

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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Men Priviledged To Serve:
Sunday, November 27th

Bible Classes

Song Leader

..... Eddie J. Hammond

Bible Reading (Exo.. 2:1-14)

..... Brad Hammond

Prayer

..... Monroe Pressnell

Morning Worship

Song Leader

..... Eddie J. Hammond

Prayer

..... Jimmy Glass

Lord's Supper

Presiding Phil Pressnell

Assisting Brian Word

Serving Curtos Mosley

..... Aric Butler

..... Mike Rogers

..... James McConnell

Closing Prayer

..... Ray Tucker

Evening Worship

Song Leader

..... Jim Phillips

Bible Reading (Exo. 2:15-22)

..... Rodney McCrary

Prayer

..... Mark McIntyre

Lord's Supper

..... Phil Pressnell

..... Brian Word

Closing Prayer

..... Ronnie Phillips

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Time Well Spent

Tim King

"How blessed are the people who are so situated" (Psalm 144:15) is a concise verse with strong implications. It is written in the context of bounty and blessings, a prosperity that only comes through personal discipline and dependence on God. When the Lord provides us with duties, they are to be executed with diligence and planning. Planning ahead is expected of us. It is the only way to get ourselves so situated.

With holidays and special occasions running parallel to every day priorities, it can become overwhelming to manage life. But it is possible. All of us have said one time or another, "there is just not enough time in a day." Actually, time is a good thing. I once heard that time is nature's way of everything not happening at once.

We can become situated with the Lord's help. When I first entered the preacher training program, I received a packet of information regarding the duties of a preacher. The first recommendation mentioned was to start the day off in prayer. What better way is there to begin a day than with communication with God, the One who directs my paths, making them straight, and protects my feet from stumbling (Proverbs 3:6 LBX; Psalm 56:13 LBX). We get so distracted with the cares and concerns of this world that we totally neglect the hand of our Helper.

Situations are not to be feared. There is a fearful emotion that takes place either with deadlines or the overwhelming priorities of daily life. I completely understand the feeling of getting behind on things, but there is no reason to fret. When we place aside those fears and ask the Lord to shepherd our every step, we will come out on top.

Some may think too far ahead in the future. The time we spend dwelling on our responsibilities, asking ourselves, “how in the world am I going to get this done,” that’s time you could spend taking care of them. We find time for T.V. and computer entertainment but not time to spend with the Lord and becoming situated.

Situate the time in each day as it comes.

Tell me, how in the world can one plan on missing services because of homework or something related to that? That does nothing but shed light on ones’ poor time management skills. I’ll say it again, we can find time to entertain ourselves with modern technology and conversations over the phone, but not spend a couple of hours worshipping God. As I once heard, “we master our minutes, or we become slaves to them; we use time, or time uses us.” In one of my classes, time management was one of the chapters we studied, that is, how a student can coordinate their hours in a day to find time for what needs to be done. Spending time with God is first and foremost; the rest will fall into place.

“How happy are the people who are so situated.” One of the greatest feelings in life is to find yourself satisfied after a day of work is done. It is a blessing, a feeling of happiness, when we have worked hard and were successful doing so. In Psalm 39:5, David said to the Lord, “You have made my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime as nothing in Your sight,” (figuratively speaking that his days are as long as his hands in the Lord’s sight). He meant that, to an eternal God, our time on earth is brief. And He doesn’t want us to waste it. When we do, we throw away one of the most precious commodities He gives us. Each minute is an irretrievable gift—an unredeemable slice of eternity. Sure, time will be spent making phone calls and waiting at traffic lights, but what about the rest of our day? Are we managing it properly? Are we using it to advance the cause of Christ and to enhance our relationship with Him?

How about you, is your time well spent? In every situation, let it be so.

-via *New Living* Brownsburg, Indiana.

Genuine

Carl McMurray

The American College Dictionary defines “genuine” as being truly such, real, authentic, sincere, free from pretense or affectation, natural.

As Christians, one of the terms that ought to come to people’s minds when asked to describe us is this term, genuine. Our greetings before worship should be real and natural because someone has come to be our guest that shares our common interest in and love for Jesus Christ. No need to “put on airs” here. They desire what we desire here so it should be comfortable and natural to welcome them and want to get to know them. Take the time to welcome our guests.

