

LOSING THE CUTTING EDGE

2 KINGS 6:1-6; ECCLESIASTES 10:10

Text:

Introduction:

We see in these two passages a tool that has become of no use or ineffective. One has become dull, while the other was lost altogether.

Let me say that we are living in a day when Christians need to remain sharp, and have a good cutting edge. It is no time to be dull.

Let me also say that time spent in sharpening our edge is never a waste of time.

Illustration: Lumber Jack contest.

1. WHY SHOULD WE SHARPEN UP

A. Without a cutting edge or a dull edge it creates more work.

B. Less is accomplished in the time that we have to work.

C. Can't work as long because of tiring out.

2. HOW DO WE LOSE THE EDGE

A. Sometimes by just working like we a supposed to.

1. Sometimes the edge just flies off while we are working. (1 Kings 6:6)

2. We become dull by cutting.

B. Sometimes the edge becomes dull by getting into the dirt.

1. That is why that we need to be and remain separated from the world.

2. Dirt always dulls the cutting edge.

C. Sometimes we hit an obstacle. (Rocks)

1. Sometimes tragedy makes folks become bitter & they get mad at someone or God and quit.

3. WHERE DO WE FIND OR REGAIN OUR EDGE

A. If you have lost your edge, it can be found right where it was lost.

B. The Bible will sharpen us up.

1. It will sharpen our prayer life.

2. It will sharpen our testimony.

3. It will sharpen our effectiveness.

C. Prayer will sharpen our faith

1. Answered prayer always increases our faith.

D. Love sharpens our fellowship.

E. The Holy Spirit sharpens our soul winning.

F. Personal holiness will sharpen our testimony, example, and our effectiveness.

Close:

No price is too great to pay, and no time is ever wasted getting your cutting edge back.