



West Side Window

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Time Management

Living the way God wants us to live requires the proper consciousness, commitment, and management of time.

Paul exhorted, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:15-17).

What did Paul mean when he said, “walk circumspectly”?

The word “circumspectly” (akribos) means “accurately” and “carefully.” Walking “accurately” and “carefully” is our goal as Christians.

What did Paul mean when he said, “redeeming the time”?

W. E. Vine said that the word “redeeming” (exagorazo) means “to buy up for oneself” or “buying up the opportunity.” It suggests the idea of using our time and opportunities to the fullest. That is what we must do as Christians.

What are your plans? Are you planning to be steadfast and to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3:17-18)? Those are worthy goals! Are you planning to worship God regularly (Hebrews 10:24-25)? That is a worthy goal! Are you planning to teach others about Jesus (Mark 16:15-16)? That, too, is a worthy goal! Are you planning on bearing fruit in His vineyard (John 15:1-8)?

What a worthy goal! Are you planning to grow in the Christian graces (2 Peter 1:5-11)? Wonderful!

To do these things we must do three things: (1) we must “understand what the will of the Lord is,” (2) we must “walk circumspectly,” and (3) we must commit ourselves to “redeeming the time.” We must align our priorities! We must “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). Time management is life management! --Dwight Fuqua, Sparta, TN

Welcome

It is our wish to teach and live the gospel of Christ. Our aim is to follow the example of the New Testament church in word and deed, wanting to add nothing nor take anything away from scripture. If you have any questions or concerns concerning anything you have seen or heard here today, the Elders will be glad to speak with you. If you wish to wear a mask while here, please feel free to do so. Communion packets, contribution baskets and masks are placed at both double doors. Visitor cards are available in each seating row. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again.

Coming Up...

—September 7, Men’s Class at West Side, 6p

--September 10-12, Fall Rally at Camp Endogan. See flyer on board # 1

—September 16th, Senior Saints at West Side

—September 18, Goshen Church of Christ Ladies Day. Please RSVP. See flyer

—September 25, 27th Annual Lectureship at Lincoln Way COC in Columbia City, IN. Flyer on board # 1

—September 25, Ladies’ Inspirational Day at East Allen County COC in New Haven IN. Flyer posted

--September 25, 12 Noon. Baby shower for Joey Harper at West Side. Joey is expecting a little boy who will be named Lincoln.

—September 26-30, Fall Gospel Meeting at Shelbyville Road COC in Indy. Speaker is Hugh Fulford. See flyer

Services

Sunday Morning Class

9:30a

Worship: 10: 30a

(Also live-streamed)

No Sunday Evening Service

Wednesday Bible Study

7p

Preacher

Michael Gors

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media

Those Whom

We Support

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Bible Correspondence
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Leaders in Worship

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Announcements: Lowell Huffman

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Steve Gors, *2 Cor. 1-6*

Lord's Table: Rex Harper

Sermon: Mike Gors

"Do Not Lose Heart"

Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

Sound Room: Jimmy Clark

Bible Study, September 8th

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Devo: Mike Gors

Prayer: Gary Reynolds

**Remember
Calls and Cards
to Our Shut-ins**

Anna Funk--Morrison Woods

Carl Gilstrap--Albany Health Care

Howard Latta--Elmcroft Assisted living

God grant that I may live up-
on this earth,

And face the tasks which eve-
ry morning brings,

And never lose the glory and
worth

Of humble service and simple
things.

Edgar Guest

(In Part)

Mourning without Moaning By Steve Higginbotham

His "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). Did you see that? Read it again just to make sure you got it right. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." There you have it; what Jesus said was blessed are those who mourn; He didn't pronounce a blessing upon those who moan!

So why do we do it so often? Why are we such "moaners'?"

I know life is difficult, and few of us will escape deep "scars", if we live long enough.

But, if we have Jesus, there's no reason to "moan." Whatever our trials might be, we possess surpassing grace! Although the apostle Paul had a "thorn in the flesh," the grace of God was sufficient for him (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).

Life may give you a reason to mourn, but don't let it turn you into a "moaner." When tempted to wallow in your problems, put things in perspective. In Jesus, even the worst possible circumstances you could ever imagine happening to you are only temporary.

Give it some thought, and then give thanks to God for all your blessings!

That Little Extra

At 211 degrees water is hot. At 212 degrees, it boils. And with boiling comes steam. Steam when channeled correctly can re-move stains, kill weeds, disinfects, and can even power an engine. One degree makes all the difference. In the Bible Jesus states, (Mat 5:40-41), "If someone wants to sue you in order to take your shirt, let him have your coat too. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles."