Our worship should be genuine, coming from the heart, authentic. This is accomplished when one’s heart is full of gratitude and appreciation for grace. Many disagreements over “styles” of worship would disappear if we appreciated worship activities from thankful hearts rather than from traditional comfort zones. Scripture describes worship that is reverent and quiet and crying out in prayer, as well as worship that is joyful and exuberant in praise. Both “styles” were offered from faithful spirits however.

Our speech should be genuine, sincere, and free from pretense. People should not have to wonder if we’re speaking with double meanings. Our jokes should be humorous, not hurtful. Our encouragements should come with serious tones (and perhaps a light touch) that says, “I love you,” not “I’m flattering you.” Words have great power to build up or to tear down and the person who is not genuine in his or her speech robs themselves of the ability to accomplish much.

Our friendship should be genuine, truly such, authentic. Not a friendship that faces you with a smile then “slams” you to others. Our friendship should be the friendship of “brothers” who may disagree face to face, but will “brag” on each other

when apart. A friendship that says, "I will correct you because I love you," but with others says, "Because I love them I will defend them." We might have many acquaintances with which we deal on a daily basis, but do not confuse that surface friendship with the world with the real depth of relationship that comes from genuine friendship between brethren.

Genuine. Natural, authentic, real, sincere. Is that us?

-via *Good News*; Anderson, Indiana.



We Are What We Think On

Stacy Crim

"Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:" (Proverbs 23:6-7)

An evil man is the product of what is found in his heart. So much evil begins with improper thoughts. Hateful thoughts can lead to murder. Lustful thoughts produce adultery. Thoughts of wealth can lead to covetousness. Thoughts of power can lead to pride.

Within the recesses of the mind, thoughts are generated. Sights and sounds engage our mind and produce thoughts. What we look at and what we listen too become important in controlling what we think on.

If I listen to seductive musical lyrics then I will think of sensual things. If I listen to filthy language in music, my brain can readily recall these words and when the hammer hits the thumb look out. If I look at inappropriate pictures or movies, lustful thoughts are aroused that readily lead to sinful deeds.

What we are thinking about becomes who we are. That is why Paul said, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8). Think on it!

-via *The Cornerstone*; Richmond, Virginia..



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News & Notes

THE SICK: *Wynell Ridgeway* has been sick and not able to be out this past week, but is now doing better ... *Aric Butler* was sick this past weekend and not able to be at services... *Onzell Tucker* was sick this past week and not able to be at services ... *Signa Skipworth and C.L. Weathers cousin, Joel Snoddy*, continues in the Huntsville Hospital following an accident ... *Henry Trousdale* has not been doing well the last couple of weeks and has not been able to be

at services... *Morgan and Nathan Grisham* have both been sick this past week...*Jackson Parker* was sick and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night ... *Tisha Thomas' mother, Shelia Johnson*, has been back in the Vanderbilt hospital in Nashville this week ... *Virginia and Mary Lovell's aunt, Tessie Mance*, has moved to rehabilitation at Mitchell-Hollingsworth...*Larry Johnson* is at home and not able to be out ... *Myrtie Williams* continues at home...*Mattie Blanche Word's son, Billy Word* is at home now recovering from a fall... *Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home ...*Leota Springer's husband, Bob Springer*, continues to deal with dialysis... *Judy Williams' mother, Flossie Kazzaire*, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette. Her condition has declined... *Monroe Pressnell's aunt, Mildred Pressnell*, continues at home ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski

OUT OF TOWN: *The McConnells: James and Freda* have been out of town in Florida on vacation and play to be home the first part of this week.

PREACHING TONIGHT: Tonight *Phil Pressnell* will be preaching for us. I hope that everyone will make their plans to be present to hear Phil speak.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS Tonight will be the time for Communication Group 4 to meet. If you are in group four, remember to meet with your group this evening.

ELDERS MEETING: The elders will be meeting this afternoon at the building.

THE RECORD: *For the week of November 20th*

Sunday: Bible Classes 94
 Morning Worship 120
 Evening Worship 68
Wednesday: Bible Classes 78

Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Schedule of Services

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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