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CHURCH OF CHRIST



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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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)

CHRISTIAN LIVING: WHAT CAN I DO?

Mark 14:3-9

INTRODUCTION:

1. Some Christians feel bad when they are not able to do more for the cause of Christ and His church.
2. Others seldom think about it much are concerned about it.
3. Too many see the church in decline and feel there is no use in even trying.
4. Each Christian has a particular function or ability which can be put to use in the church (Rom. 12:4).
5. God expects us to find our function and do what we can with the ability we have— (1 Pet. 4:11).

I. THE ANOINTING AT BETHANY (Mk. 14:3-9).

- A. Woman w/ alabaster box did something (3).
- B. She was criticized (4-5).
 1. All some people know how to do is criticize.
 2. It's the reason some folks do nothing—fear of criticism: (Jn. 12:42).
- C. Jesus defended her (6-9): Sometimes our work may be to defend the ones who are doing something.

II. EVERYBODY HAS REASONS THEY CAN'T DO MORE.

- A. Sometimes Time Constraints—work, school. **Warning!** Resist the temptation to let “time” become an “easy way out”. God knows!
- B. A Mother With Children
 1. God expects mom to take care of the home (Titus 2:5).
 2. A mother has a place important to God (1 Tim. 2:15).
- C. Personal Health
 1. Hearing can be a real barrier to communication.
 2. Mobility Issues
- D. Life Circumstances
 1. Elder care
 2. Dysfunctional family situation.
- E. Christians have the responsibility to do what we can (Mt. 25:15).

III. EVERYBODY CAN DO SOMETHING.

- A. We Need To Find Our Niche.
- B. We Need To Know That We Will Make Mistakes.
- C. We Need To Strive For Growth (2 Pet. 3:18; Heb. 5:12).
- D. We Need To Do Christianity.
- E. Look within and ask, “Am I growing?” – “Am I at the same place I was this time last year? “Can I do more?”

CONCLUSION:

1. Everybody can do something!
2. Strive for growth
3. Find Your Ability
4. Get Out of Your Comfort Zone.
5. Do Your Work For the Lord.

GLEANINGS ABOUT THE GOSPEL FROM GALATIANS.

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ” (Gal. 1:6-10).

There are several points of interest found in this brief excerpt from Paul’s epistle to the churches of Christ in the region of Galatia. Let us notice a few.

Paul “marvel[ed]” (was astonished) that some of these brethren were so fickle that they would allow themselves to abandon the true Gospel so soon after being instructed in the way of righteousness. Paul acknowledges that there is but one true saving *Gospel* (body of good news) but that certain ones, evidently among them, were corrupting it.

Paul further indicates the sacredness of the true Gospel by saying that even if a member of the angelic host were to proclaim a message contrary to one delivered to them by the apostles that they were to be “accursed.” *Anathema* (accursed) in the Greek translation of the Old Testament (LXX), is the word used to describe that which is “devoted to God without hope of being redeemed” (Lev. 27:28-29). In the New Testament it is used in reference to “a man accursed, devoted to the direst woes.” To emphasize the point, Paul repeats the warning in an effort to awaken the listless Christians.

Paul knew the importance of the genuine Gospel for in the Roman letter he said that the Gospel was “the power of God unto salvation . . . for therein is the righteousness of God revealed” (Rom. 1:16-17)—we cannot afford to allow a *perverted* Gospel!

Finally, Paul asks the rhetorical question, “Am I seeking the approval of God or men?” Paul once sought to please the Jewish hierarchy, but now he is laboring for the kingdom of God. He makes the logical conclusion that were seeking to please mere man, he would not truly be the servant of Christ—a valuable lesson for all of us today —~~JK~~.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Diann Bachmann, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, and Carol Mitchell.

SHUT-INS:
Nancy Love

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith's sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Addy Reed, Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Bob & Marge Watson, 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 plates or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Congratulations to **Raymond and Fawn Wayble** on 50 years of marriage this past Wednesday.*
- We wish **Richard Mayo** a safe trip to Myrtle Beach, and a pleasant stay for the winter.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ In conjunction with the *Guernsey County Development Corporation*, we will be collecting items for Holiday Baskets to give to local veterans who are shut in. A list of suggested items is on the foyer bulletin board. Items need to be in by December 15.
- ❖ We need volunteers to open and close the building, and to do some cleaning for December through April. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: What Can I Do (Mark 14:3-9)?

PM: Lessons From the Life of Paul (Philp. 3:4-7).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
36	58	34	28	\$1995