

## THINGS THAT DO NOT PROFIT

A number of times in the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah, the Bible speaks about things that do not profit (cf. Jeremiah 2:8,11; 7:8; 16:19). Today there are also things that many people look at as being important or impressive, but in reality, in God's sight they are really "things that do not profit."

**Possessing a big bank account** is of no profit as long as our spiritual relationship with God is bankrupt. Jesus said it this way: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

**Faith without works** is of no profit. "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?" (James 2:14).

**Good sounding words without action** are of no profit. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

**Being a good, patriotic citizen** is of no profit unless we humble ourselves and faithfully serve Jesus - the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16). Our loyalty must be to Him above all others. Remember, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

**Having cute, talented, and smart kids** is of no profit if we fail to train them to walk in the ways of the Lord Jesus. Fathers are to bring their children up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Parents and grandparents, we must make teaching the Bible to our offspring a top priority!

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### Jesus Borrowed . . .

a place for His birth . . . a house to sleep in . . . a boat to preach from . . . an animal to ride on . . . a room to meet privately with His friends . . . and a tomb to be buried in. **He who owned it all had nothing for His own!** "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

God without man is still God; man without God is nothing.

### News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Bob Noland & family at the passing of his mother, Lena Noland in St. Marys, WV. God bless and comfort this family.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:** Kim Powell, Richard Clutter (Eva Stefl's brother), Steve Rhodes (Jenny's husband).

**PANTRY:** Peanut butter & jelly.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in this worthy project for the kids in the hospital and others who have need.

**CORN ROAST & COVERED DISH:** Friday, Aug. 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at Charlie & Barb Delong's. Take a covered dish. **IN CASE OF RAIN:** The event will be at the Multipurpose Building.

**NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL:** Saturday, Aug. 4th at 2:30 p.m.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** City Hospital: Ruby Kenny. Weirton Medical Center: Betty Wilson (Margie Martin's mother), Jean Larrimore. **AT HOME:** Diane Robinson, Wade Sprout, Nonie Scadden, Marcella Martin (at Vera Groves' home), Dan Williams (Sharon's husband), Ruth Brewer, Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's mother).

**NURSING HOMES:** Fox: Ray Baker. Calcutta Health Care: Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

### Treasuring the Bible

The story is told of a deaf and blind Christian girl who, in her last days, lost her sense of touch. Trying to read letters of her Braille Bible, she agonized, "My hands are paralyzed, I cannot feel the letters any more." Then, in a transport of love and grief she took the Bible and pressed to her lips and kissed it, and excitedly said, "I can feel it with my lips." She then read with her trembling lips the divine story her hands could no longer trace.

How about those of us with good eyes, ears, and hands? How much effort do we put in studying the Bible? Because the Bible is mankind's greatest treasure, it must not stand on a shelf or a table as a curio to be dusted now and again, *it must be read.*

- Glad Tidings of Good Things, Jacksonville, AL