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# THE GOSPEL POWER

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation..."* **Romans 1:16**

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## PRIORITIES

*Morris D. Norman*

They ranged in age from 9 through about 19. The father had died a few years earlier and now the body of their mother lay in state waiting to be carried to a distant city to be placed beside the body of her mate. It was Sunday morning and the children hurriedly dressed to be at services on time. They didn't know what others would say about being at worship while their mother was waiting to be buried, but they knew what the Lord wanted them to do and they knew what Mother expected of them. Beside this, they needed that strength that comes from worshipping God and being with the saints that should understand.

The above is not a fabricated story, it happened a number of years ago and, to my

knowledge, all are active in churches across the land today. They had learned from a godly woman about spiritual priorities, and had learned them so well that in time of crisis and deep grief they met their appointments with the Lord.

Some seem to never learn this important principle, even after decades of living and hearing hundreds of sermons on putting first things first where God is concerned. I have known of those who have been "Christians" for years who will travel on Sunday and never stop to worship, or if they do, for only one service. They will miss the morning worship hour to get home for the evening service, for, "after all, we can partake of the Lord's Supper then." I

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AT ANDERSON**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**“LET’S STUDY THE BIBLE!”**

**10TH AT 10:00 AM**

**Chapter 2**

**The Book of James**



**In Home Bible Study**

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Join us as we begin a new study in:

**“Getting to DID”**

**By, Edwin Crozier**

*“a motivational story full of powerful ideas...”*

**GETTING TO DID!**



**HOW TO GET RID OF YOUR BIG BUT AND LIVE A LIFE WITHOUT REGRETS**

**1 FEBRUARY 2012 RELEASE**

**After the  
3:30 PM  
Gospel Singing**



## EVIL CAN BE OVERCOME

*Irven Lee*

*"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not ... Recompense to no man evil for evil ... If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place to wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:14-21.)*

This portion of the sacred writings is not used as much as it should be used. Too many seem to try to overcome evil with evil, and this does not work.

You may have heard the story that I heard about a woman who went to a lawyer seeking a divorce. He asked her if she had tried heaping coals of fire on his head. She said she had not

tried that, but she had tried pouring hot water on him. I think Americans know more about the hot water method. Few try overcoming evil with good, and this is the method that heaven recommends. There may have been many bitter divorces when neither even tried the Lord's advice.

The Christ said: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 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 ... 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." (Matt. 5:38-48.) Some say that people would use you for a door mat if you manifest this attitude, but the Lord did not think that would be the result. How many have tried His method of overcoming evil?

The Lord suggests that we

love our enemies. He is not expecting us to feel toward them as we do our most precious loved ones. He does want us to show active good will toward them. He knows best, and He tells us how to overcome evil. We should accept His wisdom rather than our own fleshly impulse.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." (Prov. 15:1.) It is not easy to find the soft words when grievous words are being hurled at us, but it would be better by far if we did.

Our Savior set the example for us. "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again: when he suffered, he threatened not." (1 Pet. 2:18-25.) We are taught to "be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing." (1 Pet. 3:8-18.) Strife has continued in

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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE FACTS?

### From the book of Joshua

*Answers will be posted next month*

**1) Who was Joshua the son of?**

- A - Geba
- B - Shimei
- C - Nun
- D - Jarib

**2) When these people's feet touched the waters of the Jordan, the waters were cut off:**

- A - The priests
- B - The army
- C - The children
- D - The commanders of the arm

**3) What did Joshua do after the Israelites crossed over the Jordan?**

- A - set up 12 stones
- B - made a fire
- C - prayed
- D - crossed back over

**4) What was Rahab's occupation prior to joining with Joshua and the children of Israel?**

- A - Seamstress
- B - Sorcerer
- C - Harlot
- D - Prophetess

**5) Where had Rahab hidden the spies?**

- A - In piles of dirty laundry
- B - Underneath the bed
- C - Under stalks of flax
- D - In a well

**6) What did Rahab do to signal where her house was?**

- A - Lit a fire
- B - Waved a flag
- C - Painted a wall
- D - Hung a cord

**7) How many times (total) did the army circle the city of Jericho before the walls fell down?**

- A - 7
- B - 12
- C - 13
- D - 14

**8) Where was Achan put to death?**

- A - Ashan
- B - Achor
- C - Axar
- D - Ahoib

**9) The manna ceased shortly after this feast:**

- A - Pentecost
- B - Passover
- C - Feast of weeks
- D - Feast of tabernacles

**10) Why were the Anakites (Anakim) feared?**

- A - They were famous archers
- B - They were strong and tall
- C - They had iron chariots
- D - They were numerous as the sand by the sea

