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RATE YOURSELF

Let's be sure we are on the right track...

1. I don't want to be so **CRITICAL** that I see a person's weak points before I do their good points.
2. I don't want to be so **CHILDISH** that everyone has to handle me with caution to keep me from getting my feelings hurt.
3. I don't want to be so involved with **SELF** that I am not considerate of others.
4. I don't want to be so **SENSITIVE** that I make myself miserable by taking everything others say personally.
5. I want to be sure that I **MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to correct any hurt that I have inflicted on another.
6. I don't want to **REPEAT** that which should be kept secret and then explain myself saying, "But it's the truth."
7. I want to be completely **TRUSTWORTHY** and merit the confidence of those with whom I associate.



Marriage Is Honorable

Robert Meredith

In Hebrews 13:4 one can read, "*Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*" Marriage is a great institution as ordained by God. How sad it is that some want to pervert or degrade this wonderful relationship. Marriage is honorable.

There are some that degrade the marriage union by teaching that to live on a higher spiritual plain one must remain celibate. The root of this doctrine goes back to the late first century. The Gnostics were individuals who claimed to know certain things. The word "Gnostic" means "to know." One of the things they claimed to know was that Jesus did not come in the flesh. The reason they believed Jesus did not come in the flesh was because they believed that flesh was evil and that man was sinful by nature. Therefore, because of this idea they taught that Jesus did not come in the flesh because that would make Jesus a sinner. The Apostle John dealt with the Gnostic influence in his account of the gospel and in the epistles he wrote (John 1:1-3, 14; 1 John). This Gnostic teaching still influences people

today. Some still believe that man is sinful by nature. Yes, we all sin (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:10), but it is not by nature, it is by choice. God made man in His image (Genesis 1:26-27) and God is a free moral agent, as are we. Man sins by making a choice that violates God's revealed will (1 John 3:4). The ideology of Gnosticism has led some to teach that fulfilling one's sexual desires, even within marriage, is to give in to the flesh and is therefore sinful. They, therefore, teach that it is better to never marry, and they forbid their "priesthood" from marrying. The Holy Spirit warned of this departure when He had Paul to pen, *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth"* (1 Timothy 4:1-3). Marriage is indeed an honorable estate.

Too, some pervert marriage by clamoring for same sex marriage. Jesus referred to Genesis 2:24 when He said, *"Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female. And said, For this cause (because they are male and female - RM) shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh"* (Matthew 19:4-5). God specifies that marriage is between a man and a woman. Homosexuality is condemned throughout the Bible (Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9). It is neither just an alternate life-style, nor is it the case that a person was born that way; God declares that it is sin. Any sin can be forgiven when one meets God's condition of forgiveness (Hebrews 11:6; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Romans 10:10; 1 Peter 3:21; Revelation 2:10b; 1 John 1: 7, 9).

The Bible put marriage in a wonderful light. When one reads the books of Ruth and Song of Solomon, he can read wonderful love stories. The book of Ruth shows love and devotion which lead to the marriage of Ruth and Boaz, while the book of Song of Solomon is a wonderful picture of married love. Let us pattern our marriages after the honorable picture of which we read in the Bible.

HOW ONE WIFE FINALLY PUT HER HUSBAND IN HIS PLACE

One summer afternoon a Sunday school teacher went over to visit a new pupil named Katrina. The family had immigrated only five years earlier from the "home country." The mother was warm and friendly, even her house exuded hospitality. What was most impressive, though, was the woman's constant references to her husband. Whenever there was a lull in the conversation a little four-year-old boy would ask, "Is it almost time for Papa to come home?" Later, the other children came in from school, greeted me politely and went to their chores. The oldest said, "I'm going to start some of Papa's favorite muffins for supper," as she headed for the kitchen. As the teacher got up to leave, Katrina asked, "Can't you wait a small moment and meet Papa?" By this time the teacher was very curious about this remarkable man who commanded such love and respect from all his family. The shock of meeting Papa was almost too much for the teacher. Instead of a well-dressed man of brilliant speech, a small man, twisting nervously at his mustache and talking in the broken accent of his native tongue, greeted "the teacher of his little Katrina." For some time the teacher pondered the mystery of this man's place in his home. Suddenly it dawned on her. It's not who or what the father is personally, but the mother's attitude toward him that makes the difference. A husband can only take his place at the head of the house when the wife respects and honors his wishes, thereby giving their children the desire to do likewise. ...Selected

