

A Week of Good Thoughts

Suppose we start this very day
To live our lives in a different way;
Supposed we vowed and constantly tried
To help those in trouble on life's wayside;
Wouldn't earth be a bit more like heaven above?

On **Monday**: Look for a smile today and return it with one of your own. Give someone faith and hope; it is such a beautiful loan.

On **Tuesday**: Gather a thought that is kind, one that is sincere and deep. Be sure to pass it along, for such are too precious to keep.

On **Wednesday**: Forget yesterday's sorrow, mistakes, sadness, and pain. Lift your heart with hope as flowers to sun and rain.

On **Thursday**: Offer a word of comfort and prayer to help someone in need. A thoughtful little gift, some flowers, or a smile makes us all rich indeed.

On **Friday**: You shall not pass this way again, so do any good you can do. Do not put it off till tomorrow, or the chance may be lost for you.

On **Saturday**: Today will soon be a memory, so do not let it come to an end, without a smile, without a song, or just a word from a friend.

On **Sunday**: Do not let worry and care depress you or brush your joy away. But arise and give thanks to God above, for His love and another "Blest Day."

"Let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. 2:3-4).

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

Making A Positive Difference

"*Jeremiah lamented for Josiah ...*" (2 Chronicles 35:25). Evidently he did not live to see his fortieth birthday, but even though Josiah didn't live long, he lived well. God said of him, "*He pled the cause of the afflicted needy*" (Jeremiah 22:16). He is especially remembered for leading his people back to God after a long period of apostasy (2 Chronicles 34-35). Josiah made a difference.

When Stephen was martyred for courageously preaching Christ, those who buried him "*made great lamentation over him*" (Acts 8:2). He was one of the seven chosen to provide for the daily needs of poor widows in the Jerusalem church (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen made a difference.

When Dorcas died, the widows wept. The Scriptures speak of her "*deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did*" (Acts 9:36). Dorcas made a difference.

Josiah, Stephen, and Dorcas. When people who live like this die, their loss is keenly felt. All three could have chosen to live for themselves, but they didn't. God was pleased with each of them because they obeyed Him and served others.

Let's be constantly on the lookout for ways to make a difference. They are there. God has given us our resources, talents, and opportunities to serve. We can't afford to let what little time we have be frittered away with mindless pursuits that accomplish nothing.

When we give ourselves for others, it can be time consuming, expensive, and exhausting. We may face opposition as Stephen did. There is a price to be paid. But oh how much richer our lives will be!

And when we die we will be missed!

- David Gibson, Commerce Church of Christ, Commerce, TX (*Bulletin Digest*) -

The more you serve others, the more fulfilled your life will be.

- Dr. Bernie Slegel -

News & Notes

CONFESSIONS: Sierra Donahue and Pat Allison.

NEW ADDRESS: Sierra Donahue, 1905½ Smithfield St., East Liverpool, OH 43920. Phone: (330) 708-4322.

ADD TO YOUR APRIL CALENDAR: Sierra Donahue's birthday, **April 30**.

LADIES MEETING: In the basement following this morning's service. This is to finalize arrangements for assisting those who have need.

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

LADIES DAY: Saturday, April, 23rd at Steelton. Details on the bulletin board.

OUR LADIES DAY: Saturday, May 7th, 9-9:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast. 9:45 a.m. Program begins. Lunch provided. Topic: "*Mirror, Mirror On the Wall, Do You See Christ In Me At All?*" Speakers: Elaine McClung & Docie Moore.

PANTRY: Instant Potatoes

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center: Becky McKittrick. **UPMC:** Melissa Rosohac. **Calcutta Health Care:** Sam Burdine (Willard's brother). **At Home:** Skip Haught, Michelle Helton (Pat Allison's daughter), Scharlotte Jones, Bob Riley, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand. **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck. **In Texas:** Georgia Hackathorn, 3505 Mayhew Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028.

Remember
OUR GOSPEL MEETING
April 24-28 with Eddie Cooper
Plan for it; Pray for it;
Be here for it!

Think about it ...

Ephesians 4:3-6 lists seven "ones." They are: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. If we can readily accept that there is just one God, and one Lord, and one Spirit, why cannot we just as readily accept the fact that there is just one faith? To say that there are faiths (plural) and that a person can take the faith of his choice, also allows a person to say that there are many gods and that each person can have the god of his choice. Think about it

- House to House Heart to Heart

What Can I Give Him?

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part —

Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart.

- Christina Rossetti, "In the Bleak Midwinter," *The Book of Jesus* -