

## Faith Check

It is always good for a person to do regular checkups on themselves and their lives. We know the importance of this physically, mentally, and even financially. But too often we neglect to do this spiritually – and this is the most important area of all.



In Micah's day, there were questions of how best to demonstrate one's faith in God. Was it simply just going through the motions of required sacrifices and offerings? No. Their faith was to be more than an outward ritual – it was to be proper outward actions based upon the proper inward attitude. The prophet summed it up with these words: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). In this verse are three areas that each of us must check up on regularly in regard to our faith.

**Christian, Check Your Righteousness.** The first check point was "to do justly." Being just is being right with God and His will. It is living right, living morally, and living properly in our daily walk. It is always conducting oneself in an upright and upstanding manner. The internal attitude that creates this is a passion to please God. So, Christian, check your life – is it one that is admirable according to God's standard?

**Christian, Check Your Respect for Others.** The second bit of advice from Micah 6:8 was "to love mercy." Properly respecting others is treating them as God treats us – with kindness, love, and forgiveness. It is selflessly giving to others what is needed in their lives. The internal attitude that brings this forth is a joy of the mercy and salvation that God has given us. So, Christian, check your life – is it one filled with eagerly helping others?

**Christian, Check Your Relationship With God.** The final part of our faith checkup is mentioned as "to walk humbly with your God." Walking with God implies harmony and fellowship. This is attained through reading and studying the Scriptures, regular and fervent prayer, and heartfelt, proper worship. The internal attitude that strengthens this is a desire to grow closer to God.

So, Christian, check your life. Is it one that honors and involves God in every way?

- Edd Sterchi, Campbellsville, KY (*Bulletin Digest*)

## CHUTZPAH

Yiddish is a fascinating language. Its words capture nuances other languages miss. One such word is chutzpah, loosely defined as "unmitigated gall." Its meaning is better illustrated:

A woman street vendor sold a delicacy for a quarter. One man gave her a quarter every day, but never took a cookie. After several years, he gave her his usual quarter and she said, "They have gone up. They are thirty-five cents now."

More of us are like that than we might think. Regular blessings received. Whether from employers, other human benefactors or God, are often taken for granted. Instead of expressing gratitude for having them, we complain when they are taken away.

- Cecil May, Jr., via *Preacher Talk*, Montgomery, AL (*Bulletin Digest*) -

*Christlikeness is never out of style.*

## 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Dewey Moore - Honor Roll, Oak Glen High School.

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

**DINING & BOWLING:** Next Friday, Feb. 22nd, those interested will meet at 5:30 p.m. at JP's Pizzeria in Calcutta and then to Walnut Lanes in downtown East Liverpool. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

**VALENTINE PARTY:** Next Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. All are invited. Sign-up sheet on the desk. Donations to help defray the cost may be given to Dean or Sandy Spencer.

**ANNUAL SPRING SING:** Sunday, March 3rd, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Beaver Street Church of Christ in Lisbon, OH.

**OUR FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY AFTERNOON SERVICE:** Has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 10th due to the annual sing in Lisbon on March 3rd.

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

**PANTRY:** Vegetable beef & tomato soups.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home:** Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## If YOU Died For The Sins Of The World, How Would You Feel ...

If people took your name in vain (Exodus 20:7)?

If people damaged their bodies dabbling in sin instead of glorifying you as the Savior in their bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20)?

If they fussed among themselves in the church which you had established, and thus turned people away from the way of salvation (Galatians 5:15)?

If people chose to go fishing, or golfing, or shopping, or somewhere else on the day which you had set aside for men to worship you (John 4:24)?

If some refused to obey what you said because it was too much trouble (Luke 6:46).

If the majority didn't appreciate your sacrifice enough to attend the supper you had left as a memorial of it (Luke 22:16-20; Acts 20:7)?

If people didn't respect you enough to wear your name (Acts 11:26)?

If people didn't care whether their conduct caused anyone else to stumble (Matthew 18:6)?

DO WE EVER STOP TO THINK ????

- via North End Church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV -