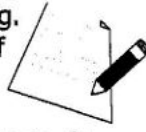


TAKING INVENTORY

Businesses which run efficiently take inventories on a regular basis. This is necessary to keep up with how the company is doing. In like manner, Christians should take regular inventory of their spiritual lives to see how they are doing in the sight of God. The apostle Paul demanded this very procedure in 2 Corinthians 13:5, *"Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless indeed ye be reprobate."*



The following is a good list of questions for the Christian to ask in taking such an inventory.

1. Am I known as a Christian where I work?
2. Is Christ more loved or respected because of the way I live?
3. Do those who know me best believe in me most?
4. Do I criticize the church and Christians in front of my children?
5. Do people know me as one who has Christ in the center of my life?
6. Is it possible that I claim to be a Christian and nurse revenge?
7. Do I find time every day for Bible study?
8. Can I work with other people? Can other people work with me?
9. Have I a secret longing to be first? Or can I truly say I don't care who is second, third or fourth as long as Jesus is first?
10. What can I do now that I could not do three to five years ago? Lead another person to Christ? Distinguish God's guidance from my own desire?

- adapted from an Unknown Author, *Portland Messenger*, Portland, TX
— via *Belvedere Beacon*, Belvedere, SC

— SHOWING COMPASSION —

In Luke 10:30, Jesus teaches the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is interesting to note that the man half dead made no call for help. In verse 33, it says, *"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion."* Maybe the Christian way is not to wait for someone to cry for help. But, we should lift up our eyes and observe the world around us. Visual comprehension is a strong mover of our hearts to compassion. Out of the abundance of our hearts, the blessings of God will flow.

- Bruce Sexton, Hollis Church of Christ, Hollis, OK - via *Bulletin Digest*

People will judge you by your actions, not your intentions.

News & Notes

CONFESSIONS: Dennis & Lori States.

SYMPATHY: To **Bob Riley** at the passing of his uncle, Carl Lallathin. To **Stan Williams** at the passing of his niece, Vickie Whitehill. To **Jim & Beverly Pinney & family** at the passing of Jim's mother, Virginia Pinney Ferrell. Virginia was a faithful member here for many years. And to the family of **Thelma Barnhart (Yvonne Price's mother and Tracy Clutter's grandmother)** at her passing. Also to **Denver Cooper & family** at the passing of Florence. Denver & Florence worked with this congregation in it's early years. God bless and comfort all of these families.

MOVING: Jackie Parsons and her sister, Claudia Pierson will be moving to Kentucky soon. Donna Stevens is taking donations for a going-away gift for them.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled for this Tuesday. Resumes Tuesday, Sept. 7th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Sept. 4th, 8:00 a.m. at Bob Evans.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Sept. 4th at 2:30 p.m.

PANTRY: Our pantry needs to be restocked to help those who are less fortunate. **Items needed:** all soups, peas, green beans, fruit, noodles, instant potatoes, oatmeal, tuna fish, and toilet tissue. Please be as generous as you can.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: Sept. 10th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at McKinleyville.

DATE OF OUR MEETING CHANGED: To Oct. 3-7 instead of Sept. 12-16.

BOX TOPS FOR MID-WESTERN: See the bulletin board for details.

REMEMBER: **Kaedyn Ballew** (10 month old great grandson of Donna Stevens) has leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Florida.

THOSE WITH MEDICAL CONCERNS: Fred Rayl, Alva Scadden, Jackie Parsons, Harry & Imogene Nice, Roy Pratt (address on bulletin board), Michael Hanlon (son of Michelle), George Wiersbicki (brother of Ed). **Weirton Medical Center (Skilled):** Jessie Stiles (grandmother of Docie Moore). **FOX:** Pauline Clutter, Ruby Eddy, James Yuker (Charlotte Reed's dad). **In Iowa:** Jack Board. **Check the bulletin board for others who are shut in.**

MEETINGS & LECTURESHIPS

McKinleyville	Different Speakers	Aug. 29-Sept. 1
WV Christian Lectures	Weirton Hgts.	Sept. 26-29
CHESTER	Charles Pugh	Oct. 3- 7
WVSOP	Moundsville	Oct. 24-28