



WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FUN?

Has anyone ever said this to you because of your behavior as a Christian? Have you ever thought this way in regards to being a Christian—that you don't have any fun? Is that the way it should be—that a Christian shouldn't have any fun? No! If you think so, you'll miss the boat! Consider David a moment, whom the Holy Spirit said was "A man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22):

"I have REJOICED in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in ALL RICHES. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will DELIGHT myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word." - Psalm 119:14-16

Does this sound like a person who wasn't happy to you? What was it he was doing? Who was he out to please? - himself, or God? Was his enjoyment **physical** or **spiritual**? And that's the key! It is our **spiritual** man that counts!

People tell us today to change the way we eat. When we want a snack, don't get a candy bar, get an apple instead. It's better for us and just as satisfying. They say that our desire for **junk food** is just a **habit**, that can, and should, be changed into a desire for more healthful food. ("Repentance" anyone? ☺)

Well, as a Christian, our idea of what's **fun** should change also—it must! We should **want** to help others above ourselves (Romans 15:1-3). We should **enjoy** God's word more than a novel or the Sunday funnies (Psalm 1). We should **rejoice** in keeping God's word rather than feeling it's a burden (Acts 5:41). Remember, **"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."** (Matthew 5:6) This is a **promise** from God, don't you believe it? How are you acting? (see *sidebar* on page 3)

The **world's** idea of "having fun" is doing something for **yourself**. This is the part a Christian needs to change. **"... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive"** -Acts 20:35

Let's go after the "True riches", let's be like our Lord who said "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me". Let's find fulfillment and true joy as **children** of God. Let's **be** Christians.

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

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T J BOLEN— Wisdom is vindicated by her children

PM: T J BOLEN— Why God took the form of a man

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” - Mark 8:36

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Judy Walker, also Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.

- Remember: **Anna Porter, Gwen Pittman, Margie DeYoung and Carolyn Stidham** as they continue on the road to recovery from various ills.
- Remember **Stephanie Rigney** also as she resumes treatment for cancer.
- Remember **Martha Geiger** as she settles in her new home.
- **Ryan Sheppard** will be home soon from Georgia after 2 weeks of National Guard duty.
- Remember to pray for and send cards to those we've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

"My grace is sufficient for thee:
for my strength is made perfect in weakness" - 2 Corinthians 12:9

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“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- First Sunday **luncheon**, all invited to stay after the morning assembly. Also **men's business meeting** after that.
- **Bride and Groom Shower** for **Brian and Jen**, after the evening assembly, Sunday May 18. See **Martha** for details.
- **Gospel Singing—Windsor Lake, Sun May 18, 2-4 pm**
- **YOUNG ADULT and NEW CONVERT** class Sundays, 10 am, upstairs classroom.
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

"He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:31

Sun AM Sermon— *"Wisdom is vindicated by her children"* Text - Luke 7:35

This statement from Jesus was given in a context where He spoke of those who rejected John the Baptist and who subsequently were rejecting and did reject Jesus as well. You are a "product" of your acceptance or lack thereof, of the message given by God.

At this very moment: Are you who you need to be?

I. Summary of Luke 7:1-30 - What led up to the instruction given in the verses to immediately follow?

II. The Message of 7:31-35

III. A demonstration of that message seen in 7:36-50

IV. Who are you, regarding God's message?

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FUN? - (SIDEBAR)

“And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”—Acts 11:26

The disciples were called **Christians** by God. It was a divine proclamation, not man's. Read Acts 11 and you'll see **why** God called them Christians—they were **acting** like it.

If we claim to be Christians, we also need to **act** like it. We need to act like those good disciples described in the Acts of the Apostles and the other books of God's word. The Lord told us as much:

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above” - Colossians 3:1

This is really part and parcel of our repentance—changing our minds. Not minding the earthly, physical things, but instead setting our desires, our fulfillment on the heavenly, spiritual things God has called us to:

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: ” - 1 Peter 4:1-4

They might think us strange, but God will call us “Christians”. — Ed Kelleher

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THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING ...

Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well, “...whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst” (John 4:14). We might not think that very important or pay much attention to it today because we've never really lacked for physical food or drink. That's too bad in a way, because like the Laodiceans (**Rev 3:14**), it can be hard for us to see we're starving—**spiritually**. Here's a bit of food from God that, if we make it a part of us, if we **memorize** it, **will** nourish us **forever**. Parents, our children memorize popular songs. You provide well for their physical needs, here's something much better for them (and us) to memorize:

“Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law does he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.” - Psalm 1