

Running on Auto Pilot

Have you ever found yourself leaving your house to go somewhere like the store, or church and driving the wrong route? Sometimes we can get so use to going one way that when we get in our car we simply drive on auto pilot. As a result it is easy to miss a turn or even head the wrong way. We are just so use to the routine that doing anything different gets us out of sync. Running on auto pilot can leave you in the wrong place instead of where you need to be.

It is easy to run on auto pilot in our personal lives as well. We get so use to doing exactly the same thing, so that doing anything out of the ordinary disrupts our life. Running on auto pilot can also be a sign that you are in a rut. While this can happen in our driving it can also happen in our spiritual life and in our church. Sometimes we do the same things week after week and they lose their meaning and value. One area that for many churches and Christians that often is run on auto pilot is the offering. We can easily take it for granted. We do it week after week and it simply becomes routine. How many times have you numbly passed the plate to the next person and never even thought about what you were doing?

This morning as our ushers come forward for our morning offering let's truly take the time to reflect upon our gifts. Don't just simply do what you have always done without giving prayerful thought about your gift. Consider if the gift you are giving today truly honors the Lord or is your gift something that you are doing without thought or consideration. We are working hard here at **Your Church** to make our offering times truly worshipful. Can you say the same about your gift today?

Paul admonished the church of Corinth to consider their gifts by saying in II Corinthians 9:8 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Let's make sure today's offering does not go forward on auto pilot. As we pray, pray that God will show you exactly what gift He wants from you today.