

God Doesn't Care

But wait! The Scripture says, "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7).

That's true! But it is also true that God doesn't care about some things - some of the very things about which we care.

God doesn't care how many Facebook friends we have. His concern is that we are Jesus' friends "If ye love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

God doesn't care how many Twitter followers we have. He only cares that we deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

God doesn't care about the minutes on our cell phone plans. He cares about the minutes we spend talking with Him (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18).

God doesn't care about the important celebrities and athletes we know. His primary concern is that we know Him and the truth (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

God doesn't care if we have the fanciest watch. He wants us to watch the use of our time (Ephesians 5:16).

God doesn't care about the size of our homes or how much money we have. He wants us to realize that material things don't last, so we need to lay up treasures in heaven. (Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19).

God doesn't care what work we do. He wants us to do all things in His service and to His glory (Colossians 3:23-24).

God doesn't care about the color of our skin. He cares about the content of our character (Galatians 5:22-23).

God doesn't care about a lot of things that we care about! But God does care about us! He cares about us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, that we might have forgiveness of our sins.

- Neal Pollard, *Bulletin Digest* -

Which Is More Important To You?

- ◆ Making sure your dog (or cat) gets fed every day or making sure your child gets daily spiritual nourishment?
- ◆ Watching television or taking time for prayer and Bible study every day?
- ◆ Speaking out on current political issues or speaking out to help someone to understand the Bible?
- ◆ The time you spend playing sports, hunting, or fishing or the time you spend with your children?
- ◆ The time you spend adorning your body or the time you spend improving the inner person?
- ◆ What you think of last Sunday's sermon or what God thinks of your response to the sermon?
- ◆ The condition and appearance of your house or what goes on inside your house?
- ◆ The preacher speaking to you at the door after worship or the preacher speaking to you through the sermon?
- ◆ The temperature in the church building or the spiritual temperature of the church which meets in the building?
- ◆ The number of people who show an interest in you or the number of people in whom you show an interest?
- ◆ The number of people who speak to you at church or the number of people to whom you speak?

- David Sain, *Bulletin Digest* -

You always have time for the things you put first

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Until further notice: **Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.** and **Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.** (auditorium class only). **Masks and social distancing required.**

CORN ROAST: Next Saturday, August 15th, 1:00 p.m. at the Delongs.



Corn, butter and beverages will be furnished. Take a covered dish (if desired), and your favorite lawn chair. All are invited. Weather permitting.

LIVE AUCTION: Thursday, August 27th, 5:00 p.m. The Stillwell house and contents, car, and riding mower will be auctioned. The address: 15889 Highland Drive, East Liverpool (Calcutta).



PRAYER REQUESTS: Fred Larrimore (tested positive for Covid-19). **Bobby Wilson** of Chester (cousin of Janet Malcomson, Sandy Spencer, & Becky McKitrick). **Irvin Gainer** in Texas (Jenny Rhodes' dad). **Jim Loy** (brother of Twila Adamson), **Regina King** and **Benjamin Radford** (members in Florida with Covid-19).

SICK & SHUT-IN: Leroy Burdine (Willard's brother), Ernie Robinson, Bill Robinson, Skip Haught, Melvin "Pete" Reed, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Emma Rine, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless, Don & Judy Floding. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers, Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

SINGULAR OR PLURAL?

We often sing about "the golden streets" in heaven, but the Bible only mentions one street, "The street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass" (Rev. 21:21).

The last book of the Bible is not "Revelations." There is one "Revelation," "the Revelation of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:1).

The Bible says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23). All nine named character traits together are "the fruit of the Spirit." The Bible does not speak of nine separate fruits.

Cecil May Jr.,

Preacher Talk, Faulkner University
(via *Bulletin Digest*)

WHAT TO DO WITH EVIL

- Hate evil (Romans 12:9)
- Pray that evil not overtake you (Matthew 6:13)
- Keep your heart from evil (Hebrews 3:12)
- Resist evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- Do not walk in the way of evil (Proverbs 4:14)
- Depart from evil (Psalm 34:14)
- Overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21)

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