Dear Brethren,

Once again you have come to our aid in so many ways. Thank you so much for the many prayers we know were said for both of us. And we know they were heard because what happened could have been a lot worse. Hopefully the left side neglect Paul has suffered will be overcome with a lot of work and time and he will get his sight back in his left eye.

We saw his doctor in Nashville again Tuesday, and he said he was doing good and he wouldn't have to see him again. The CT scan he got showed that the blood was being absorbed.

Again we can't begin to tell you how grateful we are for everything that was done for us.

The tears you will see from both of us are tears of joy that we have for having such wonderful, giving friends.

In Christian love,
Paul & Sue

THINK ON THESE THINGS

When you see a dirty face in the mirror you wash the face, not the glass. Don't try to make God's word read differently but rather bring your spiritual activities into alignment with it. Remember, friend, it isn't the mirror — it's you.
...Selected



Prayer List: Paul Brandon, James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Jason Hill (Amy Barrett's father), Dub Henry, Warren Jackson, Binita Irvin, Jimmy Shelly (Robert's uncle), Ross Simmons, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Jesse Vincent, Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

News at Green Plain

Visitation Group #2 meets **Sunday, the 14th.**

Home Show: The **Annual Home and Garden Expo** will be at the **RSEC**. Once again we will have a booth set up to pass out tracks, DVD's, etc. The Home Show will be **February 12th - 14th.**

Elders/Deacons Meeting: **Wednesday, the 17th.**

Luncheons: Our monthly luncheons will be at **11:30 am** on **Thursday, the 18th.** The **ladies** are going to **Snappy Tomato Pizza** and the **men** to **Mary's Kitchen.**

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."
(Hebrews 13:4)

ATTENDANCE February 7, 2010

Bible Study	86	Worship P.M.	62
Worship A.M.	103	Mid-week (2-3)	61

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
February 2010

USHERS: Jesse Vincent & Tristan Enoch
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Max Henry & James Pigg
Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett
Substitute: Robert Meredith

Sunday PM
2-14.....Larry Enoch
2-21.....Robert Meredith
2-28.....Rob Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:
2-14.....Eddie Ward (Matt. 21:28-32)
2-21.....Dave Thompson
2-28.....Ira Sellars

OPENING PRAYER:
2-14.....Brent Morris Jr.
2-21.....Chad Canter
2-28.....Roy Wyatt

CLOSING PRAYER:
2-14.....Dave Thompson
2-21.....Bill Stubblefield
2-28.....Preston Barrett

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Robert Barrett & Tristan Enoch

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....Larry Enoch
Wednesday.....Bill Stubblefield
Substitute.....James Pigg

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Matthias Meredith & Mary Vincent

GREETERS: Jesse & Mary Vincent

If you are unable to serve, please contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

? **Mark 15**

1. Prior to Jesus' crucifixion, who decided to deliver Him to Pilate?
2. What question did Pilate ask Him? And how did He answer?
3. Did Jesus have any more chances to defend Himself?
4. Was Pilate willing to crucify Jesus?
5. Who asked for the body of Jesus?

1. Chief priests, elders, scribes & whole council (v. 1)
2. Art thou the king of the Jews? Thou sayest it (v. 2)
3. Pilate asked him again, answering thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against Thee (v. 4)
4. No, he asked what evil he had done (v. 14)
5. Joseph of Arimathea (v. 43)



Pantry Item
Peanut Butter

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
"A Friendly Welcome Awaits You"

RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
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SERMON TOPICS FOR
February 14, 2010

A.M. - Repentance

P.M. - The Work of God

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel
Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe
Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent
Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ
Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)
Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16; Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21

Continue faithful unto death
Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9