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2011 – A Time To Reinforce Your Love For The Lord

The beginning of a New Year brings thoughts of making resolutions to improve our health, appearance and actions. At the top of the list should be a commitment to a more lively spiritual life. Some adjectives for lively include energetic, active, practicing, enthusiastic, and working.

It's necessary to fulfill your assignments for school activities, but it is also necessary to fulfill assignments concerning the Lord's assignments. Paul, in Philippians 4:1, encouragingly stated to the church at Philippi as he completed his letter to them, "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."

As you reflect on 2011, seriously consider your spiritual status and resolve to work more diligently toward spreading His Word and being an example to friends and classmates. Express your enthusiasm of knowing Christ and your opportunity to worship Him each week. Be proud of your Christian fruits: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22-24). So many young people are trying to find happiness in the world and have never had an opportunity to enjoy a life enjoying the blessings available through obedience to Christ. Too many think a desire for things of the world is the way to success. Many young people do not know Jesus and of the things He has done for us, His suffering and death on the cross for our sins. There is a victory for Christians through Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57). In 1 John 2:16, the apostle John writes, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Satan made an effort to tempt Jesus of these things in Matthew 4:1-10 and Jesus rejected him with words of Scripture.

A commandment that must be kept is found in Matthew 28:18-20:

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

This was spoken to the apostles, however, all Christians have the same commandment to teach His Word to all unbelievers. 2 Timothy 4:2. Paul, writing in 1 Timothy 4:11-12, 16, said to Timothy, "These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. *** Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

The doctrine of Christ, the law of Christ, the word of Christ, is the authority and information that must be taught. Hearing, faith, repentance, confession and baptism are conditions that must be performed by one who is lost in order to enter into the family of God, as one of God's children in the divine family. In and through this method only as it is revealed in the word of God may one be born spiritually, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, into the kingdom of God.

But, it doesn't stop there. In Revelation 2:10, we are told to be "faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Again, see 1 Timothy 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them..." If we fail to resolve and make this commitment, it will be testimony and as judgment on that Great and final Day, Luke 11:29-32.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous NEW YEAR!

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Bible Study [answers back page]

1. What did the prophet Jeremiah say in Jeremiah 15:16 about God's Words?
 - a. God's words cause his heart to rejoice.
 - b. God's words left him feeling unworthy of God's mercy.
 - c. God's words allowed him to rid himself of sin.
 - d. All of the above.
2. According to Job 23:12, how did Job view God's words?
 - a. He wanted to share them with others.
 - b. Valued them more than food.
 - c. Looked upon them more precious than gold.
 - d. Considered them worth dying for.
3. In Luke 2:49, what did young Jesus say to Mary & Joseph?
 - a. "Why have you asked Me to do this miracle?"
 - b. "My time has not yet come."
 - c. "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"
 - d. "If I answered you, would you understand?"
4. What does 2 Timothy 2:15 teach us?
 - a. That we must study God's words.
 - b. That God has placed His message in "earthen vessels."
 - c. That we must teach the Gospel to the whole world.
 - d. God requires mercy and compassion of us.
5. What does 1 Peter 2:2 say in regard to our need for continual study of God's Word?
 - a. If we are pure in heart, we will be able to understand God's Word.
 - b. We must desire God's Word so that we can grow from studying it.
 - c. If we are impure in heart, we will not be able to understand God's Word.

- d. We must learn how to interpret God's Word correctly.
6. According to 2 Peter 3:18, what are Christians to do?
 - a. Teach the Gospel to others.
 - b. Rebuke others when they sin so that they can be saved.
 - c. Grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.
 - d. Worship God with admiration and respect.
 7. In John 14:15, Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Where are those commandments found?
 - a. In God's Word, the Bible
 - b. In each person's heart.
 - c. In the Old Testament alone.
 - d. In Christ's parables.
 8. What does Ephesians 5:17 command us to do?
 - a. "Preach the Gospel to the whole creation."
 - b. Do not be foolish, but understand "what the will of the Lord is."
 - c. "Care for the widows and orphans."
 - d. Study to show yourself approved unto God.
 9. According to Ephesians 3:4, what can we do when we read God's Word?
 - a. We can teach it to others.
 - b. We can use it to correct the sin in our lives.
 - c. We can understand it.
 - d. We can use it to correct the sins in other people's lives.
 10. In Jeremiah 37:17, what important question did King Zedekiah ask?
 - a. "Is there any word from the Lord?"
 - b. "What do the Scriptures say?"
 - c. "Why is God angry with me?"
 - d. "Why have you done this to me, Jeremiah?"

