



LET'S VISIT

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SUCCESS!

I read the following statement somewhere, I wrote it down, but I don't remember where I first read it. The statement was, "A man who does a little more than he is asked to do, who takes a little more care than he is expected to, who puts the small details on an equal footing with the more important ones, is the man who is going to make a success of his job. Each little thing done better is the thin end of the wedge into something bigger." The principle of success is the same in all things. If we are able to transfer our training from one field to another we can become a success at many things. A man or woman can be a success in business and a success in religion at the same time. Unfortunately, many people have never learned this valuable principle. For many, they think that in order to succeed in business they need to neglect religion. Then again, some think that to succeed in religion they are forced to neglect business. Nothing could be further from the truth in either scenario. It is often the inability we have to transfer knowledge from one field to another. The same diligent work, keeping up with details, working earnestly at even the smallest matter, that causes success in business also makes us succeed in the service of the Lord. That man or woman who has learned to be conservative in matters of finance, knows the value of looking after pennies. It is true that if we look after pennies, the dollars will look after themselves. That is an old quote attributed to Benjamin Franklin and it is true in other small and large matters as well.

Success does not come from complaining and grumbling. Israel lost their right to the Promised Land largely because they were a complaining,

murmuring, dissatisfied people. What was true of Israel is true of the people of God today. It is true in any work. If those who are doing the work are constantly complaining, you will usually find them doing this when they should be working. No organization can succeed with workers who are always grumbling and complaining. When you find an organization disintegrating from within while all outward advantages point to the possibility of success, you will usually find complaining prominently displayed throughout that organization. However, if those connected with the organization are content with their lot, and are working harmoniously toward the well being of the business, they are on the sure road to success. This is also true in our church work.

Just as success does not come from complaining and grumbling, it also does not come from wishing and dreaming. There is nothing wrong with wishing, it just does not get us any place. If our wishes and our dreams can be made real through our work, then they are good. Otherwise they only serve to create unrest and dissatisfaction. If you want to be as successful as someone you know, then don't spend your time wishing. Find out the real reason for their

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
KSLA 12 - Shreveport - 11:00 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 373 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 83 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Why Bother To Pray?

**For The Pantry. . .
April 28 – Macaroni & Cheese**

Offering – April 21, 2024. \$2,291.00

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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success and get down to business. Success is always a culmination and never a surprise. Those who succeed have known where they were going all along. They planned it that way. They were not afraid to take care of the small matters that make bigger things.

We must also take note that success does not come from criticizing. One of the greatest failures we often have is criticizing the success of others and of blaming others for our own failures. Let's be honest. This is nothing more than an effort to cover failure in our own hearts by offering criticism of others. Yet, while we are doing this, the man or woman who looks after small matters and works at their job, continues to climb while all we do is develop a nasty disposition. All a nasty disposition serves to do is harm us.

Obviously, these principles are true in business, they are true when we are on the job. However, they are also true in religion. When a church is composed of people who are not ashamed or afraid of the smallest details, people who will work where they are, and people who are in earnest about the building up of the body of Christ, that church will always succeed. If Christ be for us, who can be against us?

The Boy and His Father

At ten he thinks his father knows a great deal. When he is fifteen he thinks, "Well, I know just about as much." At twenty he thinks he knows again as much. When he comes to be thirty years old, he thinks that he ought to ask his father's advice sometimes. At forty, he thinks that his father does know a little more. At fifty, he looks for his father's advice. At sixty, and his father is dead, he comes to the conclusion that there was not a smarter man on earth than his father was.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



Going Fishing?

Jimmy showed up late for Sunday School and the teacher asked Jimmy why he was late. He replied, "I was gonna' go fishing, but Daddy wouldn't let me" The Sunday School teacher said, "you have a wise father. Did he explain why you shouldn't go fishing today?"

"Yes ma'am" Jimmy replied. "Daddy said there wasn't enough bait for both of us"

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QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Our next quarterly fellowship luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 2024. We will be celebrating birthdays and

anniversaries for the months of June, July and August and we will also be honoring Liela Klein upon her High School Graduation. Please make your plans to be here and bring someone as a guest.

Hospitality Group 1 will be in charge of this dinner. Those members are: Marsha Bounds, LaResa Livingston, Betty Miller, Lisa Miller and Melonia Molloy.

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
May 28th
6:00 P.M.



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Upcoming Events

LADIES' DAY – Camp Bee, Marshall Texas; Saturday, May 4th 2024 – 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall.

GOSPEL MEETING – May 5-8, 2024 at the Church of Christ in Cushing, Texas. Stephen, Austin and Wesley Wiggins will be doing the preaching. Services at 7:00 each evening.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

September 8, 2024 – Friends & Family Day
December 8, 2024 – No Excuse Sunday
December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

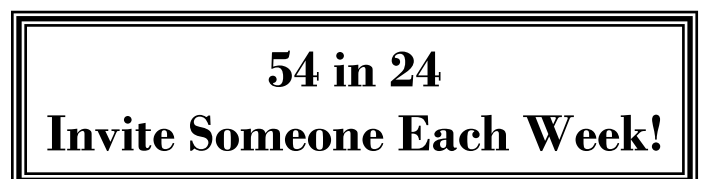
"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew) **Mitchell Anthony** (LaResa Livingston's brother), **Alton Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's cousin – cancer) **Michele Bradshaw** (Gene & Martha Bradshaw's daughter in law) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Gail Foster** (Cancer) **Bobbie Gray** (Jerry Pate's Aunt) **Geneva Harrison** (Mike Bostick's mother) **Glynn Hartt** (friend of Cissy Amos) **Joe Hughes** (Cissy Amos' father); **Sonya Hughes** (friend of Gene and Martha Bradshaw) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Verven Pate** (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer. **Stephanie Richard** (Friend of Norma Perkins) cancer; **Traci Roden** (friend of Norma Perkins) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; **Buddy Sowell** (friend of Debra Pate) **J. C. Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father) **Clark Paul Williams** (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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Across The Preacher's Desk

There was a popular song written in 1974 entitled "One Day At A Time" that has been recorded by somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 different recording artists. One line of the song reads, "Lord help me today, show me the way, one day at a time".

Perhaps that's the concept the Psalmist had in mind when he wrote these words in Psalms 118:24, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad today!" (NCV). Here is a man with a word of wisdom that all of us would do good to live by. He lived in a long ago day but he has a philosophy that is fresh and up to date for us today.

In fact, I am persuaded this is even more needed in our crowded and hectic world than it was in the more quiet time he was privileged to live in.

What you and I need to do is to learn this man's secret. If we claim the promises of God today, we take care of our yesterdays and leave the past with God. Just as God takes care of yesterday, so will he take care of tomorrow. Today is all we have, it is all we can manage and it is all we need. If we live right today, we can leave yesterday and tomorrow in the hand of God. What we must do is make sure we live for God today.

it's something to think about.....tbp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
54 in '24!**