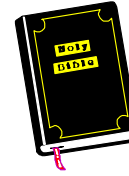


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

little things are GREAT

Sometimes we're overwhelmed by the size of a job we have to do. We wonder **“where do I start?”** Sometimes we spend so much time wondering, getting ready, and looking for the best thing to do, that we never do anything at all. Nothing gets done, and then we get even more discouraged and quit all together.

That's a problem we've made for ourselves. The Lord didn't lay such a great burden on us. He didn't tell us we had to do it all at once! He gave us time: **“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross DAILY, and follow me.” - Luke 9:23**

A little fruit, every once and awhile, is **so** much better than **no** fruit at all! Let's start right now. There are people we can call or visit. We can think and pray for one another. We can read a book, a chapter, a verse from the Bible. But if we don't plant the seed, how can we expect fruit to GROW? If we don't sow, we can't reap. Seeds are little things that grow, so should our actions be.

Let's trust God. He didn't tell us **we** were responsible for the **increase**, that's His job. We're just to plant and water (1 Corinthians 3:6). Let's take care of the **little** things, and leave the GREAT things to God. Let's not be discouraged, remember what God told Paul: **“My grace is sufficient for thee: for MY strength is made perfect in WEAKNESS” - 2 Corinthians 12:9**

Heaven isn't something attained by just one action. The rich young ruler asked "What good THING shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life?". He had the wrong idea. Do you? Why do you think our life here is "Three score years"? We have to develop, to grow, to build. We can't just do one GREAT thing and then quit. The temple of the Jews was made with many stones. Laid up one at a time. So are WE. It takes time and effort. Let's not be discouraged, our **little** efforts WILL ADD UP. A kind word here, a visit or call there, a mention of the church and the bible to a neighbor. These are good works which will bear eternal fruit:

“To them who by patient CONTINUANCE in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life.” - Romans 2:7

Let's start the new year, honoring our God by **doing** the **little** things He asks.

- Ed Kelleher, elder, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your FAITH groweth exceedingly, and the CHARITY of every one of you all TOWARD EACH OTHER aboundeth;” - 2 Thessalonians 1:3

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“IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: RON BANKS, BERYL PARKS, MARY HONEYCUTT, HAGOOD GODLEY** and our shut-ins **JESSICA HERRING, ZUDORA CLEGG, PHYLLIS JOHNSON** and **VIOLET BRUNSON**. Prayers are also requested for **NINA RUTH MEADOWS** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **JAMES MATHIAS** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), **KATHYRN HALL** (Melissa Parks' sister), **FRANCES GRIFFIN** (Melissa Parks' aunt) and **Jack and Elma Berrier**.
- **Eddie Sheppard** and **Marilyn Brooks** are doing better. Thank God for that.
- **Carolyn Lee** is not doing well and needs our prayers.

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." - Psalms 20:7

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP!”

- **Margaret Herring** has had bad news about the severe head aches she's been suffering. Please pray for her, that God will be merciful.

"For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow." Philippians 2:27

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!”

- **Julia Kelleher** and **Chris Crabb** announced their engagement to be married. They've not set a date yet and plan on waiting till Julia and Chris complete school.

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

- We appreciate **Chris Crabb** preaching for us last Sunday evening. It's been just a little over a year since he obeyed the Gospel and he's come a long way.

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- The **Bible Bowl** is scheduled for Saturday March 4, 2006 at the St. Andrews Road church building. The books are: Obadiah, and last 3 books of OT: Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. The New KJV is to be used. The Teen and Pre-teen teams are defending champions. Even if you don't care to be a part of the team you can help in the practice sessions. A **signup sheet** is on the bulletin board in the foyer for all who are interested in any way in helping with the Bible Bowl.
- Lord willing, we'll welcome in the **New Year** with **Scott and Tricia Parker** at the church building, Saturday 12/31/2005. Starting at 7PM, there'll be singing, games, **Bible Bowl** practice, fireworks (I checked and yes, they are legal in the city), videos, and other activities, and of course—food!

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, IN THAT ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Hebrews 6:10

Why Do They Evangelize?

Many individuals are involved with the work of evangelism. There are those who travel abroad, others are involved in campaigns in the States, many write materials to be used in tracts, many distribute tracts and teach through Bible correspondence courses, others are active in teaching Bible studies in their homes — the list could go on and on. Each of these activities takes time and commitment. The question comes, "Why? Why do such people labor so actively in evangelism?" The Bible gives us many "motivations" for such labors. Let's notice just a few of these in this brief article.

People Evangelize...Because They Love God. In Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16, we have recorded the Christian's "marching orders" — the great commission from our Lord and Savior Jesus to "go" and "teach." When we look to the commands of Jesus, we have an option. We can either do them or not. But Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Thus, those who love Jesus are active in evangelistic efforts.

People Evangelize...Because They Realize the Judgment to Come. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:10 that "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" to "receive the things done...whether it be good or bad." He further noted that "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (verse 11). If we truly believe the fate of those who are still in sin on the day of judgment, we will be involved in evangelism.

People Evangelize...Because They Stand in Awe of the Love of Christ. "For the love of Christ constraineth us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14). One cannot stand at the foot of the cross and gaze upon the suffering Savior, realizing the great love for mankind that held Him there and remain uninvolved in reaching those for whom Jesus died! Such love demands action on our part.

People Evangelize...Because They Experience the Joy of Salvation. The Psalmist proclaimed, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I **teach** transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee" (Psalm 51:12-13)

As we realize the immeasurable blessing of being free from the guilt and penalty of sin, of having a home eternal in the heavens, we cannot but cry out the message of salvation to a lost and dying world! God's Word is filled with the "motivation" for one to evangelize. As one looks upon these the question soon changes from "Why do they evangelize?" to "How can I **not** evangelize?" What are **you** doing?

-Jack H. Williams, elder 39th Street church of Christ, Independence Missouri

"The Lord ... is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." - 2 Peter 3:9