Are You Thankful?

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated a few weeks ago and emphasis was placed on our being thankful for country, health and worldly blessings. Now, as we start a new year, let's continue our "thanks" to our Creator for His gifts of life and plan for an eternal home with Him:

For the **Lord Jesus**: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: whom being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." An eternal home with Him will not be available had He not sacrificed His life and resurrected for the forgiveness of our sins. He has all authority in matters of religion, Matthew 28:18.

For the **Bible**. The Scriptures are our guide to doing God's will. The Old Testament points to Christ, "Let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ," Colossians 2:16, 17. In verse 14, apostle Paul writes concerning the Old Testament Law, "...He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."NKJV Many people in the world live where Bibles are not allowed to legally circulate. We are blest to have freedom to worship and study openly.

For the **Church**. In America we are free to gather and worship the church established by Christ without fear. We praise God and give thanks in prayer for the sacrifice made by Jesus. Worshipping and fellowship with brethren, praying, singing songs of praise and teaching so others will know Christ, and being busy doing works as commanded by Christ. "All the brethren greet you," 1 Corinthians 16:20." "Salute one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you," Romans 16:16.

For dedicated **Preachers**. There are congregations in this country and overseas that have no minister to work with them. Some dedicated preachers work in secular jobs to be financially able to care for families as they preach, teach and counsel. Some missionary areas have no preacher to work with them. Be thankful for a dedicated, sound preacher that brings God's Word in truth.

For the **Hope of Heaven**. This hope is offered to all men, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven," Matthew 7:21. God's plan includes hearing the Gospel, Peter first preached the Gospel on the Day of Pentecost. After hearing, they asked "what shall we do?" Peter said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," Acts 2:38. The ones that received his word

were baptized that day *** and continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship," Acts 2:41, 42. It is written in Revelation 2:10, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever," Psalm 136:1.

From Where I Sit

by C. M. Callan, Clinton church of Christ, Tennessee

Do we say things we do not intend to say, perhaps not even thinking about what we have said? I suspect there are a number of areas that we could find this to be true, but I would like to call attention to our singing and some of the things we sing about. If we are to "sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord," then should it be important that we think about what we are singing? I have been thumbing through our songbook and I can find so many examples.

"I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today..." (But we do not show up for worship services?)

"Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee..." (Too busy to do the Lord's work when called upon?)

"All to Jesus I surrender..." (Did not really mean "all," just some of it?)

"There is much to do, there is work on every hand – Here am I, send me." (Whoa – I mean I'll help you go, but not me, I'm too busy!)

"More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show..." (Haven't been to Bible study in how long?)

"Give me the Bible, Holy message shining..." (Never seem to have time to read it?)

We could go one and on, but I think you get the picture. Of course the answer is not to stop singing, but rather think about the words and resolve to make them something you really intend to do or believe. "Lip service" will not get the job done. God does not settle for just a part of "us" but demands "all." The problem, as I see it in my own life, is simply that I have too many "idols" between God and me. Such things as money, prestige, leisure time, hobbies, family, bad habits, work, etc. come between me and my service to the Lord. Being a Christian should be the most important thing in my life, not just something I do on Sunday morning.

Join with me and think about the songs we sing and make every effort to sing in the "spirit and truth."

Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

The Church of Christ

In conversation with family and friends, having a ready answer is helpful when Christ's church is brought up. Knowing the basic facts will keep an interest uninterrupted. Study with a Bible on hand will prove the foundation and establishment of the one true church.

Establishment

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Isaiah 2:2-3.

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever," Daniel 2:44

"And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high, Luke 24:46-49.

Speaking to the apostles: "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:5-8

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance," Acts 2:1-4.

“And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the Kingdom of God come with power,” Mark 9:1.

Foundation – Christ

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste,” Isaiah 28:16.

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ,” 1 Corinthians 3:11.

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,” Matthew 16:18.

Founder - Christ

“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,” Matthew 16:16-18.

Names of Members – Christians

“And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem,” Acts 9:1-2.

“Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name,” Acts 9:13-14.

“And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch,” Acts 11:26.

“Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuades me to be a Christian,” Acts 26:28.

“Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf,” 1 Peter 4:16.

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Organization

“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body the fullness of him that filleth all in all,” Ephesians 1:22-23.

“Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops [elders] and deacons,” Philippians 1:1.

“This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; *** Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued,*** holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience,” 1 Timothy 3:1-2, 8-9.

Worship – Spirit and Truth

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth,” John 4:24.

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers,” Acts 2:42.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord,” Colossians 3:16.

