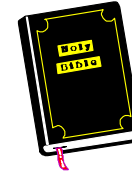


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“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

BE CONTENT - MOVE ON

A poor man was out looking for food for himself and his family. It was cold, and he wore an old, cast off, badly torn and stained overcoat. It looked bad, but kept him fairly warm. A passer by asked him if he wouldn't like a better coat? He replied, “No, it's ok” and moved on. There were a lot of things he'd *like* to have, but he was looking for those things he *needed*. His coat was sufficient and he knew it. What he needed was to find food for himself and his family, not to stop and worry about a coat. If he hadn't been satisfied with the coat and instead gone looking for something better, he would have been distracted from looking for the more important things. He and his family would then likely go hungry. No, he had his goal and priorities right.

What's your goal? This world, or the next? Are cares for things of **this** world distracting you from what you need to be doing in the church—preparing for the **next** world? That's not what God wants:

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” - Hebrews 13:5

God wants us to be content with the physical things we have so we'll devote ourselves instead to the spiritual things and grow in Godliness.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.” - 1 Timothy 6:6-8

The Lord hasn't given us "Hand-me-downs". What could we want that would be better than what he's given us — His **Son**, a hope of **resurrection** to eternal life with Him, and **three promises** to get us there, if we'll have faith and **act** on them:

“ASK, and it shall be given you; SEEK, and ye shall find; KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto you:” - Matthew 7:7

Let's be content with what we have, and look forward to what we need!

“Remember Lot's wife.” - Luke 17:32

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

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“And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.” - Exodus 3:15

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack Edwards (Melissa Parks' father), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson).
- Beryl Parks was able to get out last Sunday morning but is having a difficult time with excess fluid and is to see a cardiologist.
- Melissa Parks' father, Jack Edwards, is in the hospital fighting pneumonia.
- Gene Lowe is doing well after his second round of cataract surgery.
- Mary Rollins, Ethel Smith's sister-in-law had serious cancer treatment.
- Carolyn Lee was ill and unable to get out last Wednesday.
- Sisters Marilyn Brooks and Tricia Kelly came forward Sunday morning desiring the prayers of the church.
- Stephanie Rinehart's mom, Beatrice Garzinski in Md. has Type II diabetes
- John Berrier, Jack and Alma's son, is recovering from serious cancer surgery.
- Travis Capron, in the National Guard, is to deploy to Iraq shortly. Remember him and Donna and Mark in your prayers—often.
- Jimmy Gist was in Lexington Hospital ICU for a blood clot in his leg.

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; ... Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;”
- Romans 12:10,12

“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

“And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”—Acts 11:26

The disciples were called **Christians** by God. It was a divine proclamation, a name given by God, not by man. Read Acts 11 and you'll see **why** God called them Christians—they were **acting** like it.

If we claim to be Christians, then we also need to **act** like it. We need to act like those good disciples described in the Acts of the Apostles and the other books of God's word because our hearts should be the same. The Lord told us as much:

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above” - Colossians 3:1

This is really part and parcel of our repentance—changing our minds. Not minding the earthly, physical things, but instead setting our desires, our fulfillment on the heavenly, spiritual, eternal things God has called us to:

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. ... Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: ” - 1 Peter 4:1-4

They might think us strange and speak evil of us, but God will call us **Christians**.

— Elders, West Columbia church of Christ

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **BUILDING CLEANUP** — our thanks to those who've volunteered for May and June. Volunteers still needed for the other months. Please sign up in foyer. If you'd like to help with someone else, or have questions about what's entailed in the work, please see **Billy Geiger or Gerald Boyd**.
- The **Ladies Steering Committee** met Tues 4/24/07. Many concerns were discussed. Minutes from this meeting will be in the church office if you are interested. Sis. Marcella would like to thank all ladies who cooperated in getting their work sheets filled out so that everyone can be participants in the planning of the ladies day within the year. If you have not filled yours out, see Sis. Lynn Manning or get a copy from the church office.
- **All ladies** are asked to meet with Sis. Marcella Klieves after the fellowship meal at 1:30 p.m. on 5/06/07. We will be discussing your role as gleaned from your work sheet in the planning of the ladies day. Please allow at least 20-25 minutes. Children are welcome.
- Remember our sister **Anne Louise Gordon** and the work at LCDC in your prayers. **Brother Manning** has been able to teach regularly and reach many who want to obey God and be baptized into Christ but are prevented from doing so. Also remember **William Haron**, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities.

“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

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** Sunday May 5, 2007. The elders will meet with the men at 1:30 PM and the ladies at 5PM at the building.
- **Gospel Meeting**, Greer church of Christ with **Mel Futrell**, Friday-Sunday June 8-10, 2007, 7:30 pm.
- A door knocking evangelistic campaign is being planned to build up the church in **Woodruff**, Saturday April 28. We'll leave early Sat AM to get there by 9:30AM.
- A campaign to reestablish the church in **Newberry** is being planned for the fall.
- Our **Fall Gospel meeting has moved up a week to September 9-12**, Sun-Wed, with **Keith Mosher**, Dean of Academics at Memphis School of Preaching.

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” - 1 Peter 5:6,7

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