

October 20, 2019

The Foolishness of Procrastination

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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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

An easy trap to fall into that hinders submission to God's will is lacking appropriate sense of urgency. We can be tempted to believe that obedience to God is something to do "later on down the road."

This attitude pretends to know more about the future than God has revealed. None of us know how much time we have left on earth. Notice **James 4:14-15**: ***Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.***

Furthermore, none of us even know how much longer the earth will be here. Speaking of the Day of Judgment, on which "***the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up***" (2 Pet. 3:10), Jesus said "***no one knows of that day and hour, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only***" (Matt. 24:36). He commands in **verse 42**: ***Watch therefore, for you don't know in what hour your Lord comes.***

May we avoid procrastinating submission to God. When any change needs to be made for us to be right with the Lord, may we *urgently* obey Him.

-Michael Hickox

A Man After God's Own Heart

By Michael Hickox

In **Acts 13**, the apostle Paul preached in a synagogue at Antioch. He spoke about the history of Israel and how Jesus came into the world through this nation. In the context of this sermon, notice what is said about David: ***And when [God] had removed [Saul], He raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will (verse 22; cf. 1 Sam. 13:14).***

God's description of David as a "***man after [His] own heart***" can be perplexing if we do not read *all* that the Bible says about David. King David made a number of mistakes, the most notable of which are recorded in **2 Samuel 11**, when he committed adultery with Bathsheba. David then had Bathsheba's husband Uriah placed in harm's way during battle so that Uriah would be killed in a way that appeared to be bad luck. If this account was a good representation of David's character, he would have been a man God was displeased with (**verse 27**).

Yet, the Old Testament records much more about David's life than this.

David *trusted* in God at times when no one around him did. This is demonstrated in his battle with Goliath. His confidence in fighting Goliath was rooted in his faith and knowledge that it was God's will for him to defeat Goliath. When others saw a sure

victory for Goliath, notice David's attitude: ***Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today, the LORD will deliver you into my hand...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD doesn't save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hand" (1 Sam. 17:45-47).*** David demonstrated a heart full of faith in God.

David also had great *love* for God. He found *joy* in worshipping Him. Many of David's psalms are similar to **Psalms 34:1: *I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.***

David was also *repentant*. When Nathan the prophet convinced David of how wrongly he had treated Uriah, David confessed, ***"I have sinned against the LORD" (2 Sam. 12:13).*** He not only confessed, but he was repentant (**Psa. 51**).

God wants hearts that are repentant like David's. He wants hearts that are faithful, and rejoice at the opportunity to serve Him. He wants hearts that are full of integrity. Men and women who have such hearts can be of great use in His service.

May we *all*, like David, have hearts that please God.

Area Gospel Meetings

River Ridge church of Christ:
Oct. 20 – 23 (with Bob Pulliam)
Sun: 9:00; 10:00; 4:00; M-W: 7:00

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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

“He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase: this also is vanity.” – Ecclesiastes 5:10

“Let’s not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season, if we don’t give up.” – Galatians 6:9

Prayer List

Holly G
Sandy S
Betty P
Mabel H
Cheryl S
Norma C
Dody G
Joe B
Allen S (Cancer)
Raymond & Maxine
Randy & Kim S
Mike & Family
Ken & Chris F
Brandon O’s Grandmother (Lung Cancer)

Daily Bible Reading

October 20 – Isaiah 45-46; 1 Thess. 3
 October 21 – Isaiah 47-49; 1 Thess. 4
 October 22 – Isaiah 50-52; 1 Thess. 5
 October 23 – Isaiah 53-55; 2 Thess. 1
 October 24 – Isaiah 56-58; 2 Thess. 2
 October 25 – Isaiah 59-61; 2 Thess. 3
 October 26 – Isaiah 62-64; 1 Timothy 1

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” – Romans 1:16

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Bible Study: Mark

Worship: Roger

Evening: Mike

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Travis

Cleaning Building

Cynde

Prepare Communion

Donna

Upcoming Reminders

Oct. 26: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

Study: A Virtuous Woman (Ruth 3:8-18)

Assignments

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Reading: Harold

Announcements: Dave

Table: Mark

Serve: Jeff

Travis

Jim

Roger

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Invitation: Travis

Anniversaries

October 27 – Carlyle & Donna

Birthdays

October 20 – Alita

October 21 – Dave

October 22 – Janice

October 23 – Craig

October 29 – Morgan