

Giving

By Rob Albright

GIVING to others brings us joy. When we share our time, talent, and other resources for the benefit of others, we find satisfaction. When we do good to help others, we are being Christ-like.

GIVING to others is "doing good" (Galatians 6:10). Helping others in their time of need is Christianity in action (Romans 12:13) and is evidence of our faith (James 2:14-17).

GIVING is also what we do together as a church family. We plan our giving in support of the work we are involved with as the body (church) of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:4). There are benevolent, edification, and evangelism efforts we are involved in together. It is a privilege to be able to share together in the work that glorifies God (2 Corinthians 9:13).

Read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 and take note of the attitude we should have in our giving. Remember God loves a cheerful giver. Our giving should not be a "grudging obligation" so take special note of the attitude the churches in Macedonia had (2 Corinthians 9:5,7; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

- Northwest Church of Christ, Greensboro, NC (via *Bulletin Gold*) -

Seven Walks of Ephesians

Walk denotes activity; more than that, it denotes continuous activity. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, the figurative use of walking for living or carrying on our life, is employed seven times. How very important and impressive is the lesson.

Walking in disobedience: "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (2:1-2).

Walking worthily: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (4:1-3).

Walking in vanity: "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind" (4:17).

Walking in love: "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour" (5:2).

Walking as children of light: "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (5:8).

Walking in wisdom: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (5:15-16).

- Author Unknown (via *Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL) -

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.
Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

News & Notes

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: John Sprout.

NEXT SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION: Will be sent to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville. Give cheerfully and generously.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: July 8-13 at Tomlinson Run State Park. Registration packets available.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Resumes **Thursday, July 18th at 11:00 a.m.**

BIBLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: Questions that were submitted will be answered **next Sunday evening June 30th**, and **each last Sunday evening of each quarter** (depending on interest).

PANTRY: Shampoo.

REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Docie Moore, Linda Parkes, Becky McKitrick, Zachary Guidy (Tim Martin's grandson), Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Stocks (Karen Strum's niece). **Fox - Chester:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother), Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carol Williams (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

The Grace of God

He gives me hope and courage
To face each newborn day.
He guides me through the shadows
To light and show the way.
He comforts and sustains me
In times of my distress.
His Word gives me solace
To find true happiness.
He's willing to forgive me
When I may go astray.
He says He'll always love me
And does my fears allay.
He never does forsake me
In moments of despair,
And when I need a helping hand,
I always find Him there.

Harold F. Mohn

**BIBLE
CAMP**

On his first night at Christian summer camp, my son, who was 10 at the time, called us begging to come home.

"What's wrong?" I asked.

"They're trying to make me into a Christian," he said, "when I'm a Methodist!" - Beverly Trusty, Macon, MO

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