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RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE		August 31	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Bible Class	50	Opening Prayer	Patrick Cook	Anthony Grigsby
Attendance AM	76	Song Leader	Chris Poole	Michale Blanks, Jr.
Attendance PM	37	Lead Lord's Supper	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
Wednesday PM	33	Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
PRAYER REQUESTS		Server 2	Anthony Grigsby	Jerry Thomas
Prayer for Health: Dana Grigsby; Karia Sutherlin and Heaven Sutherlin; Mary Sanders; Krubo Joploh; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Naomi Shields Traveling: Norris Cole, II; Richard Melson, Jr.; Norris Cole, II Prayers: Families in Minneapolis, MN Repentance: Baptism: Sympathy: Member Birthdays: August — 10 – Diane Cole (Norris); 11– Ashley Thomas; 20 - Ryan McGahee, Marie Tolley; 21 - Naree Poole Anniversaries: August — 7– Dwayne &Tena Eslick; 25– Richard & Valerie Melson; 31— Patrick & Penny Cook; Patrick & Ashley Thomas Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class September 4 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 10 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”		Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Tony Moore
		Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
		Prayer for Responses	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
		Closing Prayer	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
		Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
		Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
		Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
		Usher		

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

“Pray without ceasing”
1 Thessalonians 5:17

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your “church” and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday
Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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CAN I BE HIS DISCIPLE?

Winfred Clark

We have seen and heard an extended discussion about the topic of discipleship. So much of it has been foreign to what the Lord had in mind. In some cases, men have required more than the Lord required, and in other cases, less has been required.

If one will take a look at what Jesus had to say about the matter in Luke 14:25-33, he will see what the Lord had in mind when He talked about discipleship.

IT WILL BE A MATTER OF PRIORITY


This will be seen in verse 26. One cannot put father and mother, wife and children, brothers or sisters before the Lord. He is to have first place in all that one does. Just as Paul would say, "that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Col. 1:18). If one is to be His disciple, Jesus is to be his number one priority. Nothing else can come before it.

IT MUST BE A PERSONAL THING

This will be found in verse 27. It is here that one sees he is to bear his cross and follow the Lord. Nobody else will be able to do that for Him. He may have great admiration for others who bear their cross, but that will be no substitute for the bearing of His own. Yes, it is a personal thing.

One might well add to this that such could be a very sinful thing. All of us would know what to expect when we saw a person with a cross. Such would mean death and thus separation. That means some things have to be put to death in my life, and I have to live separated from some things.

IT MUST BE A PREMEDITATED THING

If one is going to be a real disciple of the Lord, he is going to have to give some forethought to the matter. He is going to have to sit down and count the cost. Some things have to be weighed before he undertakes the journey. If this is not done, he will fail. It cannot come by just a snap decision. That is the reason the so called "foxhole religion" does not last. It is an emotional reaction without a person's giving serious thought of what is demanded. That is the reason Jesus spoke of going to build or going to battle. These engagements will cost time, energy and effort. They cannot be completed without purpose and resolution. A person will never be the disciple he or she should be without premeditation. He will have to be prepared in heart and mind before he will ever succeed. 

BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

Boards of the Tabernacle

There were 48 boards in the walls of the Tabernacle. You can read about the boards in Exodus 26. The boards were made of shittim wood. This wood is a very enduring wood. There were corner boards. These boards are probably representative of Christ. These boards gave the framework for the rest of the walls. In the New Testament Christ is referred to as the chief cornerstone that was used to give the framework for buildings of the first century.

The rest of the boards may represent the church. Shittim wood (acacia wood) came from small thorny trees. It required a lot of patient work to prepare the wood for use. It required removing the thorns, hewing and smoothing the wood. Then many pieces would have to be fit together to make a board. Each one of us must undergo removal of spiritual thorns and must be polished to be of proper use in the church.

The boards were covered with gold. The gold was pure and represents Christians being covered by Christ. Pure gold had been tried in the fire. We cannot appear pure in the sight of God without the covering we get through Christ.

There were five bars that held the boards together. It is interesting that one of them ran through the middle of the boards. The others were on the outside of the boards. These bars may very well represent the One God and Father (Ephesians 4:6). He is said to be above all, through all and in us all. Unless we are bound together by the One True God, the church will fall apart and be useless.