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,” Ephesians 5:19.

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come,” 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.

Law of Pardon – Faith and Obedience = Salvation

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned,” Mark 16:16*

“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him,” Hebrews 5:8-9.

Creed – Christ

“For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified,” 1 Corinthians 2:2.

Church Name / Description

“Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you,” Romans 16:16.

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood,” Acts 20:28.

“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth,” 1 Timothy 3:15.

* baptize: baptizo = immerse [Greek] The act of baptizing, immersion. Jesus, although sinless, was baptized as an example for forgiveness of sin. “Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. **And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:** and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,” Matthew 3:13-17. [emphasis added].

TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2011

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will continue to be our security
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be sound preaching of Spirit and Truth.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still bless His people.
8. Jesus will still love you.
9. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.
10. “But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you,” 1 Peter 1:25.

Daily Rules to Live By!

1. **Wake Up!!** Decide to have a good day. “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it,” Psalms 118:24.
2. **Dress Up!!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. “...for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart,” 1 Samuel 16:7.
3. **Shut Up!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. “He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction,” Proverbs 13:3.
4. **Stand Up!!** For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith,” Galatians 6:9-10.
5. **Look Up!!** To the Lord. “I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13.
6. **Reach Up!!** For something higher. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths,” Proverbs 3:5-6.
7. **Lift Up!!** Your Prayers. “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.

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Seven Ways to be Happy! By John Gurtler, Southwest church of Christ, Austin, Texas

Often people make their own lives miserable and other people help them to find misery. Abraham Lincoln once said, “Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.”

Recommendations for Happiness

Trust in God The person who puts faith in God has a source of strength and delight that a non-believer cannot understand (Proverbs 3:5; 16:20). If we fuss and stew about everything, it shows a lack of trust. Jesus told Martha that she was “troubled about many things.”

Relish the Scriptures: See Psalm 1:1-2. Psalm 119:104 says, “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.” The Scriptures always shoot straight. Tax laws change, the weather changes, politics are ever changing, but God’s Word never changes. (Timothy 3:16-17). The sacred pages give hope, comfort, and gladness to the lovers of the truth.

Live Righteously: “Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about, be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart...” (Psalm 32:10-11). Titus 2:12 shows that clean living contributes to deep-rooted joy and contentment. People may mock you and deride you, but you possess something they do not have.

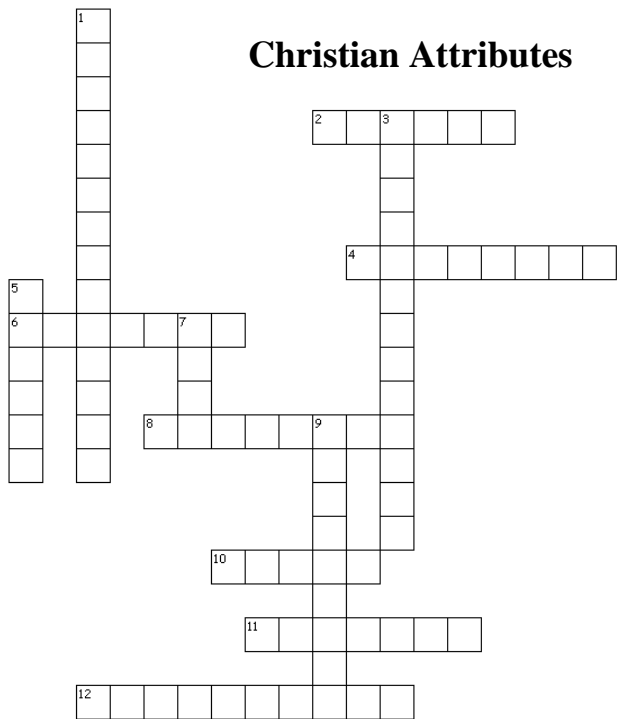
Worship God with Regularity: In Acts 20:6-7, the brethren traveled so they could worship with other Christians. In Acts 2, it describes the disciples as having all things in common among them: “great joy” and “praising God.” David said, *I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord...*” (Psalm 122:1). See also Psalm 95:1; 96:9-11. Worship is for the glory of God and the happiness of man.

Keep a Clean Conscience: Acts 24:16; 1 Timothy 1:19; 2 Timothy 1:3) There can be no happiness when one violates his conscience. See Genesis 42:21: Joseph’s brothers’ consciences made them miserable.

Learn Contentment: The grass is not always greener on the other side. Some people continually fret and complain about the cost of living, their job, wife, husband, weather, politics, etc. Christians grumble. Philippians 4:11 states that a contented person is a happy individual. Without contentment, joy is only superficial.

