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***Am I a Blessing?* By: Jay Launius**

During our daily lives we encounter many different people. Some are happy and others sad, some may be successful while others are failures. The individuals we meet will have various characters, some will be mean, bitter, and hateful while others are sweet, kind and helpful. On the other hand, when others meet us, what type of person do they encounter? Will we be the person that they will be glad to have met or someone to be avoided?

By the Scriptures, God has given us His instruction, plan, and blueprint so that we will be a blessing to each and every person we meet throughout the day. "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people" (Gal. 6:10 NIV). A great summation of the Christian character is found in Romans, Chapter 12 where we are told not to be conformed by the world around us but transform our thinking so we make the right decisions in life, thus pleasing God (v. 2). Here are just a few ways we can be a blessing to others:

Be a Blessing by Being Genuine (Romans 12:9). No one likes a fake. We are to have the same genuine love and care for others as Christ had for us. After all, He made the ultimate sacrifice for us (John 15:13; Ephesians 5:2).

Be a Blessing by Serving Others (Romans 12:11). We are to serve the Lord with a fervent and enthusiastic spirit. When we serve God in this way, others are blessed with our acts of kindness and benevolence.

Be a Blessing to Those Who Don't Like You (Rom. 12:14). There will be people who hate, ridicule, cheat, lie, steal and harm us or our family. But instead of returning evil for evil, we bless and don't curse, having the best intentions toward every person (v. 17).

Be a Blessing to Those Who Like You (Romans 12:15). Here we are to rejoice with those who rejoice, cry with those who are crying and suffer with those who suffer (1 Cor. 12:26). We love those who love us, celebrating their victories and providing comfort during their losses.

Gather As You Go

The story is told of a Native American princess who, when she came of age, was given a basket and told that she could pick the finest ears of corn from a certain row in the field. There was one stipulation, however: She had to choose as she went along, and she could not turn around and go back the way she came, nor pick ears that she had already passed up. As she went up the row, she admired the fine quality of the corn before her eyes, but she hesitated at each ear and left it alone, sure that the ears further up the row must surely be even better! Suddenly, to her great sadness, she came to the end of the row, and had not gathered a single ear.

Often people live their lives in this manner, traveling through life without gathering, always thinking that better things lie ahead. When the end of life comes, they look back and grieve over missed opportunities.

The apostle Paul tells Christians, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16). To "redeem the time" means to make the most of every opportunity.

Are you making the most of your life? If not, start today! Don't let the moments pass by unredeemed because you are hoping for a better one in the future. Live each moment for the Lord, and you will never look back wondering what happened to all the corn! —*Matt Clifton*

Some Things You've Just Got to Do Now

Thomas Carlyle was a famous writer. His wife Jane died suddenly of a heart attack while he was away in Scotland delivering an inaugural address as Lord Rector of Edinburgh University. History says that Carlyle was so busy with his writing that some days he wouldn't even take the time out to visit his wife. After her funeral, Carlyle returned to her bedroom and sat down next to her bed and began to read from her diary. He was startled as he read what she wrote. She said, "Yesterday, he spent an hour with me, and it was like being in heaven." She wrote, "I love him so." On the next page, she wrote, "I have listened all day to hear his steps in the hall. But now it is late, and I guess he won't come today." Carlyle read on for another half dozen pages or so. He then threw the book down and rushed back to the cemetery in the rain. His friends later found him in the cemetery, facedown in the mud of her grave. He was weeping and repeatedly saying, "If I had only known, if I had only known." That day was the beginning of the saddest part of his life. In his own diary, there is a sentence that is said to be the saddest in English literature. It goes this way. "Oh, if I had you yet but for five minutes by my side that I might tell you all."

Some things you've got to do now while you have the opportunity. Such as it is with our salvation, Saul of Tarsus was asked these words in Acts 22:16, "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name."

Today is all you have; tomorrow may not come. When the opportunity presents itself, you've got to do it now because you may not get that opportunity again. —*Mark T. Tonkery*

**Bible Quiz: Matthew 27:15-26**

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. At the feast, the governor was accustomed to releasing one _ to the multitude.
2. The crowd asked for _ to be released.
3. Pilate washed his _ before the multitude.
4. True or False: Pilate's wife warned him in a dream to have nothing to do with Jesus.
5. Pilate delivered Jesus to be _.

***Spiritual Footprints* By: Kerry Duke**

It works every time. Trace the flow of money to its source and you will see who is responsible. Detectives look for digital footprints to track down cybercriminals. Investigators examine the money trail to stop human trafficking and the sale of illegal drugs. There is always someone behind the trouble.

Gossip leaves a similar trail. Whether we post something online or say it in private, our words travel fast and wide. Solomon tells us not to underestimate this. "Do not curse the king, even in your thought; Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom; for a bird of the air may carry your voice, and a bird in flight may tell the matter" (Ecc. 10:20). How many times do we ask, "Where did you hear that?" only to trace the rumor back to one person? Links in the gossip chain always begin with the first one.

But this also works in a good way. A story from middle Tennessee in the 1800's is a great example. Jesse L. Sewell was a leader in the restoration movement in Kentucky and Tennessee. David Lipscomb wrote about his life in *Jesse L. Sewell: Early Tennessee Preacher*. He said, "My conviction is, the hold the Christian religion has upon the people of middle Tennessee, is due under God to Jesse Sewell, more than any other one man" (p. 119). But little is known or said about someone who was instrumental in his work. The first link was his brother William. He convinced his brother Jesse of the truth about salvation and the church. But how did William find the truth? Lipscomb wrote that William B. Sewell and his wife "were the instruments through which the Sewell family were brought to the truth. We know nothing of her, save that through her conversation her husband was won, and many years ago, she departed to be with Christ" (p. 59).

The spiritual footprints of this influential family in the church lead to this forgotten Christian woman. Ultimately, however, the steps lead to God. "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6).



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. Friend of the Patrick's. In need of kidney transplant.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Upcoming GI surgery.

Kaitlyn Donovan. Velvet & Kevins granddaughter. Recovering from a car accident.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Upcoming surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Stanleytown Health and Rehab, room 224-B.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease is getting worse.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



August Birthdays!

23RD DONN SHUMATE
25TH COOKIE SPENCER



Potluck LUNCHEON



5th Sunday Potluck

We will be hosting our 5th Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, Aug. 30th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



Sept. Birthdays!

1ST ALAN BEAVERS
3TH DAVID PALMER
15TH NANCY BEAVERS
22ND GARY HOLLANDSWORTH
26TH CAROL PACE
27TH RITA LAWLESS



Sept. Anniversaries!

10TH DONN & KITTY SHUMATE
14TH JAY & SHELIA MARTIN



Pizza-Movie Night

Our September Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, September 5th! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.



Women's Class

Our new semester of our Women's Bible Class will begin on Thursday, September 10th!



Coffee & Donuts @ 9:30 a.m.
Class @ 10:00 a.m.



Men's Breakfast!

September 26th!
Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Potluck Lunch

Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, September 27th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



Solution

prisoner; Barabbas; hands;
True; crucified



To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



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