

HomeTouch

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Scripture Reading: Luke 19:38-42

TODAY'S THOUGHT: I have a lot to be thankful for... I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt. —Anonymous

Recently a friend of mine was traveling on the train from New Haven Connecticut to New York City. He said that he noticed that there was a sign on every door that read: WATCH THE GAP. This was a warning about the “gap” or the space between the train itself and the platform in the station. If one doesn’t “watch the gap” one might trip and fall and cause serious injury.

When my friend told me about that phrase, “Watch the gap!” My mind went to the letter of the apostle James where we read: “But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves ... being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing” (James 1:22, 25).

The gap James is asking us to “watch” lest we trip and fall — and cause others to fall — is the gap between what we know and what we do. Sometimes that gap can be huge!

While it is true that there is always a gap, because none of us is perfect, as followers of Jesus Christ we try to minimize the gap. None of us can duplicate the life of Christ, but we are called to imitate the life of Christ. May we be so faithful to the things we profess that the gap between what we know is right and what we actually practice is unperceivable!

Prayer: Gracious God, today I desire to act according to your word, and in obedience to your commandments. Help me to live faithfully each moment. Amen.

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 6-9

Monday: Isaiah 55-57

Tuesday: Isaiah 58-60

Wednesday: Isaiah 61-63

Thursday: Isaiah 64-66

Friday: Micah 1-4

Saturday: Psalms 76-78

KNOW YOUR GARDENING!

- 1. Across: undesirable plant growth
- 1. Down: used to haul dirt and rocks
- 2. long-handled tool
- 3. bugs
- 4. the season to begin planting
- 5. nutrients for plants and soil



- 6. fertile soil, upper layer of soil
- 7. bird frightener
- 8. long, green vegetable
- 9. precipitation
- 10. main ingredient of ketchup
- 11. small plowing machine
- 12. a pile of decomposing plants
- 13. animal fertilizer
- 14. a bean or pea, for example
- 15. to gather
- 16. place seeds in ground
- 17. what plants grow from
- 18. vegetable of the gourd family
- 19. long-handled tool with teeth

