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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

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

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

Do you want this? Feel you're missing out?

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

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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

PRAYER

Hopefully, you pray often. We want the Lord to be pleased with our prayers and to answer them. Have you ever stopped to consider **what** you pray for, and for **whose** benefit? You should. For a good example, look at **Solomon's** prayer: what he **didn't** ask for, how pleased the Lord was, and the result:

"And hast not asked for THYSELF long life; neither has asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself UNDERSTANDING to discern judgement; behold, I have done according to thy words:" - 1 Kings 3:11,12

We can pray to our heavenly Father about our **jobs**, our **health**, our **school work**, or our **finances**. These aren't bad things to pray about. It's certainly a lot better than **not** praying. But think! How many of these things will be with us 100 years from now? None! How important really are they then?

Remember also to pray for things that are **spiritual**. Things that we can keep **forever**. Things we need like: **love, mercy, humility, understanding, meekness, patience, honesty**. These are qualities of the heart. They are spiritual and will be with us **eternally!** **These** are the things that matter to God and that will truly help us reach heaven. Heaven and our soul is what matters in the long run—not our success in this world.

Remember too, Solomon didn't really ask for **himself**. He wanted to help others. Jesus likewise, as well as Paul. Look at their prayers, **who** they were for and for **what**. Remember, **"It is more blessed to give than to receive"** - Acts 20:35. If we pray for the benefit of others don't you think God, who gave his Son for us, is more likely to be pleased?

We all want to get to heaven. This should be our #1 goal. Let's make sure we're aiming at the right target — and asking for the **best** things to help us, and everyone else, get there!

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

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

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

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“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.*

- Please pray for **Sarah Stepling** (nee Kelleher) and her newborn son, **Michael**. **Michael** has some hemoglobin problem and is jaundiced and might need a transfusion. Pray a good solution if found. **Michael** is home, and granny (Honey) **Jan** is staying with the family to help them in a trying time..
- **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,
- The **Strickland** family is suffering a variety of ills, including **Carolina** with the flu. **Paula Kennedy** also has the flu. Also remember **Margaret Herring** and family with many ills. **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.

“Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.” - 1 Peter 4:19

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Next Sunday is First Sunday!** All are invited to stay and share a meal together.
- **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.

“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.” - James 4:3

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“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- **Matthew Kelleher**, Ed’s youngest brother, passed away in Maryland. Ed and daughter Julia will drive up for the funeral and expect to be back Sunday evening.
- **Mitch Mitchum** passed away Thursday. Funeral Sat. at Palmetto Church of Christ.

“The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. 9The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.” - Psalms 145:8,9

RESPONSIBILITY?

The other evening, as I was thinking of the many who shirk their responsibilities and try to shift them to someone or something else; the question came to mind: “Who carries the most important responsibility of all?” Is it the elder, preacher, policeman, mayor, president, the school principal, etc,...or who?

The scriptures tell us in Titus 2 for the women to be keepers at home, to guide the house. She is spoken of in Proverbs as one who rises early, clothes and feeds her family, buys and sells a field...her hands are never idle. It has been said of yore that the “hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” Many a godly woman has reared her sons to be sound gospel preachers, song directors, elders, faithful men of God; and her daughters to be Christian mothers, dressing in chaste apparel, watching her manners, and to be in submission to her husband.

Yes, can there be anyone with more responsibility and influence for good than a truly godly woman? Therefore, let the older women teach the younger women that they may learn to teach their children, love their husbands, and guide their homes as God would have them, knowing that one day we must all give an account to God for the deeds done while on earth.

—**Walter M. Bishop**, Elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

**“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”
- Proverbs 31:26**

THE MECHANIC

A mechanic went to hear a visiting evangelist in a little town. The preacher preached that night on money, and presented the sermon under three points. First point: "Make all you can." The mechanic nudged his wife and said, "That man is the best I've ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it's all about. He is one smart man." Second point: "Save all you can." This excited the mechanic and he whispered again, "This beats anything I've ever heard. He's smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him." The preacher commended hard work and thrift, denouncing laziness and waste. The mechanic couldn't keep quiet. He whispered, "I've believed this all my life." Third point: "Give all you can." "Oh my," exclaimed the mechanic, "now he's gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling."

THOUGHT: Isn't it strange that some people's conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments them and rebukes others? Remember -- your preacher didn't write the Bible. He is not responsible for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it. And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction to it.

- **Leroy Brownlow**, 1914-2002, Gospel Preacher

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