Stay Busy and Constructive: Idleness breeds displeasure, restlessness, despondency, mischief, happiness comes to him who works persistently, and diligently. See Romans 12:11. Effort expended and accomplishment materialized brings inward fulfillment. Beneficial work keeps the mind from thoughts that are negative and destructive. First Corinthians 15:58 says, “...abound in the work of the Lord.”

How did Paul find joy? Paul found joy in seeing and hearing about other Christians doing good. Read Philippians chapters 1-3 and count the times you read the word “rejoice” or “joy.”



Christian Attributes

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- GOODNESS
- JOYFUL
- LIVELY
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- PEACEFUL
- PRACTICING
- PRAYERFUL
- TEMPERANCE

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Across

- 2. "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee...." Matthew 5:27-30
- 4. Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-12
- 6. "Ye are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14-16
- 8. "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also,..." Matthew 5:38-42
- 10. A better leader, Matthew 5:1-2
- 11. "Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: ***But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Matthew 5:33-37
- 12. "But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery...." Matthew 5:31-32

Down

- 1. "Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him...." Matthew 5:23-26
- 3. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." Matthew 5:17-20
- 5. "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5:21-22
- 7. "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;..." Matthew 5:43-48
- 9. "Ye are the salt of the earth....", Matthew 5:13

David writes with fluent, positive words. Fill in the missing words in this quiz from the Psalms.

- 1. Their throat is an _____, they _____ with their tongue. (5:9)
- 2. Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is _____. (8:1)
- 3. The Lord is my rock in whom _____ . (18:2)
- 4. Remember not the sins of _____. (25:7)
- 5. The voice of the Lord is _____. (29:4)
- 6. _____ and see that the Lord is good. (34:8)
- 7. Sing to the Lord a _____, for he has done marvelous _____. (98:1)
- 8. They have _____ me evil for _____, and hatred for my _____. (109:5)
- 9. I lift up my eyes to the _____, from whence cometh _____. (121:1)
- 10. Thy word, O Lord, is _____; it stands firm in _____. (119:89) Answers on back page.

There are five things that you cannot recover in life:

- 1. The Stoneafter it's thrown.
- 2. The Word.....after it's said.
- 3. The Occasion.....after it's missed.
- 4. The Time.....after it's gone.
- 5. A person.....after they die.

Was It "Psalm"-thing I Said?

WHERE IN THE BIBLE WILL I FIND . . . THAT WE MUST DO THE WILL OF GOD?



...One must do the will of God in order to be saved. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Our Saviour also said, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). When some Jews showed an interest in His teaching and believed on Him He said to them, "If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31,

32). We thus learn that one is a genuine disciple of the Lord only by continuing in His word: "If ye continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed." Let it be carefully noted that Jesus did not say, "if you are honest and sincere in your convictions, you are My disciples," nor did He say, "if you follow the dictates of your conscience, you are My disciples." He did not so much as to say, "if you follow the religion of your father and mother you are My disciples." He DID say, "if you continue in My word, you are My disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32). It is, therefore, vitally important that we know what is involved in continuing in, and doing the will of God. There are three things necessary to the doing of His will and the omission of any one of these renders one's whole effort invalid and without merit. (1) We must do WHAT THE LORD SAID DO. (2) We must do what the Lord said do IN THE WAY OR MANNER IN WHICH THE LORD SAID DO IT. (3). We must do what the Lord said do in the way and manner in which He said do it, AND WE MUST DO IT FOR THE REASON OR REASONS HE SAID TO DO IT. If we truly love the Lord we will do no less than this since keeping His commandments is the test of our love for Him. "For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments" (I John 5:3). -Where In The Bible Will I Find..., I. D. Byars, Volume 1, p. 42.

Bible Quiz: (1) a.; (2) b. ; (3) c. ; (4) a. ; (5) b.; (6) c. ; (7) a. ; (8) b.; (9) c.; (10) a.

Crossword Puzzle:

Across
- (2)
purity:

Four Blessed Looks

Look back and thank God.
 Look forward and trust God.
 Look around and serve God.
 Look within and find God!

; (6) example; (8) reaction; (10) Jesus; (11) honesty; (12) commitment.

Down – (1) reconciliation; (3) righteousness; (5) temper; (7) love; (9) influence.

“Psalm-thing” I Said: (1) open sepulcher; flatter; (2). Thy name;
(3) I will trust; (4) my youth; (5) powerful; (6) taste; (7) new song;
things; (8) rewarded; good; love; (9) hills; help; (10) settled; heaven.

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