

## ALMOST EVERYTHING

In Luke 18:18-23 is the story of the rich young ruler. He wanted to know what he had to do to inherit eternal life.

He was the sort of fellow whose name might be on the list of "ten young men most likely to succeed."

He had a great deal of **money** which automatically opened a lot of doors.

He had **youth**, which meant most of life's opportunities were still ahead of him.

He had good **morals**. He had kept all the commandments from his youth up, a claim Jesus didn't dispute.

He had an **inquiring mind**. He came to Jesus, not arguing his point of view or voicing his grievances, but asking for advice.

But, with all he had, there were at least four things he didn't have.

**He didn't have happiness.** He found that there were some things in life that money can't buy — or even make a down payment on.

**He didn't have peace of mind.** For all his clean living, he knew that things weren't right between himself and God.

**He didn't have generosity.** He was addicted to habit-forming possessions.

**He didn't have eternal life.** This was the greatest tragedy of all.

Yes, he was a young man who had everything. Well, almost everything.

~ Tom Kelton (*Bulletin Digest*) ~

## Voting To Close The Church

Last Sunday I voted to close the church.

- ◆ I voted to close its doors so its teachings would be stopped.
- ◆ I voted to close the Bible. I voted for our minister to stop preaching the truths of the gospel.
- ◆ I voted that children no longer be taught the stories of the Bible and the songs of salvation and God's love.
- ◆ I voted that the congregational singing be hushed, the people no longer lifting their voices in harmonious praise as they sang the great hymns of the church.
- ◆ I voted for every missionary to be called home.
- ◆ I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance, and the curse of selfishness.

*I could have gone to worship last Sunday, but didn't! By my laxity and indifference, I voted to close the church.*

- Author Unknown, (*Bulletin Digest*) -

## Ten Values of Church Attendance

1. It keeps your HEART in constant tune with God.
2. It keeps your MIND on the great necessity for having God's word spread throughout all nations.
3. It improves your CHARACTER by learning the great examples that Christ gave us.
4. It improves your DISPOSITION by learning to be meek and humble like Christ.
5. It helps in your EVERYDAY LIFE by learning to love one another, even as Christ loved you.
6. It teaches you to GIVE and know the wonderful joy you receive by giving.
7. It teaches you to PRAY, for prayer is the answer to many of your problems.
8. It gives your SOUL GREAT JOY and comfort to worship and know that God is near.
9. It shows the world that you are WORKING for Christ and His kingdom.
10. It is what CHRIST INTENDED for you to do. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

- Author Unknown (*Bulletin Digest*)

## News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Charles Pugh and family at the passing of his mother, Marie (age 94). Charles has held many gospel meetings here over the years; the most recent being last September. We love Charles as our brother and friend, and pray God's blessings and comfort on him and the family. Send cards to: 1601 31st Street, Vienna, WV 26105.

**UP FRONT:** Bible drills for the kids and teens **each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:15 p.m.** Bible questions submitted by adults will be considered **each 3rd Sunday at 5:15 p.m.** Give questions to Rico.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** **Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** All the ladies are invited to participate in helping to make stuffed bears for kids.

**MEN'S ENRICHMENT BIBLE CLASS:** **Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Men are urged to come and spend an hour with other brothers and be encouraged.

**LADIES WORK DAY:** **Next Saturday, Nov. 16th, 9:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Building.** A list of items needed to make baskets for Fox Nursing Home residents is on the desk in the foyer. Please sign-up by **Wednesday, Nov. 13th.**

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** In an effort to update our membership directory and expedite this effort, **please make an appointment ASAP with Dicie Moore;** your cooperation will be appreciated.

**PANTRY:** Peanut butter & jelly. **Bring a turkey to church by Sunday, Nov. 24th**

**SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME:** Emma Rine, Beulah Walker, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 11). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 221). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## OMISSIONS

It is not so much the things I do that cause me to regret  
It's the little things I leave undone, the things that I forget;  
It's words I fail to utter, the songs I fail to sing,  
The letters I forget to write, that may great comfort bring.  
It's the little acts of kindness, the joy I fail to give,  
The smiles I fail to scatter, as day by day I live.  
It's the sick I fail to visit, the flowers I fail to send,  
It's the hand I fail to offer unto a fallen friend.  
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It's the little things I leave undone, the things that I forget.

- Author Unknown -

*Happy is the one who walks so close to God that he leaves no room for the devil.*