The boards were held up by fitting into sockets made of silver. These formed the foundation for the walls. Christ is the foundation for the church (1 Corinthians 3:11). When the boards were small trees, they were rooted in the ground of this world. But as boards in the Tabernacle, they no longer were in this world, but were held up by the sockets. When we become Christians, we are to no longer get our spiritual nourishment from this world. We stand on Christ.

The Boards of the Tabernacle are another wonderful picture of the church and Christ. Keep reading your Bible to learn all you can about our Great God. And if any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

- Mark McWhorter

A Matter of Perspective



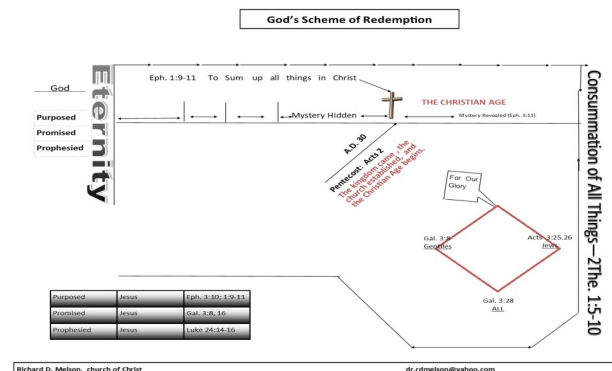
To make a large object appear smaller just look at it through the wrong end of a pair of binoculars!

This is a good illustration of how Christians should deal with our problems. Denying that there is a problem doesn't help. Christians have difficulties just like everyone else. But resources avail - faith in the Lord Jesus Christ - that helps us deal with problems constructively.

Want to know the secret? The Christian views trauma, trials and troubles in the light of God's infinite grace and power. These problems are not internalized as a "my" problem, but "our" problem. With Christ living in me (Gal. 2:20), help and an endless inventory of assistance emerges. A life that is managed by using the resources of the Lord makes a powerful and pleasant difference. These spiritual blessings are part of the birthright of every Christian (Eph. 1:3; 2 Pet. 1:3).

Let's face it, we all at times, need a checkup from the neck up, (2 Cor. 13:5). Losing self and becoming more like the Savior presses our obstacles into opportunities and our trials into triumphs! It's a clear matter of spiritual perspective. We simply love abiding in the True Vine, John 15:4-5. Try it and see.

-Glenn Hitchcock



Melson's Musings ...



Don't Give Up!

Babe Ruth struck out 1333 times. But we remember him for his 714 home runs. Cy Young won 511 games. But the number he lost is forgotten. Abraham Lincoln was badly beaten when he ran for the legislature. He failed in business and spent seventeen years paying out of debt. He failed to get an appointment to the U.S. Land Office. He was defeated in his race for the Senate, and in his effort to be vice-president. Again Lincoln was defeated by Douglas. But he eventually became the president of the United States.

Many believe for a while but "in time of temptation fall away," Luke 8:13. Like Israel we have a tendency to forget God, Jeremiah 2:32. In most communities, there are those who once were more faithful than they are now. They do not attend Bible classes, night services, or other meetings as they once did. They have ceased to participate in church activities. Their light has gone out. They have virtually quit.

Every day religion (*Christianity, rdm*) is the antidote to failure. Practice these safeguards:

Every day let God say something to you. Keep the line of communication open between you and God by reading His Word.

Every day say something to God. Stay in contact with the source of strength by prayer. We cannot walk alone. Prayer avails.

Every day say something for God. Share the good news.
Tell a friend. Speak a kind word.

NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; <http://gbntv.org/>;
- View: In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

“Sirs, What must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30

- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Heard – John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ◆ Sins Must Be Repented of – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ◆ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ◆ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ◆ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18

Every day do something for God. Look for opportunities to serve. Opportunities are abundant; only a blind man could not see them. Give a helping hand. Encourage the downtrodden. Exhort the wayward. Comfort the sorrowful. Support the weak.

My dear brethren, let's be doers - not quitters!

- Clarence DeLoach

Summer Series: Righteousness of God

Date	Subject	Speaker
8/27	Romans 14-15	<i>Richard Melson</i>
9/3	Romans 16	<i>Richard Melson</i>



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