

"One Thing Thou Lackest"

Jack Hardcastle (deceased)

"One thing thou lackest." Such was the verdict expressed by Jesus as He looked upon and within the rich young ruler. He had just heard the young man's statement of assurance that he had kept all the commandments from his youth. He had seen the young man's zeal and humility as he came running and kneeling before Jesus. But still there was one thing lacking, and the thing lacking prevented all his good traits from showing themselves in good works and deeds of mercy; and when the test came, the one thing lacking kept him from following Jesus.

He rejected Jesus to hold on to his weakness.

Will this story of the rich young ruler be also the story of some of us? Will the Lord tell us to depart because of a lack of love for one another, a lack of faithfulness in attendance, a lack of knowledge because of failure to study, or a lack of faith manifested by failure to make a generous contribution? Will we be rejected because we have subjugated ourselves to our appetites and have become enslaved to filthy habits which bring reproach on the church and on the name, we wear?

"One thing thou lackest." So near and yet so far! Turned away from heaven because of a weakness that we refused to overcome!

Again, I ask the question: Must all eternity be filled with regret? Why not rather examine ourselves and see ourselves as God sees us and make the necessary alteration in ourselves before it is too late?

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola. FL -

Nothing Can Stop Jesus

- History could not forget Him.
- Temptation could not distract Him.
- Circumstances could not deter Him.
- His enemies could not prevent Him.
- Death could not contain Him.
- Satan could not defeat Him.
- Modern thinking cannot cancel Him.
- And when it comes time for Jesus to come again, nothing will be able to stop Him.

Are you ready?

- Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY (*Bulletin Digest*) -

Seek the Lord
AND HIS STRENGTH,
and seek his face
CONTINUALLY!
1 CHRONICLES 16:11

The Bible is God's prescription for the health of our soul.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. only and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).

GRIEF & LOSS WORKSHOP SERIES by Dean Miller: Today through Wednesday, April 28th at St. Clair Ave. Church of Christ. Services here will be dismissed this Wednesday, April 28th to go to St. Clair Ave. to support this effort.

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY: To Noni Scadden on Wednesday, April 28th.

PANTRY: Oatmeal.

REQUEST FOR CARDS: Gerald Joy (member at Southern Hills with lengthy health issues), 144 E. Main St, Salineville, OH 43945.

SICK & SHUT-IN: ALLEGHENY HOSPITAL, PITTSBURGH: Randy Waite. **WEIRTON MEDICAL:** Emma Rine. **AT HOME:** Charlie & Barb Delong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Shirley Beagle, Alex Harless, Mary Johnson, Rick Beck, Josh Morrison. **FOX of ELO (Rehab Suites):** Marilyn Miller. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETING

Pennsboro ----- May 2-7 ----- Wade Webster
Sunday: 9:30, 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.; Mon. - Fri.: 7:00 p.m.

The Schemes of Man

Solomon said, "Truly thus only have I found: that God made man upright but they have sought out many schemes" (Ecclesiastes 7:29). And "All the schemes of the schemer are evil; he devises wicked plans to destroy the poor with lying words..." (Isaiah 32:7). Jezebel schemed to steal Naboth's vineyard (1 Kings 21:5-16). A scheme is a plot to do evil against someone just as Saul plotted against David (1 Samuel 23:9; Proverbs 24:8). Sometimes the Wicked schemes of man go according to the plan of the schemer as in the case of Jezebel. Sometimes they fail like Saul's schemes against David.

Perhaps the greatest scheme of mankind is the one mentioned in Psalm 2 where the people, the kings, and the rulers plot against the Lord and against His anointed. Indeed, the chief priests and the Pharisees plotted to overthrow God's plan. They schemed and said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." They enlisted the king through lies and trickery and they solicited the people to shout "Crucify Him!" But God laughed at their schemes (Psalm 2:4) for the evil schemes of men cannot defeat the plans of God. Jesus arose from the dead and brought salvation to mankind.

- Alton Norman, Owingsville church of Christ, Owingsville, KY (*Bulletin Digest*) -