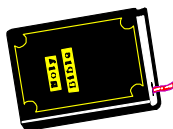


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“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

WHY DO YOU TROUBLE HER?

Have you ever done something good and had others laugh or mock or criticize you for it? How did you feel about it? Did it make you want to do more? No, something like that tends to discourage us from doing more. That's too bad because that's **exactly** what Satan wants.

In the Bible (**Mark 14:3-6**) is the account of a woman that gave a tremendous gift to our Lord Jesus by anointing him with very precious ointment. (If a man worked a whole day for a penny back then, then 300 pennies worth of ointment would be worth at least a year's salary, very conservatively at least \$10,000.)

The Lord was pleased, but others criticized her and said "What a waste, this could have been sold and given to the poor". How do you think this woman might have felt at this. How would **you** have felt if you had just given \$10,000 to someone and were criticized for it?

This was a woman of great faith and understanding because she realized that Jesus was to die, something the other disciples hadn't quite grasped yet. Jesus spoke up for this woman, to encourage her (and us), saying, "Why do you trouble her?". He said that this thing she had done was a **good work**. One that would be remembered wherever the gospel was preached. And we know of it today. What a memorial, one that will never fade because she didn't let men trouble her.

The point is—we can have the same! If we don't let ourselves get discouraged in our good works and, in thinking of what others might say, not do them. Let's not consider the praise **or** the reproach of men. Instead, let's remember who our Master is, what He is like, and serve Him only.

"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shown toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Heb. 6:10

Men may forget what we do. Men may misunderstand us. Men may criticize us for showing them up. But God knows our hearts and will **never** miss or forget what we do in His name. Let's take courage from this and not be afraid to do what we think is right and good. Don't let people trouble you—look to God for your reward.

- Ed Kelleher, elder, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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PM Donald Klieves

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will,
and it shall be done unto you." - John 15:7

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack Edwards (Melissa Parks' father) and Jack and Elma Berrier.
- Sister Carolyn Lee requests prayers as she deals with much mental stress.
- Sharon Johnson 50, Donald Klieves' baby sister had a heart attack in West Virginia. She's recovering and Donald requests prayers on her behalf.
- Jones and Dawn Gamble request prayers for a friend of theirs, Beverly Farley who was found to have a cancerous lump on her neck that likely spread from somewhere else.
- Kaitlyn Sheppard had a high fever due to a severe ear ache.
- Linda McVeigh, Billy McVeigh's wife, is suffering from osteoporosis a debilitating and painful condition. Billy is involved in the South American mission work which is doing well and prospering.
- Beryl Parks left the hospital Friday, recovering from his stroke, and was able to attend the Sunday AM assembly for which we are all very thankful.
- Let's continue to remember the Stidham, Geiger, and Honeycutt families after their recent losses.
- Brother Bobby Giles came forward last Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the church that he be more patient with those he has to work with and that his behavior would be better. He wants to keep the apartment he has now.
- Brother Cedrick Anderson came forward also, requesting the prayers of the church that he be a better example for his students.
- Marcella Klieves will be traveling to West Virginia, Monday August 28.
- Tom Rinehart will be in Myrtle Beach for a conference this weekend.
- Arthur Gill, an evangelist in Bishopville, has to work a secular job to help support his work, but he has been laid off due to arthritis. He is zealous and faithful and has a good report. If you'd like to help him in doing the Lord's work, it would be a blessing for him—and for you. Please see Ed Kelleher.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- Ron and Margie Banks moved into their new home last Saturday. It's right behind Lexington High School. Our thanks to church members who were able to help them move out of the old house and into the new one. They can still use some help. Their new address and phone number are:

320 Richmond Farms Cr, Lexington, SC 29073 Phone: 743-7778

“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.” - Matthew 7:24,25

“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.” - 1 Kings 18:21.
If you've made the choice to serve God—Good! Then watch out for this one:

“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.” - 2 Peter 2:20-22

Remember, we need to take up our cross **daily**—to die to self daily. It isn't done all at once, baptism is the beginning, not the end. Do something for God **each day**, otherwise we'll windup as He says.

-Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- Contributions of \$1175 have left **only \$825** to pay on the church **parking lot loan** which was originally \$28,000. We'd like to get this paid off before our new evangelist, Jerry Manning arrives later this month with his family. **Please** consider making a **special donation** to help us **pay this off completely**
- **Christian Block Party—Be there!** Saturday August 26, 2006, **9AM** at the building. Last weeks attempt was interrupted by Ron and Margie Banks desperately needing some folks to help them move. We'll pick up material to pass out in the neighborhood. It's the **Easiest Evangelism** there is. If you can't make it Saturday, we'll need help the preceding Weds, Thursday and Friday to bag up material to be passed out Saturday.
- The **Mannings** expect to be here sometime **Thursday August 31**. Their trailer will arrive beforehand. They asked that we plan on Friday, September 1 to help them move in. He'll begin preaching the first Sunday in September, when we also plan on having our First Sunday Luncheon.
- The **Windsor Lake church** is planning to have a **homecoming and Gospel Meeting** Friday-Sunday October 27-29th, 2006 on the occasion of their 30th anniversary as a congregation of the Lord's church. **Wallace Beasley**, their first minister will be preaching. Hope you'll plan on going.
- **Change cans** for the SE Children's home are in the foyer if you'd care to help. They'll be collected and counted, Lord willing, in November.

“Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life” - Romans 2:6,7