

## WHAT IS THE DEPTH OF YOUR COMMITMENT?

*"When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow!" - Ecclesiastes 5:4 (NASV)*

Someone jokingly affirmed, "promises are made to be broken, and resolutions are made to be forgotten." But, the joke may be on us. And the joke is finally a tragedy.

The tragedy of the day, is one of lives ruled by an unwillingness to be governed by honor, or honesty, or integrity. Shallow commitment seems to rule the day. Promises are easily ignored. A vow is a nice ceremonial touch, but a genuine commitment is a rare item indeed. Whether it is a promise to repay twenty dollars or a vow to be faithful to one's marital partner, the promises and vows are too easily and quickly forgotten. The idea of remaining true NO MATTER WHAT is almost unheard of. The prevailing rule instead is "I want to do what I want to do when I want to do it!"

That is not the case in God's eyes. His truth still stands. He still says, "You vowed it...you keep it." God in this is saying that promises and vows honorably made, are to be honorably kept. He is saying that they are the very source of honorable action.

Reflect for a moment upon the commitments, the promises, the vows that you have made to God. The vows of faithfulness to His word, to His worship, to moral purity, to good works, to marriage — these are all vows to God. God believed you when you made those vows and God has not forgotten. God is calling upon each of us in our relationship with Him. He is urging each of us, "Keep Your Word!"

- Ron Bryant

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### Does The Master Applaud?

A musician once wept when a great crowd applauded his performance, but one man failed to applaud. When asked why he was affected by the fact that one man had not applauded, he replied, "He was my teacher."



If we should gain the applause of the world, and fail to receive the approval of the Great Teacher, we have failed. Let us live daily with this thought in mind, and after a life of faithful service, and when the judgment comes, the Master will say, "Well done!"

- Author Unknown -

### 60 Minutes

The **darkest hour** has only 60 minutes.

The **brightest hour** has only 60 minutes.

#### SO

Our attitude and use of a particular situation makes so much difference.

The **dark hours** just seem longer, they really are not!

The **bright hours** seem to pass so much faster, they really don't!

- Bulletin Digest -

*When you find time  
on your hands,  
put them together in prayer.*



*Wisdom is knowing what to do; skill is knowing how to do it; virtue is doing it.*

## News & Notes

**BAPTISM:** Austin Haught.

**CONFESSION:** Mickie Barrett.

**SYMPATHY:** To Carol Stillwell at the passing of her sister, Louise Gleason of Niles, OH. God bless Carol at this time if sorrow.

**COVERED DISH DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: NOT TODAY.** Rescheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 22nd**, the first day of our Gospel meeting.

**LABOR DAY COOKOUT & PICNIC: Tomorrow, Sept. 2nd, 1:00 p.m.** hosted by the Chester and St. Clair Ave. congregations at Thompson Park, Pavilion 1. Meat and drinks will be provided. Take a favorite dish, dessert, or snacks. All are invited.

**TO HAVE SURGERY: Emma Rine** will have shoulder replacement surgery **this Tuesday, Sept. 3rd** at Weirton Medical Center.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each **Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** All ladies are invited to participate in making small stuffed bears for sick and needy kids.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SING: This Friday, Sept. 6th, 7:00 p.m.** at McKinleyville Church of Christ.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Sept. 7th, 8:00 a.m.** at EJ's in Chester.

**NURSING HOME VISIT & DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2:30 p.m.** at Fox.

**AREA WIDE MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, Sept. 14th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbian, OH Church of Christ.

**LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, Sept. 28th** at Southern Hills Church of Christ, Salineville, OH. **Registration & mini-breakfast: 9-10 a.m. Topic: "Quilting: Picking up the Pieces."** **Speakers:** Jennifer Frances, Docie Moore, and Bobbie Goodnight. Lunch Provided.

**PANTRY:** Vanilla wafers.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & WITH CARDS: Rick Beck** (minister at Weston, WV), 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Rick had cancer surgery last week. **Kathy McGeehan** (Mike Martin's sister-in-law), 11325 Straford Ridge Lane, Chardon, OH 44024. Kathy is undergoing cancer treatments.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: VALLEY OAKS, East Liverpool:** Fred Larrimore. **AT HOME:** Cam Adamson (Twila's husband), Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

### GOSPEL MEETINGS

Washington, PA.....Sept. 6, 7 & 8, "Family Matters".....Terry Lafferty & Chris Flickinger  
East Liverpool..... Sept. 8-11, 7 p.m. (except Sunday)..... Ed Melott  
**CHESTER ..... Sept. 22-26, 7 p.m. (except Sunday)..... Charles Pugh**

### What Must I Do To Keep From Falling?

1. Read your Bible daily - 2 Timothy 2:15.
2. Add to your faith the seven Christian "graces" - 2 Peter 1:5-11.
3. Attend every service - Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25.
4. Be faithful unto death - Revelation 2:10.