

MARKET STREET



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

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Worthy Advice for Life

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"He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds; From following the ewes that had young, He brought him, To shepherd Jacob, His people, and Israel His inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands" (Psalm 78:70-72)

Each year at this time, we are faced with many changes in life. Children who have never been to school will begin in the fall for the first time. Children who have been in school are finishing their high school requirements to embark for various educational, technical pursuits or jobs for the future. Life is just like that. It is always in constant change. As we go throughout life and the many changes there will be many that will offer advice on how to cope with life and its changes. The psalmist in Psalm 78 gives three crucial things to remember as we go through life.

Remember Where You Came From. The psalmist tells of God choosing His servant David from the sheep pens (Psalm 78:70-72). It was not because of his greatness that David was chosen. It was because of his humility and service. The greatness came to David because he first was humble and even in his greatness he continued to be humble and remember that it is God that caused him to be great.

Build Your Character. The psalmist in his first statement about David as king speaks of his integrity, *"So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart"* (Psalm 78:72). What does the psalmist mean by integrity? It is maintaining a code of moral values, being the same person inside and out. There was no double standard. One may ask, "What about the sin with Bathsheba?" Integrity is not about perfection, but instead seeing how David handled this sin when confronted by Nathan in 2 Samuel 12:7. In Psalm 51, we read the psalm of David seeing the contrition of heart and desire to be pleasing to God. The character of David continues to be built one choice at a time throughout his life in serving the Lord.

Perfect Your Skills. The psalmist concludes by, "And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands" (Psalm 78:72). The psalm speaks of David

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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not only as a king of integrity and character but also as a “skillful” king. David enlarged the kingdom greatly without suffering any serious defeats. Israel was at its zenith of glory and prosperity with David as king. This should teach us to do the very best at whatever we do. Solomon, David’s son, wrote, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going” (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Paul wrote to the Colossians, “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men” (Colossians 3:23). So remember, *do your best!*

Life does have many changes, but these three important reminders the psalmist gives will help as we navigate the changes. Indeed, the psalmist gives us worthy advice for life.



Your Labor Will Live On

Michael W. McLemore

Edward Everett, the leading orator of the middle 19th Century, was invited to give the keynote address of the ceremonies dedicating the national cemetery at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. His speech lasted two hours. Though the organizers of the event preferred that he not speak at all, President Abraham Lincoln was allowed to briefly address the large assembly. The crowd scarcely quieted before the President had completed his three minute carefully prepared “Gettysburg Address.” It is said that a man with a camera didn’t have time to set up his equipment before Lincoln was finished.

James asked, “What is your life?” Answering, he said, “For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes,” (James 4:14). Life is fleeting. Young and old pass daily into eternity. Instantly or with much suffering, life ends like a vapor vanishes, almost as quickly as it appeared. The question that is often asked is, “Are you prepared for that event?” I would ask it another way, “What are you doing with this vapor called life?”

They feared that Lincoln might resort to telling funny stories at Gettysburg. They shunned him as the central speaker, in favor of Everett. Asked to make only “a few concluding remarks,” Lincoln readied himself with great care. So brief were his remarks few realized

they had heard a masterpiece. It is apparent from the speech that President Lincoln had no idea the lasting impact his few words would have on the world — “The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget why they [the honored dead, mwm] died here.”

As a Christian, “What are you doing with the moments of your life?” Are your moments wasted on quests for this world? Inspiration tells of the unavailing hope of such crusades, James 4:13-17. Why not give your life to the task of starting others on the road to heaven? Start at home with your family. Expand your efforts to your neighbors, friends, colleagues and then on to the world at large. When your vapor has long before vanished, your labor will live on.

~via *Weatherly Weekly*; Huntsville, Alabama.



Honor To Whom Honor Is Due

Sean Cavender

A particular unique aspect of the church, and one the Scriptures repeatedly emphasize, is the need for members of the church to give honor and preference to one another. “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor...” (Romans 12:10, NASB). Paul would show the extent of this camaraderie we share by stating, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). It is right to notice the good works of faithful Christians and recognize them for their deeds. It is also right for us to give honor to others as we benefit from their good examples. In the following chapter, Paul would later make application of this principle in how we submit to the governing authorities. Especially regarding paying our taxes, he said to render what is due to them, “honor to whom honor” (Romans 13:7). Yet, this principle can be, and ought to be applied in at least two aspects of our lives.

Honor Your Spouse – Paul wrote to wives and husbands, “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own

husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.” (Colossians 3:18-19, KJV). There are sacrifices that our spouse makes that we need to recognize. Husbands, do you have a wife that is submissive and obedient to your leadership and/or stays at home with your children? Honor them for that sacrifice (1 Peter 3:7). Wives, do you have a husband that loves you, provides for you, and is that spiritual leader in your home? Honor him and be obedient to him for his diligence to obey God. There are far too many husbands and wives that are not fulfilling their roles in the home as the Lord intended. That leads to problems in all facets of life.

