

MARKET STREET

"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

Proper Perspective

Dee Bowman

“Perspective” was originally the science of optics. It is now used in conversation to describe a mental view or disposition; it’s how one views life. For this little piece, perspective is your viewpoint about life.

How we view life is vital to our happiness as well as to our eternal destiny. May I offer a few suggestions about a good perspective?

Begin by getting a proper view of life. Culture is a poor measuring stick. Look around you. People everywhere are more interested in being somebody than in being a good somebody. They have elevated success to such a high place that character and excellence don’t seem to matter. Society rules. It calls the shots. It’s more interested in money than character, more concerned about leisure than accomplishment, more dedicated to pleasure than piety.

And we are immersed in a cult of youth. Today, if you’re old, you’re of no account. You sort of get in the way. Look at the advertising— television, magazines, newspapers, billboards—they’re all recommending youth as the main ingredient in a contented life. If you’re old, you’re ugly, so buy creams that make you look young (even though you’re not). If you’re old, you don’t understand, so just keep quiet and let the young, knowledgeable intellectuals speak. Furthermore, if you’re old, you’re out of date, out of touch, and you would do well to just get out of the way. And what ever happened to wisdom, having been “down the road”? Worldliness has replaced wisdom.

Take a more serious view of life. Soberness is the best way to view life. “It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart,” we are told in Ecclesiastes 7:2. Now that doesn’t mean that you go around with a sad look as if you’re on the way to a funeral all the time, but it does mean that a serious-minded person is one that has deduced what life is all about, that it’s short at best, and that life, after all, is mostly a probationary period during which we are to equip ourselves for the really

superior life reserved for the faithful. That's reason for being serious, don't you think?

Listen to the right stuff. Yes, I said, listen. There is great value in learning to listen. We are within the mark when we use the terminology "pay attention." It suggests that we owe our attention. "Take heed how you hear," Jesus said in Luke 18:8. Listening is so important; and the right kind of listening imperative. We sometimes listen to the wrong things. We elevate the inferior to a place of the superior. One of the most obvious displays of that is seen in our propensity for listening to gossip. We almost relish in it. Why is it that we listen attentively to the wrong things and tune out the right? We need to learn to listen to the right things. There's great benefit in that. "Don't take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant curse you" (Ecclesiastes 7:21). If we don't listen to the wrong things, we won't be so often upset.

View God's wisdom as the standard in your life. God's ways are always superior. People in this age seem to think that God's word is out of touch with reality, that it has no practical value for living in today's world. Nothing could be further from reality. It still "thoroughly furnishes a man unto every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17), just as it always has. It's still "quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12), just as it's always been, and it's still true that there is "one that judgeth," He says—"the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Without the word of God we are lost at sea with no compass. When we try to direct our own path, we not only look hopelessly foolish, we are hopelessly foolish. "It is not in man to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23) is as true today as the day it was first penned by the prophet.

Realize that God has a plan. He has a plan for man's salvation from sin, as well as for his continued faithfulness. He has revealed to us His true nature—not only his love, but His wrath as well. He has shown us in Jesus Christ an example of the quality life, one dedicated to service to both God and man. He has given us a mutual encouragement in the church, one that edifies, inspires courage, ennobles, and gives us an abiding hope. He has given us faith to know, hope to anchor, and love to hold everything together. He has marriage laws; then laws for husbands and wives. He has laws for rearing children, as well as laws for children being reared. He has laws regarding integrity—in business, in pleasure, in

duress or peace. And He has given us assurance of great rewards, rewards so wonderful they defy understanding, much less adequate description.

How do you view life? It's up to you what perspective you choose, you know.

—via *Southside Sunday*; Pasadena, Texas.

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You Could Be Rich

Allen Dvorak

Many of us have probably received that familiar piece of mail with Ed McMahon's picture on it and which announces that "*You may have already won 10 million dollars.*" This represents for many people the dream of a lifetime, to win the grand prize in a sweepstakes. The advertisement always says that we can now buy that big, beautiful house we have always wanted. In the advertisement is also what looks like an expensive sports car with the bold-lettered message underneath that says "*You Could Buy This Car With Cash.*" Often what dominates all the colorful pictures is a large scene of Disney World (to which most will attest that winning a sweepstakes is the only way a family of four can afford to go). But just as the advertisement begins to work its magic on us, making visions of wealth spin before our eyes, reality rears its ugly head. Careful reading tells us that we have not actually won yet and we have only a 1 in 2.5 zillion chance of winning! For many, however, this is the only way to become extremely wealthy. For even more of us, the truth is that we do not even know someone who knows someone who has won such a sweepstakes. And so the hope of becoming extremely rich subsides as quickly as it came.