**11) How did God kill the Amorites in Israel for Joshua and the people of Israel?**

- A - with large hailstones
- B - fire balls
- C - lightning bolts
- D - boils

**12) How long did the sun stand still for Joshua?**

- A - two hours
- B - about six hours
- C - about half a day
- D - about a whole day

**13) What nation deceived Joshua?**

- A - Gibeonites
- B - Gileadites
- C - Gathites
- D - Gentiles

**14) How many cities of refuge did God have Joshua designate?**

- A - 5
- B - 6
- C - 7
- D - 8

**15) After the death of Moses, Joshua was commanded to:**

- A - Spy out the land
- B - Be strong and courageous
- C - Offer a burnt offering
- D - Bury Moses in the promised land

**16) Where were Joseph's bones buried?**

- A - Ramah
- B - Shiloh
- C - Shechem
- D - Hazor

**17) What does Joshua's name mean?**

- A - The Lord Saves
- B - The Lord Kills
- C - Beloved
- D - Rock

**18) How old was Caleb when Moses sent him and Joshua to spy out the land?**

- A - 30
- B - 40
- C - 50
- D - 60

**19) What city did Caleb and his family inherit?**

- A - Hebron
- B - Jericho
- C - Heshbon
- D - Gilead

**20) How old was Joshua when he died?**

- A - 40
- B - 70
- C - 90
- D - 110

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have known of those who have attended important seminars or business training sessions and by so doing miss one or both of the Sunday worship services. "It's the only time the information is available."

I have known of those (sometimes whole families) who miss one or both ser-

vices when one member of the family was sick. If the illness is serious enough to demand close care, that is one thing, but often such is not the case. One could stay with the ill person and the others worship. If the sick one is in the hospital, the hospital staff is competent to care for the sick for a short time without us. Often the same illness that demands our attention

on the Lord's Day does not demand it on work days. It is not my effort in this short article to judge, but rather to bring to our attention the importance of setting priorities. Most people intend to put the Lord first, but without thinking, let other things become more important. *(From Perspectives, Vol V, No. 4, April 1979)*

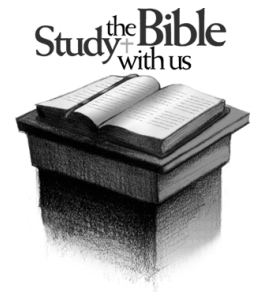
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many cases where peace could have been restored by overcoming evil with good. Many marriages have failed when there could have been happiness if there had been more ornaments of the meek and quiet spirit. (1 Pet. 3:1-7.) Let us "prove (or demonstrate) what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Rom. 12:1.)

We all know what the Bible teaches concerning our efforts to maintain peace, but few set wonderful examples before us. Do we not trust His wisdom? He

knows us, and He knows the counsel we need. Let us profit more by what we have been taught.

The Lord will handle the rewards both for the worthy and for the unworthy. Vengeance belongs to Him. (Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30,31.) He also blesses the faithful. (Matt. 5:10-12.) Let us commit ourselves "to him that judgeth righteously." (1 Pet. 2:23.) Since the hot water method does not work, let us try heaping coals of fire upon the heads of the enemy. Let us actually overcome evil with good. *(From the Gospel Guide, Vol XIV, No. 5)*



**Sunday's at**

**9:45 AM**

**Wednesday's**

**at 7:00 PM**

## **ANDERSON CHURCH OF CHRIST**

# **Spring Gospel Meeting 2011**

**March 27th - March 31st**

**Sunday: 9:45 AM Bible Class**

**10:45 AM Worship**

**6:00 PM Singing**

**7:00 PM Worship**

**Monday - Thursday 7:00 PM**



Speaker:  
David Hartsell



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WORD OF GOD!***

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:45 AM  
AM Worship 10:45 AM  
PM Worship 6:00 PM  
3rd Sunday 3:30 PM  
Worship

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

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## MY TELEVISION SET

*Bob Falkner*

I spent a thousand dollars,  
And now I'm deep in debt;  
That's what I had to pay  
For my television set.  
I've seen the rape and killing,  
And I've even learned to  
bet;  
That's the good I've gotten  
From my television set.  
The doctors and the nurses,  
How they always seem to  
fret,  
Each afternoon when I turn  
on  
My television set.  
I think of all the places,  
And the people that I've  
met;

I would have been so bored  
Without my television set.  
I don't want to be with friends,  
Don't even want a pet,  
For I had rather visit  
With my television set.  
On Sundays when it's raining,  
And others get all wet,  
I stay at home and worship  
With my television set.  
When I'm dead and buried,  
I hope they don't forget  
To put me in the ground  
Beside my television set.

*(From Vanguard Vol 5, No 7,  
April 1979)*

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