

Putting God Before You

"I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved" (Psalms 16:8).

A powerful lesson we learn from this text is if we put God before us we will not be moved or shaken. If God is first in our decisions, thoughts, and actions then our way will be secure. Notice how this is such a practical lesson.

If God comes first in my decisions, then I will want to seek His will. I will ask, "What does God say about this matter?" I must strive to only do what God tells me (Luke 6:46; Matt 7:21; Jer. 37:17). To put God first in my decisions I must know His Word. Jesus said the truth would make us free (John 8:32; John 17:17). Paul encouraged us to study God's word to be approved by Him (2 Tim. 2:15). How does someone put God before himself in every day decisions if he does not know God's will? He cannot. Therefore, it is imperative for me to study God's Word so that I can make godly decisions.

If I am going to put God before me, I must put His will into my thoughts. Paul taught us to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:3-5). Christians must think on godly and upright things (Phil. 4:6-8). The only way we can put God into our thoughts is to put His righteousness into our minds. The Psalmists said, "Your Word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:10-12). In every situation we should ask, "How would the Lord want me to think?"

When we truly put God into our decisions and thoughts then we can have safety. The Psalmists proclaimed, "He is at my right hand I shall not be moved" (Psalm 16:8). The only way we can proclaim the same today is if God is at our right hand in everything we do. Have you put God before you? If you are not a Christian, we would encourage you to obey the gospel. To become a Christian you must Hear God's word (Rom. 10:17), believe in Jesus as God's Son (John 8:24), repent of past sins (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as the Son of God (Rom. 10:10), and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38). May God help each of us to put Him before us!

- Ben Bailey (via Bulletin Digest) -

Without You

We can't spell Bible St_dy without "U"

We can't spell Ch_rch without "U"

We can't spell S_pport without "U"

We can't spell _nity without "U"

We can't spell P_rpose without "U"

We can't spell D_ty without "U"

We can't spell So_l without "U"

We can't spell Enth_siasm without "U"

The Church needs "U," but more that, "U" need the church.

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Look around, be discouraged. Look up, be encouraged.

News & Notes

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Ed Wiersbicki, Becky McKittrick.

COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY about noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our **afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

CONVERT'S CLASS: each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. The 6:00 p.m. class has been discontinued.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, March 9th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbian Church of Christ.

TRI-STATE GRIEF FELLOWSHIP: Next Saturday, March 9th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Ave. congregation. Lunch provided.

TIME CHANGE: Next Saturday, March 9th, turn your clocks AHEAD 1 hour before retiring for the night. **Daylight Saving Time begins.**

"CHURCH LEADERSHIP" LECTURESHIP: Saturday, March 23rd, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Weirton Heights Church of Christ. Speaker: Roger Rush. Lunch served at Noon. Additional details on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Chicken broth.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Veteran's Hospital, Pittsburgh: Harry Huff. **At Home:** Anita Hopwood, Stan Williams, Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Eric Martin, Rich Shilling. **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson. **Calcutta Health Care:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother), Janice Hutchins. **Elsewhere:** **Carol Williams** (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Todd Grimes** (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), 3827 Gibson St., New Castle, PA 16101. **Lori Stocks** (Karen Strum's niece), address on the bulletin board. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Larry Thomas

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). We must understand the Lord's Way if we are to have life. Jesus said, "For strait the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it" (Matt. 7:14). Thomas asked Jesus the question "how know we the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:5-6).

Here are some attitudes that you should adopt that will help you to understand the way:

1. Hunger for truth (Matt. 5:6).
2. Confidence that you can understand the Bible (John 8:32).
3. Honesty (Luke 8:15; James. 1:23-25).
4. Humility (James. 4:6).
5. Patience in learning.
6. Desiring to be saved through Christ (Acts 17:10-11; Rom. 6:23).
7. Learning to live for Christ with heaven as a goal (Gal. 2:20; 2 Tim. 4:7-8).
8. Praying for wisdom (James. 1:5).

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