Honor Your Parents — “Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise” (Ephesians 6:2, KJV). We honor our parents by our obedience to them and to the Lord. Thank your heavenly Father if you have godly parents that raised you in a way to show you how to be a disciple of Christ.

Let us make a habit of honor to whom honor is due. We have plenty of people to honor and thank the Lord for giving us in our lives.

~via *College View Family Report*; Florence, Alabama.



Bedrock Principles

Dan Lankford

Coach John Wooden (UCLA, 1948-1975) said of himself, “I don’t think I was a fine game coach. I’m trying to be honest. I think I was a good practice coach.” What’s the difference? The difference is in the fundamentals. Can you execute the fundamental moves of the game with individual precision, individual determination, and team unison every single time in practice? Then the games will take care of themselves.

That’s one of the reasons that our focus is on the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. For Christians whose faith is not as mature, it helps to establish a strong foundation on which to build a better walk of faith. But even for mature Christians, it works like practice: an effort to help each of us understand Christianity with doctrinal precision, hold our individual sense of

determination, and move in unison with our brothers and sisters.

The Holy Spirit told one group of Christians that it was important for them to move beyond the basics and into greater maturity (Hebrews 5:11-6:9), but we never truly leave those bedrock ideas behind. Remember that Paul said the most important thing he taught to the Corinthians was about the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4), which is among the basics talked about in Hebrews 6:3. The foundations stay with us, and only when we are strong on those foundations will we be able to grow beyond them. (Slightly Edited)

~via *Eastland Bulletin*; Louisville, Kentucky.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Peggy Pepper	Brenda Jones
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
Doris Lovell	Bobbie Adcock
Ann Bush	Nathan Craig

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Lona Jackson	Janice Cagle
Judy Vaughn	Ella Melvin
Robert Beasley	Jeanette Weir
Cornelia Pepper	Pat Wulfekuhl
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Kenneth Fisher
Una King Currier	Matt Poff
Susan Cox	Gene Carpenter
Cindy Walker	Phillip Harwell
Wayne Wooldridge	Brittany Bates Carter

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Leonard Clines, 99	Valeria Dalton, 7
Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, 77
Evelyn Hogan, 36	Dorothy Draper, 73

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at City Center, Decatur
 Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter’s in Huntsville

Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Bettye Harrison, Traditions
 Irene Inman, at home
 Virginia Meyer, Shepherd Living, Madison
 Stan Stanford, at home
 William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
 Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Jennifer Threet had heart tests done on Wednesday and is still waiting for her final results. The initial results were good...**Brenda Jones** had out-patient surgery on Thursday at the Athens Surgery Center on her knee and hand...**Peggy Pepper** fell this past Monday breaking a bone in her foot and a cut requiring stitches...**Bettye Harrison** is in Traditions, room 124...**Jewel Dean Kennamer's granddaughter, Brittany Bates Carter** is in Houston, Texas living in an apartment taking treatments at M.D. Anderson with two more weeks of treatments. She has completed 31 treatments at this point.

OUT OF TOWN: The Nixons: Harvey & Pat are in Virginia this week for their grandson's graduation...**Jewell Dean Kennamer** was in Ohio last week with her family...**The Burns: Tommy and Susan** were out of town at the Gulf last week.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: Meets each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the west auditorium, except for the 2nd Tuesday of the month when they meet at the Limestone Manor.

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

PICTURES: We are in the process of making and updating pictures of everyone for the Market Street directory. Pictures will be made in room 20 in the east wing.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of May 12th:

Sunday:	Bible Classes	141
	Morning Worship	215
	Evening Worship	158
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	119



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, May 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Russell Melvin
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Holt
 Assisting Larry Tucker
 Serving Keenon Currier David Terry
 Danny Johnson..... Sam Gregory
 Closing Prayer Kenneth Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Marcus Morris
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Keith Hinkle
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer Jerry McGlocklin

Other Assignments for the week of May 19th:

Ushers..... Dwaine Allfrey/Steve Usery
 Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

Wednesday, May 22nd:

Song Leader Larry Holt
 Bible Reading Heath Dollar
 Mark 16:1-8
 Prayer..... Albert Haraway
 Invitation..... Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Marion Mitchell

Sunday, May 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
 Assisting Terry Andrews
 Serving Clayton Hamm Matthew Usery
 Will Chumbley..... Harold Davis
 Closing Prayer Tommy Coblentz

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Joel Hamm
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching Song Service
 Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for the week of May 26th:

Ushers..... Heath Dollar/Steve Bradley
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams