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“If Ye Love Me...”

John 14:15

CHRIST LOVES ALL...Hebrews 2:9
CHRIST INVITES ALL...Matthew 11:28-30

COMMANDS TO SINNERS

“Believe in Me”.....John 8:24
Repent.....Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
Confess.....Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized.....Mark 16:16

COMMANDS TO CHRISTIANS

“Present your bodies”.....Romans 12:1-2
“Love not the world”.....1 John 2:15-17
Love the brethren.....1 Thessalonians 4:9
“Be thou faithful”.....Revelation 2:10

How Are We Spending Our Time?

Robert Meredith



The Apostle Paul penned, “*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil*” (Ephesians 5:16). Christians, above all other people, should use their time wisely. This is what the apostle was exhorting the Christians of Ephesus to do. Are you using your time wisely? Are you using the time God has granted you as He would wish? How are you spending your time? Is your time being used to the glory of God and the benefit of His kingdom? One day each will stand before the great Judge and give account of what he did while on earth (2 Corinthians 5:10). Therefore, we should be spending our time wisely in light of that.

Moses, the great law giver of the Old Testament system of Judaism, wrote, “*The days of our years are threescore years and ten (70-yr); and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years (80-yr)*” (Psalm 90:10). Moses informs us that man’s life span will be around seventy to eighty years on average. To the young that might seem like a good long life, but in reality that is not an extremely long time. James put it this way, “*For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little*

time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14). Many can recall with clarity events which took place many years ago. To them it was as yesterday, and in a real sense it was. Time flies, especially when you pass your teenage years. Because one’s time truly is not long, one should use it in a way which will benefit others and himself on Judgment day.

Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes, and in it he revealed how that true happiness was not found in power, wealth, secular education or carnal pleasure. He concluded the book with this, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). The purpose for our existence is to serve God. The Apostle John recorded the same thing when he revealed a vision he had had while on the isle of Patmos. Seeing a vision of the Father, he was directed to write, *“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created”* (Revelation 4:11). We live to obey God and this is what will bring man his greatest happiness (Matthew 5:3-12). Therefore, one should spend his time reverencing and obeying God.

As Solomon pointed out, what will bring man the greatest joy is serving God. Too, he tells us that every man will give account of himself to God. The Apostle Paul declared, *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according that he hath done, whether it be good or bad”* (2 Corinthians 5:10). All should know that there is a judgment day coming. With that in mind, how are you spending your time? Remember Paul said, *“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil”* (Ephesians 5:16). Where will you “spend” eternity? Why would a person in his right mind want to waste his time on earth in selfish and damning pursuits which do not bring true happiness? When one compares eighty years to eternity, it is nothing. How are you spending your time?

SUSTAINING OUR PURPOSE

In his book titled, *How To Build A Great Church*, Mac Layton relates the following account:

Sir Douglas Bader was one of Britain’s most famous and decorated flyers during World War II. He was credited with shooting down 30 enemy planes. Four times he escaped from German prisoner-of-war camps. The thing that makes his accomplishments so incredible is that he had no legs. He had suffered the loss of both legs in a plane crash some ten years before the war broke out, and when the war came, he had to beg for the opportunity to fly. It was denied repeatedly. But finally, he was commissioned in the Royal Air Force. While flying in one mission over France, his plane was hit and he was forced to bail out. One of his artificial legs caught in the cockpit, and he was forced to parachute without it. After being captured and escaping four times, the enemy finally took Sir Bader’s artificial leg from him. Isn’t it amazing what people can do when they have the grit and determination, in spite of all odds being against them! David against Goliath is a marvelous example, and so is Gideon with his army of 300 against the host of the enemy.

“For with God nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37).

...Selected

Are You BUSY?

The devil was in need of a new angel. He wanted to hire someone that could be effective in keeping people away from God. He called in the three best candidates and he asked them, "What will you do to keep people from being faithful to God?"

The first responded, "I will tell them that there is no God. I will tell them that the earth was formed by cosmic gasses coming together and exploding. I will tell them that they are the product of evolution - that man came from animal. I will destroy the very foundation of their faith."

The second responded, "I will take the Bible away from them. I will start by taking it out of the schools. I will cause the government to stop recognizing religious days. I will force upon them the 'separation of church and state' so that they will become a secular nation. I will not allow them to read the Bible on public property. I will take away the book that teaches them about God."

The third responded, "I will take away their time. I will keep them so busy with work that they do not have time for their families. I will tell them that they need to work long hours so that they can have the good things of this world. I will tell them that their vacations need to be fun and action packed so that they are tired when they come home. I will keep them busy with sporting events and concerts. I will make sure their children are so active with extracurricular activities that they will not have time to go to church. I will fill their days with so much to do that they do not have time to believe in God."

After the interview was complete, Satan was ready to make his decision. He said, "I cannot cause everyone to stop believing that God exists. I cannot even take the Bible away from anyone who wants to read it. However, I can take away their time." Satan's plan is simple: keep people so busy that they do not have time to be faithful to God. Are you too busy for God?

B-eing
U-nder
S-atan's
Y-oke

...Via Pottsville Pro-



Prayer List: Brent Klinzing (Pansy Henry's grandson), Thomas Lovett (Mary White's brother), Parvin Miller (Mary Vincent's step-father), Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Gail Wright and any who may be in need of our prayers.

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

News at Green Plain

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Wednesday, the 19th.

Monthly Luncheons: Our monthly luncheons will be on Thursday, the 20th. The ladies are going to Culvers and the men to Mary's Kitchen.

Directory: Please check the church directory that is in the foyer. Make sure your address and phone numbers are correct and add your cell phone number and/or birthdays and anniversaries.

Gospel Meeting: Dresden Church of Christ; August 23-28; 1:30 pm (Sunday), 7:00 pm (Monday - Friday) with Ken Butterworth and Charles Leonard.

Ladies Day: Macedonia Church of Christ (Dresden, TN), Saturday, August 29th beginning at 10:00 am. The speaker will be Cindy Colley.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."

1 John 5:16

ATTENDANCE August 16, 2009

Bible Study	78	Worship P.M.	70
Worship A.M.	95	Mid-week (8-12)	58

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southeast of Murray -
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Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
August 2009**

USHERS: Eddie Ward & Robert Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
A.M.: Max Henry & James Pigg
Substitute: Bobby Hall

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :
A.M.: Frank Towery & Preston Barrett
Substitute: Robert Meredith

Sunday P.M.
8-23.....James Pigg
8-30.....Frank Pool

SCRIPTURE READING:
8-23.....Paul Brandon (1 Jn. 5:14-17)
8-30.....Larry Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
8-23.....Roy Wyatt
8-30.....Rex Enoch

CLOSING PRAYER:
8-23.....Preston Barrett
8-30.....Frank Towery

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Robert Barrett & Paul Brandon

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

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Matthias Meredith & Kye Luffman

GREETERS: Chad & Vicki Canter
LAWN CARE: Larry Enoch

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

 **Matthew 19**

1. Between whom did Jesus say a marriage was?
2. Jesus said, "What therefore God hath joined together," what?
3. According to God, what is the only reason for a divorce and remarriage?
4. What is it easier for a camel to go through than a rich man to get to heaven?

1. Male & Female (vs. 4-5)
2. Let not man put asunder (v. 6)
3. Fornication (v. 9)
4. Eye of a needle (v. 24)

**Remember to
bring snacks for
the hospital.**



**Pantry Item
Soup**

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
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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
August 23, 2009**

A.M. - Sin Unto Death

P.M. - The Spiritual Harvest

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