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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES <u>SUNDAY</u>:

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WELCOME!

We of the Cambridge church of Christ invite you to all our services.

"...the churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16).

WHY BE A FAILURE? 1 Cor. 9: 24-27

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. "Failure" is a most demeaning word.
- 2. There is differing criteria for failure depending upon one's goal.
- 3. Failure in Christianity has by far the most serious and dire consequences.

I. CHRISTIAN LIFE BECOMES A FAILURE

- A. When God is Forsaken/ abandoned (2 Pet. 2:14-15; 1 Jn. 2:15).
- B. When Fear is Adopted (1 Sam. 15:24; Acts 4:19).
- C. When Worldliness is Accepted (Rom. 1:28-32; 1 Cor. 5:1-2, 11).
- D. When Obedience is Rejected (Rom. 10:16; 2 Thes. 1:7-8; 1 Pet. 4:17; 1 Jn. 1:7).

II. SYMPTOM OF IMPENDING FAILURE

- A. Being Out of Fellowship with Christ (Jn. 15:4).
 - 1. A Christian who will not pray (Lk. 18:1).
 - 2. A Christian who will not study (2 Tim. 2:15).
- B. Being out of Fellowship with Brethren.
 - 1. Common Father (Gen. 1:1).
 - 2. Common Savior (1 Cor. 10:16).
- C. Bearing out Lukewarmness (Rev. 3:14-16).

III. WE HAVE NO REASON TO FAIL.

- A. Our Guide is Infallible (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- B. God's Provisions are Unquestionable (2 Cor. 8:9; Phlp. 4:19).
- C. Help is Accessible (Heb. 2:18; 2 Pet. 2:9
- D. Power is Available (Eph. 3:20-21; Jude 24-25).
- E. Victory is Attainable (1 Cor. 15:57-58).

CONCLUSION: Improve Your Chances of Success: Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 12:1-2).

THE WINDOW TO THE SOUL Carl Pollard

The eyes are the window to the soul...sounds like something straight out of a Shakespeare sonnet. While this is a phrase that was around even before the time of Christ, many believe that it is from Matthew 6:22-23.

This saying is often a misapplication of what Jesus said while preaching the Sermon on the Mount. To understand it better we need to understand the purpose of Matthew chapters 5-7. Jesus is speaking about righteousness. In fact, this section in chapter 6 is one of the five areas of righteousness that Jesus talks about by way of practical application. In verses 19-24, Jesus is talking about money. Using exceptical principles, we can better understand Matthew 6:22-23.

Verses 19-21 say, ""Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."" Now notice verse 24, ""No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." If verses 19-21 is talking about money, and vs. 24 is talking about money, what is he talking about in verses 22-23?

Money! He says, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness." Jesus is talking about our view of money. The eye is the lamp of the body. Basically, the way we view money effects our way of living. If we have a healthy view of money, our priorities will be in line with Gods. If we have an unhealthy eye, and view money as more important, our whole body will be full of darkness because we have chosen money over God.

The problem with the saying "the eye is the window to the soul" is that it has often offered people permission to judge the state of a person's soul. It gives permission to judge others solely because of what they perceived a person was looking at or thinking. Biblically, we can't know the state of a person's soul simply by looking at their eyes. Only God has the ability to see the intentions of the heart. As humans we don't have the power to condemn someone, only God has this power.

That being said, it is our job to be attentive to people. Our duty to one another in the church is to look out for the souls of everyone. Our view of money can either corrupt our priorities or help us grow the kingdom.

IF YOU USE A SONG BOOK OR BIBLE FROM THE PEW RACK, PLEASE LEAVE IT IN THE SEAT FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

<u>REMINDER</u>: "All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when ...at an indoor location that is not a residence". The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask" (https://ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/site/media-center/news-and-events/covid19update-07222020). Additional exclusions are posted on the foyer bulletin board.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly,	SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns,	
Dean Huprich, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson,	Nancy Love, Jack Mitchell, and	
Gary & Debbie Jones, Lois Knight, Rick	Shirley Patterson.	
Lambert, and Flavil Miller.		

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Carter Campbell (John and Marys Smith's grandson), Bob & Donna Henthorn (Laura Jamiel's parents), Collene Keister (Mo Smith's sister), Justin King (Debera McGath's son-in-law), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson, Jaycee Weber and remember to pray for one another.

Welcome!

To our visitors, we are thankful for your presences. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection boxes or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- JayT Foster and kids are in quarantine after one of JayC's schoolmates was confirmed to have the *Corona Virus*.
- > 10 Pantry Bags were given out in November.
- Ardith Winland wishes to thank everyone that signed here card and to say she misses everybody.

REMINDERS:

Let John know of any changes needed to our *Family & Friends* prayer list.
Remember our library.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Why Be a Failure (1 Cor. 9:24-27)? **PM:** Walk Worthy of the Lord-2 (Heb. 11:5-6).

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