

Let's Visit

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How Does Success Come?

Someone has said, "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 can be a success in business and a success in religion at the same time. Sadly, many people have never learned this lesson. To succeed in business, they often think they need to neglect religion. To succeed in religion they feel they are forced to neglect business.

Success does not come from complaining. 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 Lord's people today. It is true in any work. If those who are doing the work are constantly complaining, you will usually find them complaining when they should be working. No organization can succeed with workers like that. When you find an organization going to pieces from within, when all outward advantages point to the possibility of success, you will usually find complaining prominently displayed throughout that organization. But if those connected with the organization are content with their lot, and working harmoniously toward the well being of the business, they are on a sure road to success. This is also true in our work for the Lord's church.

Success does not come from wishing and dreaming. There is nothing wrong with wishing, but 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, don't spend your time wishing. Find out the real reason for their 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.

Success does not come from criticizing. One of the greatest failures of human beings is that of criticizing the success of others, and trying to blame others for their failure. Yet, every person can see that is only "whistling in the dark" as we have always heard. It is an effort to cover failure in our own hearts by offering criticism of our fellowman. However, while we are doing this, the man who looks after small matters and works at his job, continues to climb, while we only develop a nasty disposition which actually only does us harm.

It is easy to see that these principles are true in business. But they are also true in religion. When a church is composed of people who are not ashamed or afraid of the smallest details, who will work where they are, and who are in earnest about the building up of the body of Christ, it will always succeed. If Christ be for us, who can be against us.

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

“Contentment”

Our text comes from **Philippians 4:11**. The Apostle Paul had learned the secret of Contentment. When we learn the secret of contentment, our lives will be much happier and so will the lives of those around us.

FOR THE PANTRY....

All Purpose Liquid Cleaners

Blessed is he. . . .

Blessed is he who doth not say, Lo, what is the matter with the minister? Why doth he not fill the church so there is no more room? But who goeth out and saith to his friends, Come thou with me and I will do thee good and so will the minister. Truly that man understandeth that one personal work is better than a whole sermon.

Blessed is the man who does not say, Let George do it, meaning the minister. Yea, verily he goes and does it himself.

What doth it profit a woman to know where to find the society news and the sale ads and knoweth not whether Corinthians is a book or a new kind of soap, and she avails not to find the Sermon on the Mount.

Whereunto shall I liken the family that readeth the daily papers diligently and the catalogues, and the sports magazines but never readeth a word of the Holy Writ, even though the Bible lies in a conspicuous place on the table? They are like unto men who would devour bread crumbs and cold beans, yea and the leavings of the garbage pail also, and pass up beefsteak and mashed potatoes. Or they are like unto the maiden who would throw away a box of precious jewels-emeralds and rubies and diamonds, and wear upon her breast by

preference some gilded stuff purchased at a street fair.

The church member who prudent himself greatly when the lodge or the Red Cross or the Commercial Club, asketh him to take an office but who, when there is a job for him in the church whereby he may save his immortal soul and the souls of others, wearily saith, truly church work is an intolerable burden, and there are so many other things I have to do, verily I must pass it up.

This is the end of the matter, all hath been said. Fear God, and keep his commandments. Rejoice greatly in the work of the church. Be faithful in the small things that are committed unto you and greater things shall be your joy and your portion. Make not vain excuses, but get on the job and stay there.

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On The Lighter Side....



So, preacher, you just work on Sundays and the other six days just “hang out”?

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today, tomorrow there may be a government regulation against it.

Miscellaneous

Mark Your Calendar!

“No Excuse Sunday”



Sunday
December 5th

Covered Dish
Luncheon

Make Your Plans
To Be Here!

ATTENDANCE GOAL - 52

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The Public Meetings of The Church

“Until I went into the sanctuary of God, then I understood...” (Psalms 73:17)

The value of attending the public meetings of the church is a matter of dispute in the minds of many people. We have some people who go to church regularly, others do not go at all. Then there are those who are in the services occasionally.

