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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

Recognizing what is good and evil must be worked at!

**“But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age,
even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised
to discern both good and evil.” - Hebrews 5:14**

As you learn to do this, then continually ...

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

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INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays 3 pm
Everyone Welcome!
Bring your friends & Bible questions

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none at present time
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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

A FEW SIMPLE POINTS ABOUT SPREADING THE WORD

If we're concerned about lost souls and if we desire to build up the local church, there are a few necessary matters to which we must give careful attention. Consider the following.

We must have a perception of the need. This includes understanding that Christ obligates us to take the gospel to those around us (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16), as well as simply observing that the local church must be perpetuated.

We must follow the pattern of God's Word. While reaching the lost is essential and building up the local church is vital, we must not go beyond the limits of God's Word to accomplish the tasks. Pragmatism says if it works, it must be right; the Bible says if it is authorized, it is right (cf. Colossians 3:17).

We must apply the principle of Acts 8:1,4. These two verses show the scattering of the saints and then the scattering of the seed. They indicate that every member was involved in the process of evangelism — not just those in leadership positions.

We must recognize the power of the gospel. While some shy away from personal work believing that they are not assertive or eloquent enough, the bible shows that the power to convert the sinner from the error of his way is in the message, not the messenger (cf. Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12).

We must understand that persistence is essential. Consider 1 Corinthians 15:58 in light of the subject at hand: "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

So, are we really concerned about lost souls and do we really care about building up the local church? Then let's get to work!

- **Preston Silcox**, minister, Bethel church of Christ, Martin, Tennessee

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

Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith ... or not! (2 Cor 13:5)

“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Ed Kelleher** came forward Sun AM requesting the prayers of the church.
- **Jan Kelleher** continues to be in pain from bone cancer and the chemotherapy she is taking. All thanks and glory to **God** that the cancer is still not spreading,
- **Margaret Herring** requests prayers for her grandson's wife **Angela**, who has been diagnosed with leukemia and has slipped into a coma. Also, for her oldest daughter, **Anne** who has a spinal injury and having an MRI. Remember **Margaret** also.
- **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" - Matthew 7:7

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason, Jones** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **Contact** those on the Directory list that you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **Save the Date! Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday 3/10/18 at church of Christ at Gold Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC. Lord willing, **Ed** will be driving a van full of men to it.
- **INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

“Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness” - Romans 4:3

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THANKS

Don't you like to hear people say "Thank you"? And even more so when you know they mean it by some **action** of theirs. Do you thank a cook better by saying thank you, or by enthusiastically **eating** what they've prepared for you? Do you thank a teacher better by saying thank you, or by **using** what they've taught you in some good way? Those that give know which is best. God has given us something we should be thankful for: **"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."** - 1 Corinthians 15:57 Wouldn't you like to hear God say, "You're welcome"? Let's thank him then, not in word but in **deed** (1 John 3:18) by **using** what he's given us, as He told us:

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."- Hebrews 13:16

If you don't, what message are you sending to God about what he has given you?

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

DO YOU HAVE AN ACCENT?

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity go to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and speak in a weekend seminar hosted by the Edmonton Church of Christ. It was such an encouragement to go so far away and find so many good people who are striving to conform their lives into the image of Jesus, just as we are here in Glasgow, Kentucky.

However, here's something that came to my mind as I spent some time with these good brethren. You know what? These people had an accent. I could tell I wasn't in Glasgow, KY anymore. Don't you suppose they were thinking the same thing? "Where's this guy from?" "He's certainly not from around here, that's for sure."

My point is, that from hearing one another speak, we were able to immediately learn something about each other. Now, here's my question. If you began speaking, how long would it take for someone listening to you to discover that you belonged to Jesus? In Acts 4:13, when the people heard Peter and John, they "perceived that they had been with Jesus."

My prayer is that my "Christian accent" will be as strong as my West Virginia/Kentucky accent, and that the "Christian accent" of my Canadian friends will be as strong as their Canadian accent. Eh?

- **Steve Higginbotham**, preacher, South Green Street Church of Christ, Glasgow, Kentucky

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” - Colossians 4:5,6

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SEE THAT YOU ABOUND IN THIS GRACE ALSO

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.” - 2 Corinthians 8:1-7