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

## WHAT CAN I DO?

Have you ever felt left out? That you weren't important; not worth much if anything; that you couldn't make some great contribution? Maybe you've felt that way in the church: "Oh, I wish I could speak like that man..." or "Oh, I wish I could quote scripture like so and so ..." or "Oh, I wish I was a leader in the church like what's his name ...". Have you ever felt like that? **WELL DON'T!!!**

It is the **Lord** we want to be pleased with us; not other people. If the Lord is pleased with us, we ought to be pleased also. If He is pleased with us, what then does it matter what other people think of us? And the other way around too. If the Lord is **not** pleased with us, we better not be pleased with ourselves. If He is not happy with us, it doesn't matter how popular or respected we are in the world or even in the church.

Let's all aim to please the Lord. **We can!** He tells us how in his Word. The things He delights in are things that each and every one of us, without exception, can (and must!) possess:

"Thus saith the Lord,

Let **NOT** the wise man glory in his WISDOM,  
NEITHER let the mighty man glory in his MIGHT,  
Let **NOT** the rich man glory in his RICHES:

But let him that glorieth glory in this,  
That he UNDERSTANDETH and KNOWETH me,  
That I am the Lord, which exercise  
LOVINGKINDNESS, JUDGEMENT, and RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
in the earth:

For in THESE things I DELIGHT, saith the Lord." - Jeremiah 9:23,24

Young or old, rich or poor, great or small, man or woman, let's **all** strive and hunger for knowledge and understanding of God and His ways—the spiritual ways of Mercy, Love, Judgment and Righteousness. Study God's word—the Bible.

“for if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 2 Peter 1:8

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

Then will you have ... **NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!**

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### SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T J BOLEN—"What shall we do?"

PM: T J BOLEN—God is ALL...

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,  
while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8

So, love God and have ...

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CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY!

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## “PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Judy Walker, also Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.**

- **Stephanie Rigney** is awaiting results of a PET scan, which take several weeks. Keep her and **Steve** in your prayers that they would be comforted.
- **Anna Porter** was to have a heart shock/restart treatment Thursday. Pray it works and she'll regain her strength. The alternative is a pacemaker, but the recovery from surgery is likely to be very long for Anna.
- **Jason Parks**, and **Kelly and Adler Kennedy** are doing better. **Samantha Mancuso** is doing better also, but passed her strep throat on to **Michael**.
- Pray for **Dylan Leahy**, **Jeffrey Marks**, and **Audrey Williams**, new Christians who have been absent from our assembly for quite some time.
- Remember to pray for and send cards to those we've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me:  
nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." - Matthew 26:39

## “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Next Sunday is the **first Sunday** of April, luncheon for all and men's meeting.
- **LORD'S WORK SHEETS!** All members are asked to update theirs as we will be assigning necessary work monthly to members of the congregation, based on what you say you'll do. Please fill one out and put it in the basket in the **church office**.
- **YOUNG ADULT and NEW CONVERT** class Sundays, 10 am, upstairs classroom.
- Informal **Bible Study**, at the building **3 pm Saturdays**. Ask your Bible questions.
- Entire assembly is now being recorded on DVD thanks to brother Marshal Mancuso. See **Marshall** or **Jones Gamble** to get a copy for yourself or to share with someone.
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body,  
as it hath pleased him." - 1 Corinthians 12:18.

## “WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- **Elma Berrier**, who used to attend here, passed away Thursday. No word yet on arrangements. Also **Dorothy Gray** requests prayers for **Roderick Gray** whose aunt passed in DC and **Judy Fisher** and **June Jeffcoat** who suffered the loss of a sister.

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“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.” - Ecclesiastes 9:10

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." - Psalm 104:33

## **WOULD YOU DIE...FOR CHOCOLATE PIE?**

I “love” chocolate cake (not “pie” as the title suggests, since “die” rhymes with “pie” and not “cake” -- but I digress). I always have. I also love God. I “love” them both. What’s the problem? Well, *I* know there’s a difference in loving food, and loving God, so the problem is not my *heart*. The problem is my *language*. The word “love” in our language has basically been diluted, to the point that it has almost totally lost its original meaning. What other conclusion can you come to when one word can, to most people, encompass both food, and deity?

Obviously when I say “I love God,” I *mean* something different than when I say “I love cake.” The word is the same, but the meaning is clearly different, when you look at the context.

In the Greek language (commonly recognized as the language of the first century) when Christ asked Peter if he loved Him (John 21), he wasn’t asking if he loved Him the same way he loved his favorite food. He wasn’t asking if he loved Him the same way he loved his favorite pair of sandals. He was asking if he loved (“agapa” = in the original language) Him so much that he would *die* for Him. Peter wouldn’t die for his favorite pair of sandals. I wouldn’t die for chocolate cake (or “pie” if you’re in a rhyming mood). And yet I say I “love” it?

It seems as though the word “love” has been used so flippantly, that its original meaning is hard to be discerned. A man may tell his significant other that he loves her, having just known her for a couple of weeks. Would he die for her? I think not. Eventually they may get married, and raise a family. Would he die for them then? Yes he would. Because now he truly “loves” them. The word has meaning to him now. Recall what Paul said about the sacrifice of Christ: “**For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**” (Romans 5:6-8).

Christ died because He “loved” us. Would Christ have died for His favorite food (He was human, I’m sure He had a favorite food)? No. Would He have even said He “loved” his favorite food. Probably not. Consider what Paul said concerning the Christian’s love for Christ: “**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long...**” (Romans 8:36). Would a Christian die for Christ? Yes. Why? Because he **loves** Christ. Would he die for...chocolate pie? No. Now tell me why... Let’s make sure, then, that we’re careful about the words we use.

- **Matthew Martin**, Assistant Minister, Forest Hill church of Christ, Memphis, Tenn.

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” - Matthew 16:24,25

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