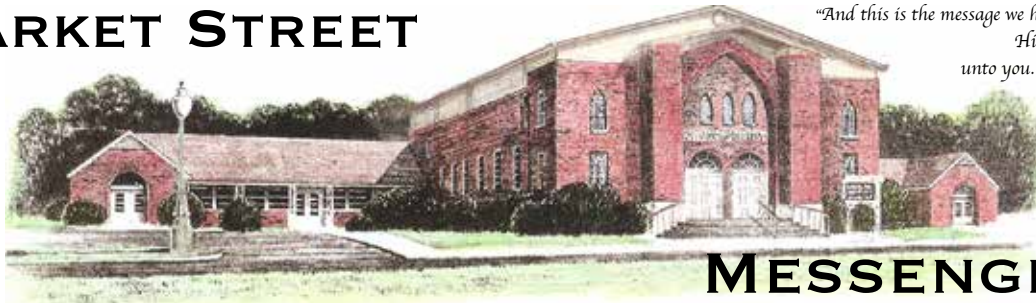


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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When Should I Be Patient?

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

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We live in a day of an impatient culture, where speed is king. We find ourselves in a hurry when there is absolutely no reason for it. Just notice the people around you and observe. I have seen people very upset because they missed a revolution in a revolving door. We have become an uptight generation where nothing is done quickly enough. Our society has programmed us to hate waiting on anything, and the fact is that we are going to spend a lot of time just flat-out waiting. Sometimes we need to learn to "wait." In James 5:7-11, we are instructed to be patient when:

1. Circumstances are Uncontrollable. In James 5:7, we read, "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until he receives the early and latter rain." James gives the illustration of the farmer that works and waits for the harvest. There are many things in farming that are beyond the farmer or husbandman's control. As the farmer is patient in waiting for the harvest, we must learn to be patient in life as we await the reward. Many things in life are beyond our control; we must learn to be patient.

2. People are Unchangeable. In James 5:10, we read, "My brethren, take the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience." James reminds us of the prophet of old who prophesied to the children of Israel, trying to persuade them to be faithful to God and to turn back to Him. They are an example to us of how we must be patient when we are trying to do right, and others around us seem not to care at all. Even when we work diligently to persuade people to do right and they will not change, we must be patient.

3. Problems are Unexplainable. In James 5:11, we read, "Indeed, we count them blessed who endure. Ye have heard of the perseverance of Job and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful." Job was an extremely wealthy man but lost it all, even all his family, except for his wife. Job did not know why all of the terrible things were happening to him. He could not explain the reasons for his loss. He received no real encouragement from his friends, and even his wife urged

him to curse God and die. These unexplainable events in Job's life are a classic example of the lesson of when we need to be patient. For Job, there was no explanation. For 37 chapters in Job, God was silent. When God is silent, I must be patient. I must not speak for God when He has not spoken; I must trust in God that He will do good for me (Romans 8:28).

Patience can be hard and challenging at times, but let us then strive for a deeper and more profound faith. Let us find patience when circumstances are uncontrollable, people are unchangeable, and problems are unexplainable. Patience and waiting are a part of faith. Trust in God, recognizing that God is for us and is working.



We Should Consider...

Leland R. Ping

Being a Christian is not simply something that we do and never give thought to who we are or what we're doing. Instead, we are instructed to be thoughtful about our godly service, fully aware of the importance of our work in His kingdom. This was the point of the inspired writer when he wrote:

"For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls" (Hebrews 12:3).

As with so many other passages in scripture, this single verse teaches us many valuable things. First, take a moment to "consider" the word "consider." The Holy Spirit is making a deliberate request of saints to actively think about not only Jesus but also how His experiences compare with our own. This ought not to be a rare and passing thought for Christians, but rather a frequent part of our regular thought process.

Second, the Holy Spirit advises us to consider "Him." Jesus Christ is the very center of everything that we do, think, and say as servants of the most high God. If humanity would remember this, it would go a long way in clearing up the confusion that comes from false doctrine that has everything but Jesus as the center of our lives.

Third, the writer wants us to appreciate that just as Jesus endured, "hostility from sinners," so will we. In fact, our Lord taught us that we will be "hated" by others (sinners) for the mere reason that we have pledged ourselves to serving Him (Matthew 10:22). No one is naïve enough to think that, armed with this knowledge, that the sufferings we endure will all of the sudden be more "pleasant," but we ought to be able to take some level of comfort in knowing that we bear some similarity to our Savior (including His sufferings) as a result of our dedication to Him.

Fourth, the rationale for remembering Jesus is clearly defined by the writer. The goal of looking at Jesus and considering the Savior is to avoid both weariness and discouragement. One of the things that Christians need to always be aware of is the fact that Satan knows us and knows that one of his greatest tools is that of discouragement. That is, Satan doesn't have to get you or me to "do" something wrong, as long as he can keep us from doing right. No wonder why the Holy Spirit saw fit to provide us with this warning!

As we begin a new week, let us, too, "consider" our walk and the responsibilities that we have toward our loving God. In doing so, let us ponder the perfect sacrifice of the Christ and the suffering that He endured so that we could live. And let us never, ever, be discouraged. The work we do is worthwhile in every respect!

~via Lake Elsinore church of Christ; Lake Elsinore, California.



Obedience from the Heart

Michael Hickox

"Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and saw how the multitude cast money into the treasury. Many who were rich cast in much. A poor widow came, and she cast in two small brass coins, which equal a quadrans coin. He called His disciples to Himself, and said to them, 'Most certainly I tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those who are giving into the treasury, for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on'" (Mark 12:41-44).

