

June 16, 2024

Announcements
Larry Wood

Song Leader
Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading
Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer
Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)
Rickey Cissom (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Danny Shackelford (A.M.)
Randell Koon (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Rickey Cissom

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Keith Newby (06/19/24)

OUR RECORD

June 9, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 84
Sunday Morning Worship: 106
Sunday Evening Worship: 78
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81

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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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WHO SHOULD RULE IN THE CHURCH?

Mark Lindley

The above question should be answered by the Bible. Traditions, opinions, and feelings of men may be wrong, but the Bible is right. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (II Timothy 3:16-17).

Some churches today are ruled by one man called, "the pastor." But where is this one-man-rule system found in the Bible? It isn't. Rather, the New Testament is clear: local churches in the first century were ruled by a plurality of elders, not by "a" pastor.

When Paul was about to leave the city of Ephesus, he "called for the elders of the church" (Acts 20:17). Paul then addressed these men as the "overseers" of the flock (Acts 20:28). Have you ever wondered why Paul did not call for "the pastor" of the church in Ephesus? The reason is obvious from Scripture: there was no one-man-rule system in the church at Ephesus! Rather, the Ephesians had a plurality of elders who served as overseers.

These men are called overseers because they rule. Scripture says, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account..." (Hebrews 13:17). Notice that this verse refers to "them" (not "him") that rule. Who are these people who rule? "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour..." (I Timothy 5:17). The Bible says that elders rule; it does not say "the pastor" rules.

Paul and Barnabas appointed "elders in every church" (Acts 14:23). I know it is right, therefore, to have elders in every church. On the other hand, where does the Bible teach that Paul and Barnabas appointed "a pastor" in every church? That verse doesn't exist because the pastor system of church government (one man over a church) did not begin with Jesus, Paul, or Peter in the first century. It began with mere uninspired men who left God's plan for church government. Since God's Word, not tradition, will judge us in the last day (John 12:48), should we not all resolve to follow it?

Why Worry? By Aaron Veyon

I dare say that there's not a single one of us that hasn't been overwhelmed with worry at one time or another. Yet with some people, worry is a daily occurrence. Let me ask you, friend: are you a worrywart?

Some time ago I read an interesting article that I believe puts worry into perspective. Evidently (according to the National Bureau of Standards), a dense fog covering seven city blocks to a depth of 100 feet is composed of something less than one glass of water. Now I don't know much about fog (other than the fact it's often a burden to drive in), but if that is true, that's an amazing statistic. I believe this illustration is a fair comparison to our worry or anxiety about worldly matters. If all our worry about earthly things were reduced to its true value, most of it wouldn't be worth our time.

According to Luke 10:41 Martha was much like that fog: "And Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.'" Jesus tells us not to worry (Matt. 6:25-34). Put God first, and things will fall into place. Paul puts it this way, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6).

Quality of Life By Tom Moore

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold" (Proverbs 3:13-14).

If we are serious about improving our "quality of life," we need to work harder at improving our thinking. As we reach forward to better things, both in this life and the one to come, we need to spend less time on our circumstances and more time on our wisdom. Better thinking is what our progress usually depends on. It is a valuable key that opens a great many doors.

Often, the thing that holds us back in life is some wrong idea that is lodged in our minds. Wise people work every day to remove as many falsehoods as they can from their thinking. Like a farmer patiently removing the rocks from his fields, we need to be getting rid of the untruths that hinder our productiveness and our progress toward God.

Sometimes it is not an untruth that hinders us but simply a failure to see enough of the truth. Many of the most frustrating things in life are frustrating because we are so bogged down in them we cannot see what else is true. We should get in the habit of "going to the balcony" and looking down on our difficulties from a vantage point that offers a more complete view.

To God, our ill-informed efforts at self-improvement must appear quite silly. We continue to hammer away at problems with thoughts and attitudes that have proven over and over again to be the wrong tools for the job. Wouldn't it be smart to get better tools? "The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them" (Albert Einstein). Without better thinking, we will stay stuck in our ruts.

Ultimately, of course, the path to better thinking always takes us into the Scriptures. Nothing can remove falsehoods and widen our perspective more helpfully than God's own mind, and we are at our problem-solving best when we are honestly searching the Scriptures. In the long run, neither our thinking nor our doing will get better if the Psalmist's prayer is not our own: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psa. 119:18).

Because there is no limit to how much you can improve the quality of your thinking, there is no real limit to how much you can improve your life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-26, 2024

10 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
2 PM Evening Service
(VBS after Evening Service)
Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2024

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

HOSPITAL: Sarina Tigrett - Parents: Kane & Anna (LeBonhuer- heart. 5 months old), Eddie Thompson (Pat Wade's Brother)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

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