Every believer will give an account to Christ of every work.
- ❖ Some will lose reward, and some will gain reward, based upon the quality of individual works.
- ❖ Jesus closes out the Bible with the following promise:

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and **my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

## Summary

- ❖ Each believer is expected to honor the Lord by living a life of good works.
- ❖ Each believer should exhibit works and labor of love.
- ❖ Each believer will give an account of every opportunity to be used for God's glory.
- ❖ Each church member has an opportunity to honor the Lord Jesus Christ this summer through our *Summer Spark* plan.

Heb. 6:9 But, **beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation,** though we thus speak.

10 For **God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love,** which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that **every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:**

12 That ye **be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

## Conclusion

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.