


The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX

“Is there a Minimum?”



Many people want to know what the bare minimum is they can get by with in their lives. Also some Christians want to do the minimum in their spiritual lives. But does God allow a bare minimum? Jesus says, “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). If we really love God, we will want to do all we can.

Some may ask, “How many times a week do I have to go to church?”, or “How much do I have to give?”, or “How much do I have to do?” This is the wrong attitude. Jesus says, “So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do’ (Luke 17:10). If we try to get by with the bare minimum in our spiritual lives, we will most likely be horribly surprised on Judgment Day when we hear the Lord say, “Depart from Me” because we have not faithfully done the will of the “Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21-23). It will be too late then. It will be final. Can we do too much for the Lord? No!

We must do the most we can for the Lord. We must, “be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven when this life is over. God “is a rewarder of those, who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). But we must diligently seek God if we expect to receive the reward of Heaven. The Bible says, “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure” (2 Peter 1:10). But we must be “looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God” (Hebrews 12:15). We can definitely fall from the grace of God even though Satan says we can’t.

What about those who are lukewarm? Jesus says, “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth” (Revelation 3:16). Those who are lukewarm make Jesus sick at His stomach. But Jesus promises, “Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). Let’s make sure we go to Heaven. Nothing is as important.

- Ron Boatwright

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY:

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Bible Study

5:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Bible Study



“Be Thankful”

Lessons

9:30 - "Things To Think About Every Day"

10:45 - "What Was The Jerusalem Church Like?"

5:00 - "How Does The Lord Measure Success"

News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

We had several out Wed. night with illness, but thankfully nothing serious. Sophia wasn't feeling well so Katie stayed home with her. Linda was also out with some respiratory difficulties. Probably others also. It's been a rough winter for many people, but spring is just around the corner as our allergies attest.

Our gospel meeting is just about over as you read this. Really looking forward to a great weekend. No adult Bible classes today as we stay in the auditorium to hear Shawn speak. There will be classes for the "little" ones. Teachers can determine who is "little." Also, with all that's going on, no 3rd Sunday Ladies class or Youth Devo. They are rescheduled for next Sunday evening, the 22nd.

This is also spring break for many of our young ones. We have several out of town already and more leaving this week. Have a great time and be careful. See you next Sunday.

Years ago I saw a sign over a desk that read: "Be thankful for the problems of your job - without them you could be replaced by someone who makes less money." Over the years life has continued to teach me that, whether on or off the job, we are evaluated more by how we handle problems than by the successes we achieve.

- Who is there among us who has to had some problem of self-esteem or feeling of inadequacy?
- Who has not had problems with friends and loved ones?
- Who as not suffered heartbreak?
- Who has not had to deal with pain?
- Which parent has not had a problem with a child, and which child has not had a problem with a parent?
- Who had not made some terrible mistake?
- Who has not been judged falsely?
- Who has not thrown themselves into some worthy cause only to be utterly disappointed?

As much as we try to avoid pain and problems, they show their heads at every turn. This being the case, we should embrues them and let them be our teachers. without problems we would not be the person we are. Hope and happiness lie in the fact that there is no problem that an ounce of love and an ounce of humor can not make better. Grab hold of the "flotation devices" the next time you find yourself overboard. Problems are golden opportunities disguised in work clothes.

Stephen Yarnall

"No matter how many miles a man may travel, he will never be able to get away from himself"

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Mann
Hymn Director - M. Krueger
Scripture Reader - B. Mann
John 3:14-16

Opening Prayer - J. Carithers
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - L. Williams
Opening Prayer - S. Clanton
Closing Prayer - M. Mann

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Davila
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
Alex Morolez
Gregory Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

- World Religions
- John and Romans
- Graded Classes for Children