In Mark 12:38-40, the inspired writer recorded

Jesus' rebukes against certain scribes who did works for "greetings in the marketplaces" and "for a pretense." Their individual's righteousness looked impressive to many, but God saw right through them.

Right after Mark's account of these rebukes come the account of the poor widow. Just as God saw through the hypocrisy of the scribes, He saw the sincerity of a woman who may not have appeared to be doing a whole lot in the eyes of others, but Jesus knew the "full story." Whether or not the widow's benevolence was impressive to mankind, it pleased God in part because it came from a pure heart.

Some who gave much may have done so to "show off," like the motive the scribes had for making long prayers (Mark 12:40). Some may have given "grudgingly, or under compulsion" (2 Corinthians 9:7), instead of cheerfully. The widow who gave two mites did not demonstrate either of these attitudes.

The widow's example demonstrates several biblical principles. God does not always judge and value things in the same way man does. This is partly because He knows things that we do not, as demonstrated with the poor widow and her circumstances.

It is also brought out that God looks at more than just outward actions...He looks at our hearts (cf. 1 Samuel 16:6-7). This is not to say that outward actions are not important, as this account itself shows, but the heart must be right to please God. The details of the account imply that the widow obeyed from the heart.

May we learn from this example and remember what Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).
~via *Olney church of Christ*; Olney, Illinois.

Ninth Annual Singing

February 28, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Song Leaders: Jim Deason, Wiley Deason & Johnny Felker



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News & Notes...

THE SICK:

JoAnn Gilbert	Gayle Ball
Arvid McGuire	Helen Blankenship
Bobbie Adcock	Doris Lovell
Loretta Warner	Alvis McLemore
Yvonne Strickland	Ann Bush
Lloyd Adams	Joyce Tucker

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Donna Wright	Freddie Mae Elmore
Nikki Ogles	Anita Wheeler
Lona Jackson	Janice Cagle
Judy Vaughn	Ella Melvin
Jeanette Weir	Cornelia Pepper
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Kenneth Fisher	Al Pollard
Charles Burns	David Collier
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Matt Poff	Gene Carpenter
Carrie Warner	Jewel Nagle

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Marion Pepper; Madison Hospital, rm. 513
Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Betty Lovell, rm. 120	Mildred Lambert, rm. 3
Mattie Murray, rm. 2	Valeria Dalton, rm. 7
Connie Brock, rm. 62	Brenda Wilson, rm. 77
Christine Hudson, rm. 77	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36

Limestone Health Facility:

Mot Beasley, rm. 117	Bettye Harrison, rm. 59
Virginia Meyer, rm. 64	Alice Roberson, rm. 49

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Elease Barksdale, Limestone Lodge
Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Irene Inman, at home
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

JoAnn Gilbert had problems with her heart rhythm this past week and had to shock her heart to restore the rhythm...*Helen Blankenship* is scheduled to have a pacemaker put in on March 12th...*Dale Adcock* is sched-

uled to have ankle replacement surgery on March 4th... **Arvid McGuire** had a procedure done on his kidneys on Thursday... **Larry Tucker's mother, Joyce Tucker**, has decided not to take treatments for her cancer ... **Lona Jackson's son, Kevin Belue**, has been diagnosed with cancer and is going to the doctor to determine the treatment.

GOSPELMEETING: The **Danville church** in Decatur is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be **Steve Klein**.

NINTH ANNUAL SINGING: This Friday night will be the time for our Ninth Annual Singing. As we have in the past there are a number of things need to be done to assist with the singing. We will need to put out chairs on Wednesday evening following our Bible study. Also, we will need some to help with parking, ushering, etc. If you can do this, please let me know.

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

SONG SERVICE: Our regular scheduled monthly song service will be this evening at 5:00. I hope that everyone will be able to be present..

OUT OF TOWN: **The Stiles:** **Chuck and Benita** are in Pascagoula, Mississippi with Chuck's work. He will be working there and coming home occasionally... **The Parks:** **Charles, Meredith, Abraon and Harper** are back home after being in St. Louis, Missouri last week... **Steve Bradley** returned home from Houston, Texas this week.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS: Remember the **Ladies Bible Class** that meets on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the West Auditorium.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Remember our young people who are continuing their education in college:
Kenneth Adams, University of Alabama - Huntsville
Keenon Currier, Auburn University
Clayton Hamm, University of North Alabama
Griffin Holt, University of Alabama
Elizabeth Usery, Mississippi State University
Matthew Usery, University of North Alabama

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

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Feb. 16th:*
 Sunday: Bible Classes 142
 Morning Worship 192
 Evening Worship 122
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 97

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, February 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Kenneth Smith
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Tommy Coblentz
 Assisting Keith Hinkle
 Serving Charles Vaughn Tim Griswold
 Harold Davis Sam Gregory
 Closing Prayer Marty Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Joel Hamm
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Albert Haraway
 Preaching..... Song Service
 Lord's Supper Tommy Coblentz
 Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Other Assignments for the week of February 23rd:

Ushers..... Marcus Morris/Danny Holt
 Work Sound System..... Landon Adams

Wednesday, February 26th:

Song Leader David Barnett
 Bible Reading Dan Reed
 Hebrews 10:1-10
 Prayer..... Larry Holt
 Invitation Hunter Cox
 Closing Prayer Joel Hamm

Sunday, March 1st:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Tommy Coblentz
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Holt
 Assisting Mike Ogles
 Serving Danny Johnson.. Roger Hammonds
 Marvin Putman Heath Dollar
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Hunter Cox
 Preaching David Cox
 Lord's Supper Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for the week of March 1st:

Ushers..... Russ Wulfekuhl/Terry Andrews
 Work Sound System..... Marty Adams