

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

"For whoever lacks these qualities (faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love) is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins" (2 Peter 1:9).

Too many of us do not see what we need to see (cf. Jer. 5:21). While we might be able to see today, we do not see tomorrow. We do not see what is coming in judgment and eternity. Because of this we do not plan. We do not try to change. We do not seek to get stronger, etc.

While we might be able to see today, we do not see yesterday. We do not see how sinful and wretched we were. We do not see that we've been cleansed of sin. We do not see that we have been washed and made new. When we have obeyed the Gospel and our sins have been forgiven, this is cause for celebration (Acts 8:39). This calls for thanksgiving! If we know we've been forgiven, let us be thankful!

Many cannot see beyond the now. We cannot see beyond this world. Many cannot see their own sin. Many cannot see their growth (or lack thereof).

Let us keep our eyes wide open and healthy. Let us see ourselves for who we are. Let us see our glorious God for who he is and what he desires for us.

- Bart Warren,

S. Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, KY

Look at the Things We CAN Do!

We sometimes spend too much wasted time concerned with what we are unable to do, instead of looking at the things we CAN do. In at least two separate incidents, Jesus taught the importance of using what we have. He pointed out to the apostles how much "more" the poor widow with two coins gave in comparison with those who were giving of their surplus (Luke 21:1-4). The second incident occurred when a woman "anointed" Jesus' head with an alabaster vial of expensive perfume, "doing a good deed to Me [Christ]". This act was to be spoken in memory of her wherever the gospel was preached [the whole world] (Mt. 26:6-13). Let's be sure we are using the talents with which the Lord has blessed us. Little is much when God is in it!

- Paul Mowrer,

Monticello church of Christ, Monticello, AR
(via *BulletinDigest.com*) -

The Words of Jesus

"No man ever spoke like this man!" (John 7:46).

The words of Jesus are:

- ◆ Gracious words (Luke 4:22)
- ◆ Powerful words (Luke 4:32)
- ◆ Astonishing words (Mark 6:2)
- ◆ Authoritative words (Mark 1:22)
- ◆ Living words (John 6:63)
- ◆ Judging words (John 12:48)
- ◆ Cleansing words (John 15:3)

What do the words of Jesus mean to you?

Have you obeyed them?

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World's Largest Library

The Library of Congress was established in Washington, D.C. on April 24, 1800. It is the world's largest library. Among the 145 million items in its collections are more than 33 million books. Yet in all of these works of man, there is only one book that can lead a soul to eternal life. The Bible alone holds the answers to man's most important questions: Where did we come from? Where are we going? How do I live in the meantime? While the Library of Congress is the largest repository of writings, the Bible is the most important!

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If you walk with God today, you can be confident about tomorrow.

News & Notes

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

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

NEW ADDRESS: Mike, Kathy, Roscoe & Reese Hissam, 7411 Lake Knoll Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432. Please note this change in your directory.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Resumes this Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, May 4th at 8:00 a.m. at EJ's in Chester.

NURSING HOME VISIT & DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, May 4th at 2:30 p.m. at Fox's.

NO COVERED DISH DINNER OR EARLY AFTERNOON SERVICE IN MAY.

CHESTER'S LADIES DAY: Saturday, May 11th. Registration: 9:00-9:30 a.m., Program begins: 9:45 a.m. Speakers: Docie Moore and Sue Haught. Lunch provided.

PANTRY: Macaroni & cheese.

PRAYER & CARD REQUEST: Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister), Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital, 303 Camp Meeting Rd., Room 2306, Sewickley, PA 15143.

CHECK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Glenn McMahan, Mary Jane Bowers, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham. CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller. IN FLORIDA: Ilene Rayl.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members are being made and can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Please schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

McKinleyville..... **Apr. 28-May 2, 7 p.m.** (except Sunday) .. Different Speakers
St. Clair Ave., E. Liverpool..... **May 3-5** (Fri.& Sat., 7:00 p.m., Rico Brown
Sun. 9:45, 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.)

Living Without Fear

In *Don Quixote* there is a character named Sancho Panza. One night in fear, Sancho hung from the ledge of a window, afraid to let go. As the light of day dawned, he found that his toes were about an inch from the ground.

How often are we so close to a blessing from God, and because of fear or uncertainty, we won't let go and claim the blessing.

We must live by faith. This means letting go and trusting God. The worst thing that can happen is to fall into His "everlasting arms."

"The eternal God is a dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms..." {Deut. 33:27}.

On our way to a positive day, let go and let God's positive will take control of your life. He is far more qualified to run it than you are. Trust Him!

Fear is merely a state of mind. It is a choice. Paul wrote "...for God has not given us a spirit of fear..." (2 Tim. 1:7).

Don't hang on the edge of God's blessings. Reach out and accept them. Take another step toward your goal. The next step may be the key. *- Bulletin Digest*