In this passage, Christ is teaching us to yield to service and double it rather than refuse it. If you are called on today to serve; could you do some extra work, give some extra time, or maybe even give an extra smile? It can make a difference. We cannot begin to imagine all God can do when we give that little extra. —Mark T. Tonkery, Parkersburg, WV

Riley Burch--Sept. 8

Emily Stults--Sept. 12

Moissa Hummel--Sept. 13

Mark Stewart--Sept. 16

Don Gilstrap--Sept. 17

Martha Gilstrap--Sept. 17

Maria Hoyt--Sept. 18

Greg Qualkenbush--Sept. 21

Melinda Sheffield--Sept. 24

Elayna Reynolds--Sept. 25

Don Allison--Sept. 25

Sylvia Carroll--Sept. 25

Kay Wall--Sept. 26

Cliff Nicks--Sept. 26

Virginia Southard--Sept. 28

**HAPPY
DAY**



Please Pray for

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Casey Robinson and His Family

Clare Vannatter, Richard's sister in WV

Cliff Nicks, Recuperating from heart surgery

Cora Devine, Compression fractures of both ankles. Trouble began during work-outs at State Fair Band Contest, (which Central High School won)

Della Odle Hodges, Sister of Pat Ergle. Covid positive with COPD complication

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN.

Don and Nancy Ellis

Martha Gilstrap. Fell at her residence with possible concussion and minor injuries. Also diagnosed with COPD

Marty Gors

Nick Hummel, Cancer

Susan Cloninger, Susan is scheduled for an MRI on September 21.

Skylar Murphy and Owens Family

Tom Davis, Lung cancer

Flying Words- Selected

Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds;

But you can't do that when you're flying words.

Thoughts unexpressed may fall back dead,

But God himself can't stop them once they're said.

**I preached a lesson to a man
Concerning him and no other;
And when he heard it, how he
laughed--
He thought I meant his brother.
Unknown**

Got time for
a snicker?

Lessons from a Messed-up Church

Corinth was a busy metropolitan city in the days that Paul helped start the church there. But Corinth also had a much-deserved reputation for moral bankruptcy. Folks who were in the practice of using prostitutes were said to have “Corinthianized.” This term later came to be used to describe moral decay in general. The sins out of which the Corinthian Christians came attest to the type of society it was (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

At the time Paul wrote his first letter to the church there, they were a troubled group, struggling to jettison the influences of their past. Factions had formed in the church over preachers. There was an immoral relationship among them that they not only refused to deal with, they were proud of their tolerance of it. They were taking each other to small claims court. They were trying to navigate sticky marriage situations. There was dissension over what to do about eating food that had been offered to idols. Their worship assemblies had become chaotic and divisive. And if that were not enough, a sizable number of Christians there were denying a fundamental tenet of the Christian religion – the resurrection of the dead. What could we possibly learn from a church that was so messed up?

Churches will have problems as long as they are made up of people. Christians are not perfect people. We are saved people. We are holy people. We are sanctified people (1 Cor. 6:11). But we retain weaknesses and we do sin. This will be our lot until the Lord returns.

Congregational leadership cannot ignore problems. Shepherds are not shepherding if they refuse to care for sick sheep and ward off dangerous wolves. Though the ideal is to avoid problems, we can benefit from them if we respond properly to them (1 Cor. 11:17-19).

God’s longsuffering is immeasurable. It is amazing that even with all of their problems, they were still God’s church (1 Cor. 1:2). They were still set apart in Christ. They were still saints just like every other saint. This did not mean that they could ignore their problems and maintain that good standing indefinitely (cf. Rev. 2:5; 3:20). But it does shine a bright light on the longsuffering of God, reminding us that he has the final say on the status of his churches. We should have confidence in each other. Though they had their share of problems, Paul was confident that they would fix them and not forfeit their eternal salvation (1 Cor. 1:8-9). Because we live in a skeptical and cynical world, it is easy to look at each other – brothers and sisters in the same family – with the same kind of carnal skepticism and cynicism. Instead, let’s follow Paul’s example and show more confidence in each other. “But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way” (Heb. 6:9).

As Paul reminded our brothers and sisters in Corinth, the church is God’s temple (3:16-17). As such, we are to embody all that it means to belong to God (cf. 6:19-20), showing our contemporaries that there is a difference between the life of a sinner and the life of a saint. In addition, the church is to function as the body of Jesus Christ (10:17; 11:29; 12:12-20), putting aside our own personal agendas and working together in harmony. May God bless us to that end. --Eddie Parrish, Bedford, TX