

Hands

Matthew 18:8- Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. (KJV)

Hands are an integral part of the human body as a blessing from the loving God. The daily use of the hands is determined by the believer's deeply held values. Believers and lovers of the Lord use the hands in ways that are God-pleasing. When used inappropriately the use of the hands will put the soul in ultimate peril. A believer is better off without a hand than to use the hand to put the soul in peril. Serious care of the soul requires conscious attentiveness to the use of the hands.

I Thessalonians 4:11- And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; (KJV)

Personal discipline keeps the believer focused on the Lord in the ways of daily life. A well-disciplined believer uses the mind, tongue and hands to keep the soul safe. The hands are to be used well for meeting daily needs and for benefitting others. Believers attentive to the Lord's teachings will use the hands in charitable ways. Neighbors in need benefit from caring believers using their loving hands to help. Constantly pleasing God with the use of the hands is a challenge for believers.

I Timothy 5:22- Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. (KJV)

The Holy Scriptures instruct, nourish and guide believers in use of the body. Careful restraint in temperament in daily relationships merits believers' attention. Directing the hands in anger against family members, friends or others is perilous. The heart, mind and soul filled with love will guide the hands in human relations. The believer's daily use of the hands establishes a record for the Final Judgment. All believers will stand before the Lord and answer for personal behavior in life.

James 4:8- Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. (KJV)

Repentance and drawing near to God are possible throughout the course of life. The Lord God welcomes sinners to draw near and to seek a new beginning in life. Repentant believers verify a change in heart by applying their hands for charity. Sincere charitable use of the hands reflects values maintained in the heart and soul. Wise and charitable use of the hands facilitates joy for the believer and for others. God strengthens believers choosing to use the hands in charitable acts of mercy.

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