

HONORING THEIR SACRIFICES!

2 Timothy 1:3-15

INTRODUCTION: People are more important than things! We tend to value things and use people. It should be the other way around. We should value people and use things.

Luke 12:13-21: Life is more important than things. On this Memorial Day weekend, I want to remind you that people are what really counts in this life! 1 Timothy 1:3-5. Memorial Day weekend should be about looking back and remembering the high price paid for our freedom.

I. LOOK BACK AND REMEMBER!

Originally, Memorial Day was instituted to remember the Civil War dead but over the years it has become a time to remember all our deceased veterans and all our deceased loved ones. This Memorial Day take some time to remember our veterans and our family loved ones. It will only take an hour or two of your time to attend a Memorial Day service in your local community to remember the sacrifice of so many for our freedom. Romans 13:7.

II. LOOK OUT AND LOVE OTHERS!

On Memorial Day we need to look out to those around us and share our love with them while they are still alive. Colossians 3:12-14: Paul is saying that instead of fighting with one another, we must learn to forgive one another. We must love one another.

III. LOOK UP AND HONOR OUR LORD!

Look up to the Lord and honor Him on this Memorial Day weekend. If anyone should be remembered for giving their blood for your life, it should be our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22:36-37. To love the Lord with our whole being is the greatest thing we can possible do in our lives. Our Lord has given us life and everything else we love and cherish. Surely, we should remember Him and His sacrifice for us. Isaiah 33:6. Do you want a solid foundation for our life? Learn the fear of the Lord; gain a reverential awe of who God is and what God has done and is doing and you will gain salvation, wisdom and knowledge. Our Lord always goes beyond what we ask for: Matthew 22:36-40. Sadly, so many love the hand of God and the hand of man but have never learned to love the Lord and to love their fellow man. James 1:17. Our God gives us all that we have. We need to stop and remember our Lord and His wonderful blessings in our lives. 2 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Peter 1:22-25. We need to take time to be thankful to our God for His greatest gift to mankind: John 3:16. People are precious. They count in life. Material things and pleasures don't count for much in the end. 1 Timothy 6:7. We start this life with our God and people and we end life that way. Let's not forget them in between. Remember our veterans and remember your own loved ones who have sacrificed so much for us.