

March 11, 2018

Olney Church of Christ

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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“Not According to Knowledge”

Michael Hickox

Romans 10:1-2: *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.*

Though Paul desired and prayed for the salvation of his fellow Jews, he acknowledged that many of them did not obey God. They were zealous for God, but their zeal was “***not according to knowledge.***” Paul's own example shows how dangerous misdirected zeal can be (cf. **Phil. 3:6**).

Misdirected zeal remains a problem today.

Some are zealous about prayer, but pray to fulfill worldly lusts (**James 4:3**), instead of praying to thank God (**1 Thess. 5:18**), intercede for others (**1 Tim. 2:1**), and ask for help in serving Him (cf. **Eph. 6:19**).

Some are zealous about worshipping God, but see worship as entertainment for mankind, rather than reverence toward God (cf. **John 4:24**).

Some are zealous about being guided by God, but believe this guidance comes from feelings or God speaking to us today in the way He spoke to prophets of old, rather than acknowledging that Scripture makes us “***thoroughly furnished unto all good works***” (**2 Tim. 3:17**).

While we must be zealous for God, we must also properly direct that zeal.

May we examine our service to God to ensure our zeal is according to knowledge.

“Charge Them That Are Rich in This World...”

Michael Hickox

1 Timothy 6:17: Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

1 Timothy 6 stresses the danger of having a bad attitude toward material things. After warning about those who suppose that “**gain is godliness**” (1 Tim. 6:5), stating “**they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare**” (verse 9), and declaring “**the love of money is the root of all evil**” (verse 10), the Holy Spirit through Paul gave a “**charge**” for the rich.

He first charged that the rich should not be “**highminded**.”

Those who are rich can have a temptation to view themselves more highly than those who are poor. The thought is “I must be [smarter/better/etc] than those who have less than I do.” Credit is given to oneself for acquiring riches.

Notice how harmful this mindset was for King Nebuchadnezzar.

Nebuchadnezzar was referred to as God’s servant (**Jer. 25:9; 27:6; 43:10**) because God used him to carry out a purpose. In carrying out that purpose, God allowed the king to be among the richest men of his time.

Yet, Nebuchadnezzar credited *himself* for these riches. As he walked in the palace of Babylon in **Daniel 4:30**, “**the king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom**

by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?”

Nebuchadnezzar’s high-mindedness led him to be punished by God (**Dan. 4:32-33**). This example demonstrates the significance of taking seriously the Holy Spirit’s charge not to be highminded.

The second charge given to the rich in **1 Timothy 6:17** is that they should not “**trust in uncertain riches**.”

Jesus demonstrated how “**uncertain**” earthly riches are in **Matthew 6:19** when He commanded “**Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:**” Riches can be here one day and gone the next. Centering one’s hope on these things is foolishness (cf. **Luke 12:16-21**).

The point is *not* that God condemns having earthly wealth. Some of His most faithful servants in the Old Testament were wealthy (**Job 42:12**), and some of Jesus’ disciples are wealthy (cf. **Matt. 27:57**).

The point is that God warns about dangers associated with earthly riches, that come from wrong attitudes toward them.

Whether rich or poor, we must be content with what we have (**Heb. 13:5**). We must be humble and thankful. We must set our affection on things above (**Col. 3:2**). We must be “**rich in good works**” (1 Tim. 6:18).

May we heed God’s warnings and commands concerning earthly riches.

Area Gospel Meetings

Casey Westside Church of Christ:
March 11-16 (with Tommy Peeler)

Mattoon Southside Church of Christ:
March 12-18 (with Chuck Bartlett)

Walnut Chapel Church of Christ:
March 18-23 (with L.A. Stauffer)

Ellis Church of Christ (Dugger, IN):
March 18-23 (with Donnie Oliver)

Hazel Dell Church of Christ:
March 25-30 (with Ron Griffin)

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God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.”

–Matthew 13:44

Prayer List

Holly
Barb
Hickox's Granddaughter, Lyla (Leukemia)
Harold (Prostate Cancer)
John & Linda (Heart Disease)
Sandy (Foot Injury)
Betty
Mabel
Norma's Grandson, Ryan (Head Injury)
Snyder's Niece, Tessa (Serving in Jordan)
Mike (Prostate Cancer)
Cheryl (Breast Cancer)
June's Sister, Nancy (Heart Irregularity)
Norma (Injuries from fall)
June & Family
Jerry (Throat Cancer)

Daily Bible Reading

Mar 11 – Numbers 32-34; Mark 9:30-50
Mar 12 – Numbers 35-36; Mark 10:1-31
Mar 13 – Deut. 1-3; Mark 10:32-52
Mar 14 – Deut. 4-6; Mark 11:1-18
Mar 15 – Deut. 7-9; Mark 11:19-33
Mar 16 – Deut. 10-12; Mark 12:1-27
Mar 17 – Deut. 13-15; Mark 12:28-44

“I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.” –Psalm 119:14-16

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Bible Study: Dan H

Worship: John

Evening: Roger

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Travis

Cleaning Building

Janice

Prepare Communion

Janice

Upcoming Reminders

March 24: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

April 15-20: Gospel Meeting
with Andrew Roberts

June 9: Vacation Bible School

Assignments

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Reading: Dan D

Announcements: Roger

Table: Larry

Serve: Harold

Travis

Darrell

Steve

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Invitation: Travis

Anniversaries

Mar 22 – Raymond and Maxine

Mar 28 – John and Cynde

Birthdays

Mar 12 – Ron

Mar 13 – Harold

Mar 15 – Anna