

## 150 Million Years from Now

I can't remember what we were doing, but I remember my friend's passion. The two of us were working outside on some kind of project and were having a little difficulty getting it "just right." I happened to say, "Well, I think that's good enough. A hundred fifty million years from now I don't suppose it will make any difference."

My friend stopped to look at me. He paused and said, "I, for one, want to live every moment of every day so that 150 million years from now it truly will make a difference."

It may not have applied directly to the project at hand, but I have appreciated those words through the years. I have blessed my friend many times for reminding me how important every task we undertake finds its fulfillment in Christ.

Years ago I made myself a vow that I would never walk into a classroom spiritually or pedagogically unprepared. I have not fulfilled that commitment to my own satisfaction, but I have never walked out of one of those under-prepared sessions without rededicating myself to fulfill my responsibility as a teacher and to be the best instructor I can provide for my students when they come to be fed with the Word of God.

As Bible teachers, may we always prepare so that 150 million years from now it truly will have made a difference in eternity for those whose lives we touched.

*You may be building sandcastles, duplexes, or cathedrals but "Whatever thou doest, do it heartily as unto the Lord!" It doesn't have to be the best there ever was but you can honor God with the materials you have, the skills you've developed, and the time available.*

"My brethren, be not many masters,  
knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation."  
James 3.1 KJV

"Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren,  
knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment."  
James 3.1 NASB