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



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You Ought To Be Teachers

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

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God has purposed that there be teaching in the church. Paul said Christ “gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12). Furthermore, Paul told Timothy, “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). It is evident that God intends for us to be instructed in His word and to share this knowledge with others. You ought to be teachers!

Teaching is an important part of Christianity. One must be taught about God, Christ, and the will of God before he can become a Christian; he must continue to learn God’s word after baptism. This is clearly seen in Jesus’ charge to His apostles in the Great Commission, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). Today, who will teach God’s Word to the lost and the “babes in Christ”? You ought to be teachers!

In the early days of the New Testament church, the word of God increased and the number of the disciples multiplied (Acts 6:7). There is almost always a direct correlation between the amount of teaching done and the growth of the church. We must plant and water so that God can give an increase (1 Corinthians 3:8). If you want the church to grow, you ought to be teachers!

Teaching God’s Word may include teaching Bible classes when saints assemble to worship. This is important. However, we also need people who will teach family, friends, neighbors, fellow-workers, and classmates. We must recognize and seize every opportunity given us, and we must pray for more (Colossians 4:3-5). New Testament Christians preached and taught Jesus “daily in the temple and in every house” (Acts 5:42). They went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:4). You ought to be teachers!

The writer of Hebrews wrote to some who by reason of time should

have been teachers but who were not (Hebrews 5:12). Such slothfulness hinders the work of the church in spreading the gospel and weakens the church spiritually. Time that could be spent teaching those outside of Christ must be spent teaching again those who are “dull of hearing.” And those “unskilled in the word of righteousness” are unable to discern good and evil. You ought to be teachers!

“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed...” (2 Timothy 2:15). Do not be “dull of hearing” (Hebrews 5:11) or “entangled in the affairs of the world” (2 Timothy 2:2-4). Equip yourself to teach the Word of God!

~via *The Gospel Observer*; Hendersonville, Tennessee.



Weightier Matters

Chuck Bartlett

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye have done, and not leave the other undone” (Matthew 23:23).

Jesus, the master teacher, always made the truth perfectly clear. Telling things like it is, is exactly what Christians need to do today. The lesson to learn from Christ is that all truth is to be made known.

It seems easier to tolerate sinfulness in others as long as they dress nice, never miss assembly and be friendly towards you. Is it possible to find ourselves setting our own standard of faithfulness? Could Christians be found stressing the need to adhere to certain doctrines of Christ, yet omit other requirements of Christ’s law? Not only is this possible, but probable.

In the first century, saints succumbed to leniency in certain areas of the Lord’s commands, and at the same time placed importance in keeping other laws. In 1 Corinthians 5, Paul rebuked the church of tolerating immorality (vs. 1,2). Even though the brethren at Corinth did not cease assembling themselves together (vv. 4,7), overlooking a sin was unacceptable.

It is not only easy to consider certain laws more important than others, it is also dangerous. That line of

thinking may find churches wanting preaching that is “positive,” and think that lessons which “warn” are unnecessary. Not only that, preachers may find themselves harping on certain topics, over and over, and not deal with other important issues.

When Paul exhorted Timothy to preach the word (2 Timothy 4:2), all the word was implied. What is common among almost every religious group, past, present and future, is having some truths emphasized. The consequences of omitting any of the gospel of Christ puts every person and group in the same spiritual state.

Subjects like faith, repentance, confession, baptism, love, and attendance are just as important as topics like divorce and remarriage, immodest apparel, fornication, fellowship, and authority, etc.

When it comes to the weightier matters of the law of Christ, John wrote, “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 9). This means that we are to abide in “all” of the teachings of Christ. Let us learn from the rebuke Christ gave to the scribes and Pharisees. May we resist the urge to set our own standards and teach some things while overlooking other things.

~via *The Gospel Observer*; Ashland, Kentucky



“Though He Slay Me”

Robert F. Turner

Among the many examples of Job’s steadfastness is this: “Behold, He will slay me; I have no hope; nevertheless I will maintain my ways before Him. This also is my salvation, That a godless man shall not come before Him” (Job 13:15-16). The footnote reads: “Though He slay me, yet will I wait for Him.” When the going gets rough, we tend to seek a “scapegoat” – we must put the blame on someone other than ourselves. But why do those who have made such a show of trusting in God “take it out” on Him? This indicates the shallowness of our faith. Job did not have to enjoy good times to realize the importance of godliness. “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.” And his reasoning was excellent. “A godless man shall not come before Him,” i.e., there is

no future in the opposite course.

Must we “make a deal” with God? IF you will bless and prosper me, I will toss you a few crumbs? When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were threatened with the fiery furnace should they refuse to worship a pagan god, they replied, “We have no need to answer thee in this matter.” (I.E., Our decision to serve Jehovah has long ago settled any opposite appeal.) “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.” That is to say, whether God sees fit to save us or not, we will not doubt His power, nor cease to serve Him. Better to die faithful than to trade our souls for a few years.

Paul asked God to remove a “thorn” from his flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7-9) but accepted, without wavering, the answer: “My grace is sufficient for thee.” And Peter got to the heart of matters when asked if he would “go away”; he replied, “Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.”

“The trying of your faith worketh patience...” (James 1:3-f), if there be genuine faith to try. “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small” (Proverbs 24:10). Are they not shortsighted who forsake the kingdom because of tribulations? (Acts 14:22).

~via *Plain Talk*; Burnett, Texas.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Ruby Dean Ezell	Doris Lovell
Patsy Thomas	Cindy Glass
Linda Jones	Ashley Sims
Sara Ogles	Shaun Carruth
Shelly Scruggs	Wayne Gooch
Ann Bush	Everette “Bud” Dollar

Updates:

Dan Lovell received a good report from the heart catherization he had done on Tuesday... **Anna Price, A.J. Price's sister**, is in the Huntsville Hospital and has made some improvements since entering the hospital

on Tuesday night. Continue to pray for her recovery... **Donna Wright** will be having a heart valve replacement upcoming soon. Keep her in your prayers... **Kaleigh Conn** will be undergoing a heart procedure to correct the hole in her heart... **Patsy Thomas** will be undergoing out-patient surgery on her knee on Friday ... **Priscilla Tucker** began her treatments this past Wednesday. Pray that the treatments will be effective... **Adrian Maynard**, a preacher for the Hindsbury Rd. in Barbados, is still awaiting word on his surgery to remove a tumor from his head.

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Gayle Ball
Irene Inman	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Priscilla Tucker
Jenny Pickens	Ella Melvin
Daniel Ogles	Diane Kilpatrick
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Brittany Bates Carter
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Bobby McLemore
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Eli Williams	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Anna Price; Huntsville Hospital - Huntsville, – ICU
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Reba Byram, rm. 64	Nelva Reed, rm. 61
Helen Trousdale, rm. 43	Judith Groce, rm. 10-B
Dorothy Draper, rm. 73	Oneal Martin, rm. 81
Joyce Martin, rm. 73	Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 39	

Limestone Health Facility:

Opal Conn, rm. 117

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, at home
Marjorie Dunnivant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
Essie Hardison, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home
William Thomas, at home

