

Editorial Thought...

Love God With All Your Strength...

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with My victorious right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10 - NLT)

As Christians, our instruction in 1st John 3:18 is this: “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth”. To love the Lord God with all our strength means to love Him “exceedingly”, “richly”, “lavishly”, and “with reckless abandon out of simple devotion”.

In more practical sense it means we are to love God 110%: (1) *To go all-out*, (2) *To give it our best shot*, (3) *To never give up*, and (4) *To love Him with all our might*. Loving God with all our strength is to love Him with all our resources, all our abilities and all our time. It means that we fully love God in the following ways.

1. WE LOVE GOD WITH WHAT OUR HANDS FIND TO DO: We are to serve the Lord our God diligently, being His hands extended in our world. We love Him by giving a cup of cold water to those in need (Matthew 10:42), feeding the poor, attending to the sick, lifting our hands in worship (which could also include: writing an article, working with zeal to bring glory to God, etc.). And as you know, the list could go on and on. Our hands serve a major purpose in loving God with all our strength.

2. WE LOVE GOD WITH WHAT OUR EYES HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE: The eyes are the gateway to the heart. We are made to gaze on God’s beauty (Psalm 27:4), and to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Our eyes come in contact with so much during the day, yet we love God more perfectly when we see what pleases Him. The saying in true: We become what we behold.

3. WE LOVE GOD WITH WHAT OUR EARS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR: Jesus said many times, “*if anyone has ears to hear, let him hear*”. It may seem a peculiar statement, but it is a powerful one. What Jesus is saying is listen in order to be transformed. Listen to be changed. Listen not just for more information, but to gain revelation. When we gain access to His voice we begin loving Him as He desires. Listen to others, share their story, listen to their thoughts and hear their pain. Walk away from gossip, slander, backbiting and negative discussions. Controlling what we *hear* is a part of loving Him with all our strength.

4. WE LOVE GOD WITH WHERE OUR FEET HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO GO: Where our feet take us on the journey in life says a lot about how we love the Lord. Jesus laid it out when He said to “*go and make disciples*” (Matthew 28:19). The great commission is all about *going*. When we *go* and serve, *go* to church, *go* to a friend in need, *go* the extra mile, we are loving God with all our strength. We need to strive to be led by God’s Spirit and allow that Spirit to lead us into amazing places of divine opportunity.

5. LOVE GOD WITH WHAT OUR MOUTHS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK: Let is ever be said that the words we say bring glory to the Lord. When we edify, encourage, comfort, honor, support and bring life to others (Proverbs 18:21), we create access for them to discover God’s kindness. We get to love God by declaring praise and worship to Him. As well, when we boldly share our faith with others (Ephesians 6:19) and bring them into a relationship with God or when we instruct, coach and counsel others, it all becomes a vital part of loving the Lord with all our strength.

What a privilege we have to love the Lord with all our might, with a reckless abandon expressed in a sold out life. Let us be reminded of what the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 84:2 where he lays out his hearts cry (a longing we should share): “*I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the LORD. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God*”. Let’s all strive to love Him *more perfectly!*



Daniel Seay

News And Notes

Our Prayer List

Rob Harris, Family of Bud Daniel, Austin Clark, Gwen Gann, LouAnn Gann, Josh Wallace, Josh Werner, Billye Werner, June Brant, Donna Spader, Alice Jones, Daker Elessor Diana Nordin, Dick Cox, Barbara Shank, Gary Scoggins, Andy Huffman, Jeannette Pope, Betsy Pippin, The Moore family Our Elected Officials and all World Leaders.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”
[James 5:16b]

Statistics

For The Week Of July 26th, 2015

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| Sun3ay Class | 14 |
| Sunday AM | 21 |
| Sunday PM | 7 |
| Wednesday PM | 4 |
| Contribution | \$524.00 |
| YTD Budget (30) | \$29,050.00 |
| Difference Year-To-Date | -\$990.85 |
| Savings Account Balance | \$2,027.69 |

2nd Corinthians 9:12 – ‘Your generosity is doing great things

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday: Wesley Beard (1), Richard Hoose (12)
Anniversary: -None

COMING EVENTS

Next Fellowship Lunch – August 16th @ 1pm
- This Will Be A Part Of Our Planning Weekend -

Annual Kickoff Sunday: September 13th
- New Classes And Monthly Themes Begin -
- Fellowship Lunch At Noon -

PLEASE MARK AUGUST 16TH

Please mark August 16th on your calendars now for our 12th Annual Planning Day. We will introduce the Yearly Theme for 2015-16 along with Themes for each Month of the year. There will be a fellowship lunch at noon to celebrate our work for the Lord.

ANNUAL KICKOFF SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2015
MARK THIS DATE!

Agenda For Sunday, August 2nd, 2015

Theme:

SEEK WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

Today’s Topic:

“The Disciplined Life”

AM Class: “**CHURCH ISSUES**” – Moderated By Chase Harris / *In The Blue Room*

10:30 am: **Strict Training**

Text: 1st Corinthians 9:24-27

1 pm: **All In!**

Text: Mark 9:33-35

Wed. 7pm: **Visitation and/or Maintenance Work**
Wade McCallie, Coordinating

Special Prayer Requests

Pray Special And Specific Intercessory Prayers For:

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| June Brant | Gwen Gann |
| Jeannette Pope | Ruth Kinnick |
| Diana Nordin | Allen Sullivan |
| Billye Werner | Rob Harris |
| Janice Seay | Debrah Fingerbinder |
| Chris Folster | Roy Bays |
| Ray and Imogene Hearn | The Family Of Robin Wilson |
| Rozalyn Boggs | Sophia Cannady |
| Josh Werner | Jeanie McDonald |
| Betsy Pippin | Norman Gann family |

