

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Too Comfortable

OUR FAMILY NEWS

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Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

Today's Scripture: "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry." **Luke 12:19 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave." **Job 21:13 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 26: Our Record: 107
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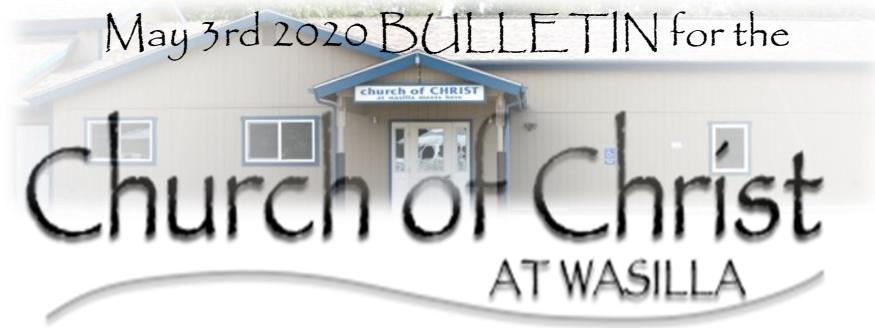
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God's Plan of Salvation

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 sal-

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Sunday:
 Bible Classes: 10AM
 AM Worship: 11AM
 PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:
 Bible Study: 7PM

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Matthew 15:8 NKJV “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.” It is so easy to become comfortable. Now what I mean by that is, it is easy to become lazy or feel as though nothing more is needed. Last month I found myself excited to be able to help out in a time of need. This need was working with Tom and Bill to get services uploaded online. Doing this was an encouragement since we would not be meeting together at that time. I woke up that Sunday morning and treated it as if we were heading the worship. We got ready for the day, ate breakfast, had a Children’s bible class and then turned on Tom’s class. This was a wonderful blessing to be apart of! Fast forward 4 weeks and when I got back from work and we were going to be online again, I thought I would have had the same attitude. Then Sunday rolled around and I felt myself getting up a little later. I noticed I was slower to cook breakfast and even got behind on a bible class for our kids to the point we didn’t do it. I turned on some church of Christ singing thinking it would help me but my heart was struggling. I started thinking do I even need to get dressed, I mean I am in my own home. What about have coffee during class that would be nice. NO! I needed a heart adjustment immediately! I took a shower and got dressed and was able to change my attitude into that which is proper. But this shook me to my core. Had I started to become comfortable in being in my house, doing things I would NEVER do or even think of, if we were assembling together. Jeremiah 17:9-10 NKJV “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.”

Zephaniah 1:12 NKJV “And it shall come to pass at that time That I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And punish the men Who are settled in complacency, Who say in their heart, ‘The LORD will not do good, Nor will He do evil.’” Prior to Judah falling into Babylonian captivity God was continuously reminding His people that if they were to continue in their disobedience they would fall. He did this with Cain, David and many others in Scriptures. Why? Because the Creator and Almighty knows all our weaknesses and that we need to be reminded that He is to be above all else. I felt in my heart that I was becoming far too comfortable with not being together that it didn’t matter how I prepared myself mentally or spiritually.

Revelation 2:4-5 NKJV “Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.” Isn’t sad to read this Scripture and think of leaving your first love? I love and cherish my wife and cannot even image a life separated from her and yet sometimes I find myself distancing from God. This

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time has been challenging for me because it has revealed to me that I have become too comfortable in my spiritual walk with God. Thinking that I have given myself to Christ when in reality all I had given was what I wanted to give, not all that I can give.

Clearly this mindset was affecting me and the only way I was going to get out of this funk was by giving my entire heart to God not just a portion. Second needing to recognize that there are only two stages in your spiritual walk you can be in, you are either growing or dying and friends I was dying. Colossians 3:1-2 NKJV “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” Becoming too focused on earthly things and not on spiritual things was causing me to become too comfortable and is exactly where Satan wants you to be. Finally putting my faith in God into practice. I John 3:18-23 NKJV “My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.” Family let us never become too comfortable in our faith that it causes us to fall back but always strive to grow daily, and challenge ourselves by doing the things that please God. Examine, are you too comfortable?