What is the merit of going to church? Does it help? Is the outlook of the regular church goer different on other points from the outlook of those who do not go or who go only occasionally?

The Hebrew poet expressed himself on the matter in the 73rd Psalm. He had almost given up trying to do right. He saw the prosperity of the wicked and envied them. He saw the ease of the sinful and wondered why he must be burdened.

Seeing these things he had about decided that God doesn't care. That conclusion is fatal to spirituality. Then one day he went up to the sanctuary of the Lord – that is he went to church. It was here he got his bearings again. When he left his feet were on firm ground. He understood God's plan when he went to church.

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Courtesy is a continuous action, not something to be turned on and off like a faucet.



Those To Remember In Prayer

Bruce Ligon, preacher for the Bellville Church of Christ suffered a TIA last Sunday and has been undergoing tests and treatment. He has spoken on our VBS in the past.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick , Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted and Joyce Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Melvin Williams

“EXTENDED FAMILY” AND FRIENDS

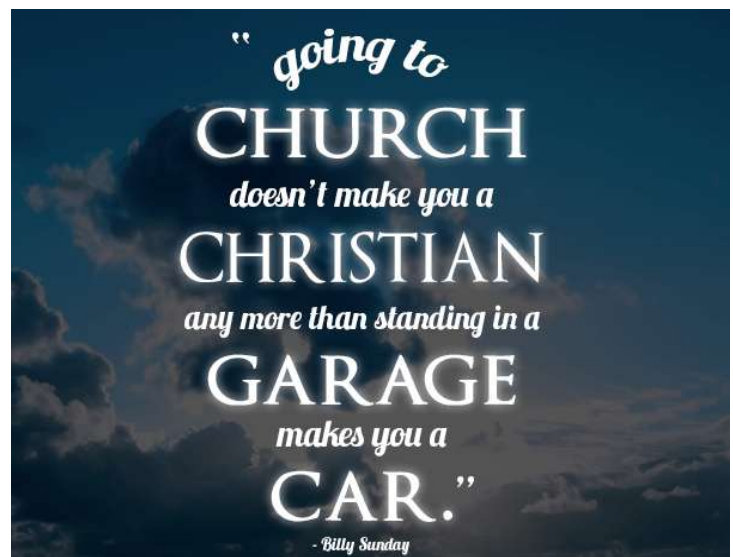
Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Donna Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) Gil Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery John Fincher (Dale Fincher's uncle) Gayle Foster (Cancer) Dalton Hendrix (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick) Julia Keffer (Bobbi Holder's mother) Laurie King (Co-worker of Mike O'brien,) cancer : Liam Martinez (11 months old) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Katilyn Tate (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) Jared and Natalie Tate (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw
Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

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Across The Preacher's Desk

Most of us have our bad days. On those days, our every act, our every thought, our every spoken sentence seems to have a “but”, a “can’t” a “don’t”, or such like. On those days, we are at our worst. We fret about our health and our circumstances and we pity ourselves to the very verge of tears.

But what do we get out of it? Well, we get misery and worry. By compounding every problem and considering every obstacle, we make matters worse than they are.

So, why do we beat ourselves up when we get “down in the dumps”? Because we momentarily lose our perspective. We magnify things out of proportion so that they overwhelm us and upset us. Yet, we can quickly get rid of negative thoughts. We must switch our will power to the positive current. Once we do, we will notice an improvement almost immediately.

One by one, count your blessings in health, wealth, home, family and other areas of life. Think about all the things that are right in your life instead of all those things that are wrong. It is just as easy to be constructive and positive as it is to be destructive and negative.

So the next time you are “down in the dumps” and having a bad day, do something about it! Take a walk, chat with a neighbor or undertake a worthwhile project. Before you know it, the weight of the world will be lifted from your shoulders.

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

**God's Plan of
Evangelism....**

Each one bring one!