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Closing Prayer Andy Reese (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

> Lord's Table Gene Yancey

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#### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).

- 2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
- 3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19).
- 4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
- 5. Be Baptized for Remission of Sins(Acts 2:38).
- 6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10).



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## A SOUND MIND By Mark Lindley

There is a real need for us to take care of our bodies. The Bible teaches that we are to "glorify God" in our bodies, and that we are to present our bodies as living sacrifices to God (1 Corinthians 6:20; Romans 12:1). Both of these passages enjoin upon us the responsibility to do what we can to maintain healthy bodies.

The Bible also teaches us to maintain healthy, sound minds. Paul wrote, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). One who has a sound mind has good judgment, a sensible mind, and is able to think soberly and clearly. A sound mind leads to a life of balance and self-control. All these things are essential to the Christian life, so maintaining a healthy mind should be important to us all.

We need to be aware that our greatest enemy, Satan, wants to prevent us from having a healthy mind. Scripture warns: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3). Satan tricked and deceived Eve in the Garden, and he still wants to corrupt and confuse our minds today. Notice in the verse just cited that Satan wants to corrupt our "minds." He knows that if he can get control of our minds, our actions will soon follow where our minds lead (cf. Proverbs 4:23).

One way Satan may prevent us from having a healthy mind is through fear. Since "God hath not given us the spirit of fear" (2 Timothy 1:7), fear must be from Satan. Fear may disturb our minds in many ways and rob us of peace. Satan wants us to fear that we are capable of living a faithful and dedicated Christian life. This fear may be re-enforced by memories of past failures and sins. Satan knows that if we dwell on past mistakes we will not have the courage and confidence to live for Christ in the present. The fear of being rejected or betrayed may dominate one's thinking and prevent a sound mind. The fear of health problems, growing old, or the fear of dving may prevent a sound mind. Satan can fill our minds with so many lies about ourselves, our sins, and our security that we find ourselves confused, unsettled, and distracted.

However, God has given us "truth" in His Word to dispel the distortions and lies of the devil. Jesus said, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Regardless of our present circumstances, problems, temptations, or challenges the God who gave us His truth can give us clarity and a sound mind.

## BE A DOER By Dalton Key

The Chinese have an ancient proverb which reads, "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

Do you agree? You had better, for this is precisely what the Bible has been saying from the beginning.

A clear understanding of God - His will, His nature, His wisdom - has always come from doing, from obeying, from working together with the partnership of heaven. Hearing the words of God and seeing the might and majesty of God, as important as these are, are not nearly so important as putting the words and vision into action and actually doing something.

Listen to James: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was. But whosoever looks in the perfect law of liberty, and continues therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." (James 1:22-25.) Did you notice? James speaks of hearing. He speaks of seeing. He speaks of forgetting. And he speaks of doing. What is most necessary? What is most profitable?

What is absolutely indispensable? Being "a doer of the work." Nothing will replace rolling up the sleeves and going to work.

The words of Jesus are ever fresh and still much needed for our day: "Everyone who listens to my words and does them is like a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rains came, the waters rose, and the winds beat against that house, yet it did not fall, because it had been founded upon a rock. However, everyone who listens to my words but does not do them is like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. The rains came, the waters rose, the winds beat against that house, and it collapsed, and its fall was great." (Matthew 7:24-27, McCord.)

Does your life feel as if it has collapsed? Does the fullness of the Christian life seem far distant? Perhaps you have been hearing and soon forgetting, seeing but not remembering. Were you to put real action to your belief you just might find a renewed depth to your spiritual understanding.

"Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17.)

#### **Burdens Give Us Wings**

An old legend says that long ago God had a great many burdens that He wished to have carried from one place to another on earth, so He asked the animals to lend a hand. All of them began to make excuses for not helping: the elephant was too dignified; the lion to proud; and so on.

Finally the birds came and said. "If you will tie them into small bundles, we'll carry them for you. We are small but we would like to help."

So God fastened upon the back of each a small bundle, and they all set out walking across the plain to their destination. They sang as they went, and did not seem to feel the weight of their burdens at all. Every day the burdens seemed lighter and lighter, until the loads seemed to be lifting the birds, instead of the birds carrying the burdens.

When they arrived at their destination, they discovered when they removed their loads, there were wings in their place, wings which enabled them to fly to the sky and the treetops.

They had learned how to carry their burdens, and their loads had become wings to carry them nearer to God. The burdens we carry for others may become wings of the spirit, to lift us into happiness.

#### -Author Unknown

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