

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Complacency

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Thad Douthitt is being deployed pray for his safety. Terri Douthit needs our prayers. Pray for Peggy that she recovers well from surgery. Duane Cline still needs our prayers as he continues to recover.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham, pray for his safety, Danesa and Jenifer have joined him there. Steve and Abby are traveling. Tom and Debra are traveling. Paul and Alice are in Seward.

Family Events: There will be a breakfast at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant on Saturday July 6, 2019, Joe Murdock will teach a special class on James on Tuesdays July 9 and 16 beginning at 6:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend all three of these special events.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done." **1 Corinthians 3:13 (ESV)**

Wisdom for Today: "I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity." **Ecclesiastes 2:1 (ESV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 71/36 Our Record: 107

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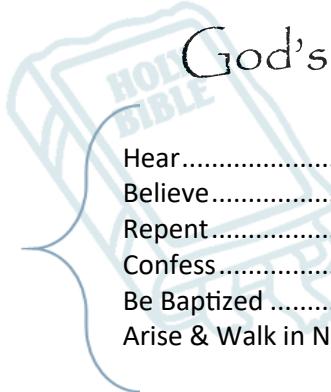
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God's Plan of Salvation

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- Hear Romans 10:17
 - Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
 - Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
 - Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
 - Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
 - Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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Complacency

Complacency, the literal meaning of this word's Latin root is, "to be very pleased." Which is funny because although the person feels this way "pleased with themselves" this mindset often has others looking on screaming come on man get your act together! Complacency truly starts out as a snowflake that can quickly turn into an avalanche of wasted potential. This is a problem that really doesn't start out as BOOM, you wake up and say wow, I have been complacent, one almost has to be forced into seeing this problematic mindset. And so you look around and can see the huge problems with this mindset, that has led too many once growing and vibrant Christians now stuck in the dying rut. Complacency



typically seems to start more with procrastination where we think well I can just put that off and get back to it later whether it is prayer or bible study. This attitude becomes easier and starts to mold into complacency which then starts to creep into other aspects in our lives specifically in worship. It affects our relationship with brethren and Our God. Complacency will leave us feeling truly empty wondering what happened to the zeal and passion for the Lord I once had. We can see throughout the Old Testament the inner and outer battles the Israelite nation would bring upon themselves because of complacency.

"It will come about at that time That I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And I will punish the men Who are stagnant in spirit, Who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good or evil!" ZEPHANIAH 1:12 NASB

How many of us look at this passage and can see ourselves? I know I would have to admit at times I had this attitude and am thankful for the patience of God to allow me time to change and repent. We must be vigilant in not allowing our worship to become complacent but continuously growing. Jesus when called out from someone in the crowd about an individuals inheritance responded in a very firm manner reminding him about not getting caught up in worldly things.

LUKE 12:16-21 NASB "And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared? So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

By: Joe Murdock

The problem I see in this individual is that he became infatuated with his own doing as opposed to doing the will of God. When we become complacent we think "we in ourselves" are just fine not realizing the horrific state that our spirit is in. It is hard to understand how this happens when God has given us the greatest gift ever SALVATION! But we must always be on guard and ready to push away complacency and in reality the symptoms that come first such as procrastination, discouragement or laziness. It is easy to see that when we begin to become complacent other areas in our lives begin to fail. But I am also reminded that God in His ultimate glory has given us the perfect prescription to avoid this dying disease and it starts with self examination. Paul tells the church in Corinth that they would have to have self examination in order to stand firm.

"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test? But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test." 2 Corinthians 13:5-6 NASB

We need to be in our bibles constantly, prayerfully and faithfully so that we don't become the sluggard making statements such as I'm fine or nothing is going to happen why not just build bigger homes or fields because if we are not preparing ourselves daily we might just not be prepared. So from self examination I think we can understand then the need to bear fruit from that careful examination. Complacency is when one feels satisfied in HIS own doing but the Christian laborer never is satisfied in their heavenly work!

"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.'" John 4:34-38 NASB

Do we see that our responsibility in obedience to the gospel is never ending therefore we never have time to become complacent! Let us never be falsely feeling satisfied and become fully engaged in committing to self examination and our Christian duty of getting the word to the world.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil." Proverbs 3:5-7