

Values

We must all learn to distinguish between essential and nonessential in life. There are immediate values and ultimate values. A sign of wisdom is knowing how to value things just as they deserve.

Our trouble is two fold. First, we usually measure things by *material* rather than *spiritual* values. Second, we tend to measure things by *time* rather than *eternity*.

Material things are important. God give us *all things to enjoy*. But spiritual things are more important. *Set your affection on things above* (Colossians 3:2). *Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven* (Matthew 6:20). It is always a matter of priority! *Bodily exercise* is needful and important, but *Godliness* (spiritual exercise) is even more important, having *promise of the love that now is, and of that which is to come* (1 Timothy 4:8).

You've heard the old saying, *It won't matter one hundred years from now*. That's truer perhaps than we realize. We need to take the long view in setting our priorities. What is most important in the long run, one hundred or one thousand years from now? Don't lose the substance by grasping at the shadow. How foolish to spend our lives on things that *perish with using* and give no thought to the spiritual welfare of the soul in eternity. In the final analysis, it won't be a matter of what we have come to possess, but rather what we have come to be.

- Charles Cash, Siloam Springs, AR (via Bella Vista Church of Christ, Bella Vista, AR) -

Blessed Unity

There is too much division in the religious world. God wants all to unite under the banner of the cross and with the gospel of His Son. Paul wrote that we should endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). By doing so, we can be

- **Children in one family**
- One Father (John 20:17).
- **Disciples in one school**
- One Teacher (John 13:13-35).
- **Sheep in one flock**
- One Shepherd (John 10:16).
- **Members of one body**
- One Head (Ephesians 4:15).
- **Stones in one building**
- One Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 2:5).

- House to House -

Abounding

Christianity is the abundant life (John 10:10). In what should we abound?

1. In **faith** (2 Corinthians 8:7).
2. In **knowledge** (2 Corinthians 8:7).
3. In **love** (1 Thessalonians 3:12; Matthew 22:37-39; 19:19).
4. In **hope** (Romans 15:13; Colossians 1:27; Titus 2:13; Lamentations 3:26).
5. In **diligence** (2 Corinthians 8:7).
6. In **every good work** (2 Corinthians 9:8).
7. In **thanksgiving** (Colossians 2:7).
8. In **the Christian graces** (2 Peter 1:5-8).
9. In **rejoicing** (Philippians 1:26).
10. In **everything** (2 Corinthians 8:7).

- House to House -

If you hold your religion lightly, you are sure to let it slip.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To **Willard Burdine and family** at the passing of his brother, Leroy. Also to the **family of Rick Beck** at his passing. Rick was the preacher at Weston, WV. God bless and comfort these families.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Feb. 4th, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, Feb. 5th, about noon at the Fellowship Building, followed by our **afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

PANTRY: Canned Ravioli.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Linda Parkes, Nancy Cox, Kevin Richmond, Ryland Richmond, Mike West, David Strum (Karen's husband), Jim Hadley, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **Weston, WV:** Sharon Beck, 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452.

Head, Heart, Hands (The Three "H's" of Christianity)

By Ron Adams (Quotations from NASB)

THINK ON THESE THINGS

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

- Philippians 4:8 -

OBEY FROM THE HEART

But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed.

- Romans 6:17 -

WORK WITH HANDS

And to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:11 -

- Bulletin Gold -

Take Time

Take time to *laugh*; it is the music of the soul.

Take time to *think*; it is the source of power.

Take time to *play*; it is the source of perpetual youth.

Take time to *read*; it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to *pray*; it is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to *love* and be loved; it is a God-given privilege.

Take time to *be friendly*; it is the road to happiness.

Take time to *give*; it is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to *work*; it is the price of success.

- Author Unknown -