

“Regrets”

Several Sundays ago, our Pastor Wes talked about regrets in our lives, sharing that we might have regrets of commission, and others of omission. I’ve heard many preachers or teachers talk about sins of commission or omission, but never heard it put that way about our regrets, and it just stuck in my mind, because it made me think of what I told people when I talked about my wife passing - I said we had no regrets because we had done all we wanted to do, and seen all we wanted to see.

I’d like to personalize what I said as it pertains to me. I was not the “perfect” husband, and in my younger years, I was far from perfection! There are a LOT of things I said and did that I wish I hadn’t, and probably nearly as many things I wish I had said or done and didn’t. But God... He is a God of second chances!

Probably sometime around our fiftieth year of marriage (57 years when she passed) I began to say and do things for my wife on a daily basis instead of doing it sporadically or waiting for special occasions, I told her every day first thing in the morning and last thing at night and often in between “I love you!” I told her often how much I appreciated her, and she never cooked a meal I didn’t thank her for.

In the last two months of her life, I had the privilege and the honor of showing her how much she meant to me, as my daughter Shelly and I took care of her as her health declined. So why am I telling you this? Because I hope you get a second chance to “get it right,” and don’t come to the end of your life, or the life of your mate or your children (or you parents) with any regrets!

The good news is, if God gives you tomorrow, He is giving you a second chance at making things right with your mate, your children, your parents, or your friends. I cannot tell you how good it feels to have no regrets, and I hope and pray you will take this to heart and start anew! By the way, those last seven years I was still far short of being “perfect,” but I gave it my best shot! No regrets! Amen!