Christians are already rich, having received true wealth rather than alluring but unlikely promises. Not only do they presently enjoy all spiritual blessings in Christ, but they are heirs to an eternal and incorruptible inheritance (Ephesians 1:3, 11; 1 Peter 1:3-4). They are like children who are in line to inherit the tremendous wealth of their parent. We all know what happens when a wealthy man's will is about to be read. People claiming

to be his relatives appear out of thin air because they know that blood relationship can put them in line for part of that inheritance. Romans 8:14-17 says that those who are God's children are joint heirs with Christ and stand to receive an inheritance. But this inheritance could never be adequately illustrated or described with colorful pictures of cars and houses. It is not a sports car. It is not ten million crisp, green dollar bills. It is spiritual and its value is beyond our imagination.

Unfortunately, many people are more interested in cars, houses and the other things that money can buy and so they overlook this spiritual inheritance. They may send back their sweepstakes numbers in the vain hope of winning but neglect to take advantage of the spiritual blessings which could be theirs for a certainty. Very few will win the grand prize in the sweepstakes, but the day will surely come when God will give His children their inheritance. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23 that many will try to claim relationship on that day, but only those who are truly God's spiritual children, those who submit to His authority as Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven.

-via *News & Notes*; Madison, Alabama.

Beacon of Truth

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Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

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8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

News & Notes

THE SICK:

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Gilbert Hardy
Ann Bush
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Gayle Ball
Eli Williams
Betty Hamm
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Al Pollard
Ava Brooke Campbell
Ben Hinkle
Una King Currier
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Anita Willis

In The Hospital:

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 10-A	William Thomas, rm. 70
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 18
Terry Camp, rm. 82	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 98	

Limestone Health Facility:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 100 Geneva Davis, rm. 14-E

Limestone Manor:

Mary Ruth Gardner, rm. 86

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at home

Hazel Brooks, at home

Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville

Wynell Casteel, at home

Marjorie Dunnivant, in Huntsville in assisted living

Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle

Essie Hardison, at home

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: *The Bradleys:* Steve and Marilyn are in Texas... *The Coblentz':* Tommy and Marcella have been out of town this past week in Tennessee... *The Ogles:* Mike and Nikki have been out of town with

Mike's work... **James Johnson** is back home now after attending his granddaughter's wedding in Georgia last weekend... **The Mitchells: Larry & Peggy** are back home after being out of town last week... **Jocelyn Pepper** is in Texas this week with her sister... **Harvey Nixon** has been out of town this week with his work.

ADULT CLASSES: This morning the **Twenty Something Class** will begin meeting. They will meet in Classroom 21 in the east wing. They will be studying **Ecclesiastes**... The adult class meeting in the west auditorium will continue the study of **Exodus**... The ladies class meeting the east auditorium is continuing the study of **Second Samuel**... The auditorium class will begin a study of **Philemon**. If you are not attending these classes why not begin?

CONFESSION: This past Wednesday night **Christina Banks** came forward asking prayers for strength and forgiveness. We appreciate the attitude displayed by Christina and may we encourage to live a faithful life in the service of God.

GOSPEL MEETING: Thee **Hay's Mill church** will begin a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. **Allen Dvorak** will be the speaker in this meeting.

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group two** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group.

CALL MESSAGES FROM MARKET STREET: From time to time the church at Market Street uses an automated calling system to inform the members of the information that needs to be disseminated quickly. The phone number of the church for these calls is 256-297-2307. If you receive a call from this number, it will be the Market Street church message system. The message system is voice activated, so this will require you to say something and then the message should follow. There may be a slight delayed in the start up of the message.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday afternoon at 5:30.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of April 24th
Sunday: Bible Classes..... 139
 Morning Worship 182
 Evening Worship..... 146
Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 129

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 1st:

Morning Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblenz
 Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Prayer Russell Melvin
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Norman Brown
 Assisting Jordan Lovell
 Serving Kenneth Smith Danny Johnson
 Keenon Currier Heath Dollar
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements Tommy Coblenz
 Song Leader Stefan Fudge
 Prayer Terry Andrews
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Norman Brown
 Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 1st:
 Ushers Larry Mitchell/Marcus Morris
 Work Sound System Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, May 4th:

Song Leader A. J. Price
 Bible Reading..... (2 Corinthians 7:9-16)
 Jason Conn
 Prayer Seth Todd
 Invitation David Cox
 Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Sunday, May 8th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer Jordan Lovell
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding Terry Andrews
 Assisting Dwaine Allfrey
 Serving Marion Mitchell Stefan Fudge
 Nathaniel Adams... Russ Wulfekuhl
 Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Evening Worship

Announcements Harvey Nixon
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer Jason Conn
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Terry Andrews
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 8th:
 Ushers Heath Dollar/Marvin Putman
 Work Sound System Landon Adams