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Assembly Times

Sundays

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Herod (Luke 23:8)

2. Hiram (2 Samuel 5:11)

3. Shishak (1 Kings 11:40)

4. Ahab (1 Kings 16:29–33)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Lester Mabry

Announcements: Billy Lovell

Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen

Opening Prayer: Sandon Spyker

Scripture Reading: Kyle Crain
Luke 14:1–15

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco

Table Talk: John Van Baale

Contribution: Gary Tuttle

Helper: Corwin Richardson

Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek

Helper: Truett Blazek

Helper: Jordan Thomas

Closing Prayer: Scott McDearman

Sunday Afternoons

Nov 2 Nothing

Nov 9 3PM Special Study: Loving Like God

Nov 16 Nothing

Nov. 23 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson

Speaker: Leighton Daniels



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Lessons From Proverbs (#5)

Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, Cease from your consideration of it.
When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings
like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.

Proverbs 23:4–5

Every young person understands that priorities are important in life. Every Christians should understand this principle even better! Success in life is not merely being able to secure a job, advance in a job, or be good at a job. Other less tangible things are in fact more important than these, though our society would say otherwise. The individual who is working to conform himself to the image of God’s Son knows this and works to develop a character in keeping with godliness.

Wealth should not be a priority in this life. “Do not weary yourself to gain wealth” is not the maxim of American business! Eleven hour days, six days a week is not an unusual schedule for the modern business employee to work. Generally this is the person who is on a salary and is expected to do whatever it takes to complete the job. Performance is the key. So people work like dogs to meet their deadlines and please the boss. Many people believe if they work hard and do a good job, wealth will eventually come to them. They may be right. But the believer is not to weary ourselves gaining wealth. Why? There are more important things to do with our time! Things like studying the word of God, teaching others, helping others, training our children. All of these are godly instructions found in Scripture in which we can and should be willing to weary ourselves.

“Cease from your consideration of it” is perhaps one of the hardest instructions in Scripture to American Christians! Many of us check the stock market daily, regularly balance the checkbook, and retirement and investment plans tend to enter our thinking more than we like to admit. Stop worrying about it. Why? “When you set your eyes on it,

it is gone.” Money is a tool of our society enabling us to function. In my life I have experienced the feeling of having some money only to see it quickly go away. We wonder where it went! A good friend of mine used to always say: “It’s only money. That’s what it’s for.” That is a healthy attitude towards wealth, but it is not normal in our society. We must work diligently to quit wearying ourselves to gain wealth and cease from our consideration of it.

Better and more important things should occupy our minds. *“A good name is to be more desired than great riches, favor is better than silver and gold”* (Prov. 22:1). It’s not good when all men speak well of you (Luke 6:26), but I do not think this Proverb is pointed in that direction. I again believe it is trying to show us a priority in life. A good name and favor is desirable, more so than wealth. It has more value than wealth because it is more lasting. To have a good names will require much work and effort in many realms: our behavior toward others; our attitudes and demeanor in good times and bad; our responsibility and trustworthiness; our ability to listen, learn, and instruct; our desire to help others and be understanding; our work ethic and quality of work - all play a part in having a good name. These character traits are more important than the pursuit and acquiring of wealth!

As Christians we are supposed to let our character be free from the love of money being content with what we have (Hebrews 13:5). This is only accomplished when our priorities about life are concerned with spiritual attributes more than the things of this world. The Christian priority is stated by Christ in Matthew 6:19–21 - *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Us your priority in life to please God and be given an entrance into heaven?

by Charles Willis

***Know
Your
Bible***

Rulers

1. What king wanted to see miracles when the arrested Jesus was sent to him?
2. What king of Tyre send cedar logs and craftsmen to King David?
3. What Egyptian king gave refuge to Jeroboam when he fled from Solomon?
4. What king led Israel into sin by allowing his evil wife to introduce Ball worship into the country?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



The Grace Of God

by Charles Willis

The word “grace” in the New Testament means “good will, loving-kindness, favour” (Thayer’s definition). I’ve always used a common definition I heard from many preachers growing up: “unmerited favor”. We use the word similarly of someone who gives a large contribution to a cause saying they showed a “gracious kindness.” “Grace” in Scripture is not mysterious (as some tend to think).

1 Peter 5:10 refers to *“the God of all grace”* and Hebrews 4:16 says *“let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* God’s throne (His reign and kingdom) are all about His grace. He is identified as being full of all grace. His “good will, loving-kindness, favor” is who He is. All 26 verses of Psalm 136 ends with *“for His lovingkindness is everlasting”*.

Paul considered his ministry was *“to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God”* (Acts 20:24). Literally the “good news” of the grace of God. *“And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified”* (Acts 20:32). Only by God’s grace can any man be saved. *“When we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God”* (Ephesians 2:5–8). God chooses to save us. It is His unmerited favor shown toward us. I love the phrase: “the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us.” The riches of His grace cannot be counted - it “excels” and “exceeds” everything else. It cannot be measured.

God *“predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved”* (Ephesians 1:5–6). God predestined/predetermination to adopt us as sons through Jesus Christ. He chose the means to save us through Christ. This is the glory of His grace! *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men”* (Titus 2:11). God *“has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity”* (2 Timothy 1:9).

We are *“justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus”* (Romans 3:24). Therefore, our hearts should continually be filled with thanksgiving and praise to the Father!