

## Where Do I Place My Trust?

As we look at the current economy and the stock market with its instability and fickleness and the word "recession" in the air one may begin to wonder what the future holds. But the greater question must be asked "where do I place my trust?"



Jesus gives a warning regarding wealth and the heart of man (**Matthew 6:19-34**). He begins by saying, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal." Jesus is saying do not place your confidences in the material wealth you have accumulated but in the reward heaven holds. Then He gives the assurance that God will provide, just read verses **25-34**, do we not hear the words of assurance, do we not see the promises He gives? We often find ourselves struggling with the burdens of life and the lack of financial security, being overwhelmed by the high cost of living and the uncertainty of what tomorrow holds. Yet, if we place our confidences in God, trusting in His power and having the faith that He will provide, we can be assured God is faithful. Look at all the Apostle Paul had endured in his life and ministry, being beaten, stoned and left for dead, shipwrecked and imprisoned. Just take the time and read **2 Corinthians 11:23-28** and you will see all he endured, yet he held fast to the assurances of God. Paul found contentment in whatever circumstances he was in for he knew where he placed his trust (**Philippians 4:11-13**). We must never allow our possessions to possess us. That was the point of the story of the rich young ruler (**Mark 10:17-22**). A man came running up to Jesus, knelt down before Him and asked, "Good

teacher what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus refers him to the commandments of the Law. The man replies, "I have kept all these things from my youth up." As Jesus looked at him he felt a love for him and said, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." When the man heard this his face fell and he went away and grieved. The man recognized the authority of Jesus as he bowed down before Him, he earnestly sought the kingdom of heaven, yet one obstacle lay before him, the riches that possessed his heart. Being a man of wealth he could not give up his riches, and it cost him the true treasure Christ offered, eternal life. We may not know what the morrow may bring, but let us always hold fast and place our trust in the God who loves us and keeps us, the God we serve and love.

- Mark Auten, Channelview, TX, via *Bulletin Digest*

## Plant The Right Seeds



- ✦ If you plant *honesty*, you will reap trust.
- ✦ If you plant *goodness*, you will reap friends.
- ✦ If you plant *humility*, you will reap greatness.
- ✦ If you plant *perseverance*, you will reap contentment.
- ✦ If you plant *consideration*, you will reap perspective.
- ✦ If you plant *hard work*, you will reap success.
- ✦ If you plant *forgiveness*, you will reap reconciliation.
- ✦ If you plant *faith in Christ*, you will reap a harvest.

- *Glad Tidings of Good Things*, Jacksonville, AL -

Ever notice ... that you have to get old before anyone will say you look young? - Joey Adams

## News & Notes

**CONFESSION:** Bobby Sheville.

**SYMPATHY:** To Mike Martin and family at the passing of his mother-in law, Wanda McGeehan. God comfort them at this time.

**PETITION:** The design of the Flight 93 Memorial includes four points of Islamic Symbolism and the petition is to request a Congressional investigation and a new design that honors our American heroes. **Sign at desk in foyer.**

**AFTERNOON SING:** Today at Southern Hills, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Kari Spencer who placed third in the spelling bee for the fourth grade at Allison Elementary. She will proceed to the county competition.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Shirley Thomas, sister of Harry Nice. She is battling cancer.

**REMEMBER THESE SHUT-IN'S:** Mabel Sprout, Harry & Imogene Nice.

**SICK: AT HOME:** Donna Sage, Dan Williams, Linda Parkes, Harry & Imogene Nice, Ruth Brewer, Bette Gentry, Bertha Seman. *Brightwell Nursing Home, Follansbee;* Gary Evans. Check the bulletin board for those in nursing homes and confined to their homes who also need to be remembered.

## MEETINGS

Southern Hills	April 13-16	F. Higginbotham
Cadiz	April 13-16	Larry Arnold
New Martinsville	April 13-17	David Newberry
Hillview Terrace, Moundsville	April 13-18	Ed Melott
Steelton	April 20-24	Steve Stevens
Weirton Heights	April 20-24	Will Montgomery
East Liverpool	May 4- 8	Steve Snider
Mooresville	May 4- 9	F. Higginbotham

## THE LAST LAUGH

A cynical man of science long ago sneered at the Bible as "a collection of rude imaginings of Syria," as "the worn-out old bottle of Judaism into which the generous new wine of science is being poured." The cynical savant is dead, but the Bible is still alive, for it is the Book of Books. The old wines of science grow sour in their cellars, and its new vintages have their day. But the Bible shows no signs of senility. Its youth is eternal. When our men of science and their theories are forgotten, the Bible will remain what it has been for mankind for two thousand years, the one universal book of wisdom, of truth, of sublimity, and of consolation.

- James Douglass, *House to House Heart to Heart*

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever ..." (1 Peter 1:24, 25)