

But God!

Text: Phil. 2:25-27

INTRODUCTION:

- A. SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PHRASES ARE THE SHORTEST.
 - 1. "Jesus wept"(**John 11:35**).
 - 2. "If" phrases(**Ex. 19; 1 John 1:6-7, 9**).
 - 3. One factor added to an equation will completely change the result.
 - a. $2+2=4$ vs. $-2+2=0$.
 - b. "**But**," antithesis, contrasts - Naaman(**2 Kings 5:1**).
- B. A FACTOR WE OFTEN LEAVE OUT - GOD.
 - 1. Someone counted the expression "**But God**"(or equivalent) 163 times.
 - 2. It reminds us that **God in our lives can completely change our destiny**.

I. THE DIFFERENCE GOD MAKES WHEN LEFT OUT.

- A. **Luke 12:16-21**. THE RICH DELUDED FOOL.
- B. **John 15:5**. UNFRUITFUL.
- C. **Rom. 1:18-32**. IMMORAL.
- D. **Eph. 2:12**. WITHOUT HOPE(**1 Thess. 4:13**).
- E. GOD'S WILL SHOULD BE THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES(**James 4:13-15**).

II. MAN NEEDS THE FACTOR OF GOD IN 3 AREAS:

- A. MAN IS LOST IN SIN - BUT GOD!
 - 1. **Eph. 2:1-7**.
 - 2. **Rom. 5:6-8**.
- B. MAN IS BURDENED BY SORROWS - BUT GOD!
 - 1. **Acts 7:9** - "**but** God was with him," (KJV).
 - 2. **2 Tim. 4:16-17**.
- C. MAN IS SUBJECT TO DEATH - BUT GOD!
 - 1. **1 Cor. 15:35-38**.
 - 2. **1 Cor. 15:12-20**.
 - 3. **Acts 13:27-31**.

CONCLUSION:

- A. GREATEST MISTAKE, **PLAN LIFE WITHOUT CONSIDERING GOD**.
- B. WHERE DOES GOD FIGURE WITH YOU?