

Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16)

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Sunday, September 3rd

Bible Classes

Song Leader
..... Kevin Chancellor
Bible Reading (Exo. 40:17-29)
..... Brad Hammond
Prayer
..... Larry White

Morning Worship

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..... Kevin Chancellor
Prayer
..... Michael Clemmons
Lord's Supper
Presiding Jimmy Glass
Assisting Phil Pressnell
Serving Aric Butler
..... Zack Rogers
..... Daniel Clemmons
..... Rodney McCrary
Closing Prayer
..... Claus Martel

Evening Worship

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..... Jim Phillips
Bible Reading (Exo. 40:30-38)
..... Steve Parker
Prayer
..... Eddie J. Hammond
Lord's Supper
..... Jimmy Glass
..... Phil Pressnell
Closing Prayer
..... Jonathan Keenon

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How Do You Approach Things?

Matthew H. Allen

Our attitude is the primary force that will determine whether we succeed or fail spiritually. How do you approach things? Do you often see difficulty in every opportunity, or do you see an opportunity in every difficulty? Our attitude determines the approach we take in leading our spirituality. Adopting a healthy attitude is essential for our spiritual lives! Paul is a great example in this when we consider how he overcame his past and examine the optimistic view he held on his future.

1 Timothy 1:13-15 treats us to the grimy detail of Paul's past. He was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Later he writes, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. Paul had a terrible background to overcome. After his conversion, he possessed an extreme desire to know Jesus in a greater way. Forgetting his past, Paul turned his passion into laying hold of Jesus. See Philippians 3:8-13. His attitude was essential for his spiritual success! We are responsible for our view of life. Whatever a man sows, this he will also reap, Galatians 6:7. Think about it. Your spiritual life is filled with infinite potential! Don't hold it back by a poor outlook on life and neglect of the precious spiritual blessings God so richly bestows.

Part of our problem today is that we have taken heed to the lie that life has to be fair, and if it is not, then it is an excuse to be sour on life. I hope we all grow to realize that life is not fair. While it is impossible to trim all situations and circumstances to fit our loves perfectly, it is possible to craft our attitude to fit every situation life

hands us. We read, I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me, Philippians 4:12-13. This is learned behavior. Developing a healthy attitude will influence our entire outlook on life. When confronted with a difficult situation, a person with an outstanding attitude makes the best of it while he gets the worst of it. It has been said, whether life grinds us down or polishes us depends on what we are made of. Consider for a moment the success of these men and the importance of their attitude:

- o *Joseph – Genesis 39-42.* Thrown into the pit, sold into slavery, jailed wrongly before coming to the throne to serve Pharaoh.
- o *Moses – Exodus 2-3.* He spent time in the wilderness before leading the people of Israel.
- o *Peter – Matthew 26:69-75.* Peter denied Jesus three times. Matthew 26 concludes by telling us he went out and wept bitterly. He could have allowed this failure to wreck his life. However, his attitude propelled him to rise out of the ashes of failure to become one of the leading apostles in the early years of the church. It has been said that the opportunities of life lie directly in our problems. Thomas Edison wrote, there is much more opportunity than there are people to see it. Use the problems that confront you as opportunities to grow your spiritual life and trust in God.

Christianity can be an extremely liberating experience. It frees us from the weight of sin and gives us a way to lead a focused and purpose filled life. An optimistic spirit can help us accomplish

our spiritual goals. Remember, as long as we live, we are forming, changing, and reinforcing our attitude. You can change for the better! Are you aiming toward spiritual success? Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus, Philippians 3:12-14.

~via *New Living*; Brownsburg, Indiana.



Conditioned Conscience

Tim Smelser

“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity and in whose spirit is found no guile. When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my moisture was changed as with the drought of summer” (Psalm 32:1-5).

In this passage the problem from which David was suffering was clearly a guilty conscience. Vine’s dictionary defines conscience as, “The witness borne to one’s conduct; that faculty by which we apprehend the will of God as that which is designed to govern our lives.” In other words, it is that which determines what is morally good or bad in our lives.

However, that determination **MUST** be based on God’s word if we are to be found acceptable to Him. Basing what is right and

wrong on our own personal experience is pure Humanism. Paul said that unless the law had forbidden coveting he would not have known it was wrong (Romans 7:7-8). God gave us a conscience for a reason. In the passage above, David admitted that when he tried to hide his sin and kept silent about it his conscience would not leave him alone. He was reminded of his wrong doing day and night. That was God's design at work.

What we must guard against though, is conditioning or training our conscience, so that it is not bothered by sin in our lives. This can be done and all too frequently it is done. In 1 Timothy 4:2 Paul spoke of those who had branded their conscience as with a hot iron. It was no longer sensitive. It was beyond feeling sorrow and remorse. Such a person today still knows right and wrong but simply does not care to differentiate between the two.

We must work diligently to remain sensitive to God's will. If our conscience condemns an attitude or activity based on scripture then we must listen to it! David found relief only after he turned back to God and asked for forgiveness. That same relief is available to us today!

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Remember:

What? Young Adult Home Bible Study

When? Tonight after our evening service

Where? At the home of Cori Williams

Subject? Searching For Truth

Come join us as we study together.

News and Notes

THE SICK: *Virginia Lovell* is doing much better after getting medication for he intestinal infection...*Carson Crunk* has been sick this past week with pneumonia, but is doing better ...*Ashley Goode* has not been able to be out as she would like as she is in the last stages of her pregnancy...*Scottie Goode* was not able to be at Bible study Wednesday night, but is now doing better ...*Myrtie Williams* is in the Glenwood rehabilitation center in Florence ... *Ronnie Phillips and Sissy Clemmons' mother, Lois Ann Corum*, is in Glenwood rehabilitation in Florence ...*Jack Tucker* is not able to be out ... *Larry Johnson* is confined at home ...*Faye Hammond* is at home ...*Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Rodney McCrary and all the family* in the passing of Rodney's nephew, *Chris Roden*, on Monday. His funeral was Thursday afternoon in Center Star.

NEW BABY: We rejoice with *Aric and Andrea*

Butler in the birth of their daughter, *Arica Alexandra*, this past Wednesday morning. Arica weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 inches long. *Ray and Glenda Phillips* are proud grandparents of Arica.

ANDERSON COMMUNICATOR: There is a new copy of the *Anderson Communicator* on the table in the vestibule. Be sure to get your copy this morning..

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight will be the time for Communication Groups one to meet. If you are in Group one remember to meet with your group tonight.

NEW DIRECTORY: There are still some of the new directories on the table in the vestibule, if you need one.

THE RECORD: *Attendance week of Aug. 27th*
Sunday:

Bible Classes 112
 Morning Worship 129
 Evening Worship 83

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 83



Gospel Meeting

September 24-28, 2006

Bill Hall, Speaking

Schedule of Services

Sunday – 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
 Monday through Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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