

OBSERVATIONS AFTER 25 YEARS OF PREACHING



The Need For Observation

- Others
 - The Bad Examples

NEH. 13:15; ROM. 16:17

- The Good Examples

PSA. 37:37; PHLP. 3:17



The Need For Observation

- Self
 - Our Own Ways

HAGGAI 1:5, 7

- Our Own Faults

MATTHEW 7:3



The Need For Observation

- Our Surroundings
 - Nature

PROV. 6:6; 30:24-28; JOB 12:7, 8

Situations

PROV. 23:1; LUKE 6:26



- On Society:
 - Fewer & Fewer Know God and His Word
 - 'Happiness' Is The Main Pursuit
 - Hatefulness & Violence Is Increasing



- On Religion:
 - Politics/Society Guides, Not Christ
 - A De-Emphasis On Doctrine & Godliness
 - Entertainment Is The Draw



- On The Church/Brotherhood (Negative):
 - Generic/Weak Preaching
 - Less Knowledge & Conviction
 - Busyness' Of Its Members



- On The Church/Brotherhood (Positive):
 - Less Judgmentalism
 - We're Getting Better On Race Issues
 - Foreign Opportunities



- Some Things Will Depend On <u>Us</u>
 - We Can Shine Brighter!

MATT. 5:16; PHLP. 2:14, 15

– We Can Help Each Other!

HEB. 3:13; 10:24, 25



- Some Things Will Depend On <u>Us</u>
 - We Can Be More Diligent!

2ND TIMOTHY 2:15

– We Can Love God More!

MATTHEW 22:37



- Some Things Will Never Change
 - Our Adversary Will Keep Prowling

1ST PETER 5:8

- The World Will Still Hate God & His People
JOHN 15:18-20



- Some Things Will Never Change
 - False Teachers Will Still Arise

1ST JOHN 4:1

Sin Will Never Go Away