

As to the second “rule,” using our abilities to the best we can with the time we’re allotted reminds me of the lesson learned in the parable of the “*talents*” (Matthew 25:14-30) in this way. The “*kingdom of heaven*” (the Church) is made up of members having a varied amount of abilities. We are expected, by God, to use whatever amount of ability we’ve been given to the best of our ability. We are responsible for doing so with whatever time we’re allotted. We owe both God and our fellow man our best efforts.

And last, but not least, “show people that you care.” I encourage you to read the thoughts found in 1 Corinthians 12:25-26. It’s there that you’ll see that a Christian should have “*care*” for each other. That we’re to be concerned, both spiritually and temporally. And 2 Corinthians 8:16 lets us know where our “*care*” comes from – our “*heart*” (mind). The same place that all our thoughts and actions stem from. And a study of 1 Peter 5:7 tells us that, like we “*love*” because God “*loves us,*” we “*care*” because “*He cares*” for us.

Well, let’s wrap these thoughts up by asking the question: What do you care for? Is it the “cares of the world” as seen in Mark 4:19, or do you care for the souls of others? We can only look at ourselves for the answer to that question. As you make your introspection remember this old truism: “*You can’t take your money to heaven with you, but you can take souls.*”

One last truism and as preachers say, “the lesson is yours.” This one is applicable to both horticulture and our Christian faith. “*You’re either growing or you’re dying.*” This is true in all the things we’ve discussed today.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Covey

POP QUIZ ANSWER: Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 3:15 that, “Even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.”

POP QUIZ: Of whom is it said in the New Testament, “and they were not afraid of the king’s commandment?” _____ Give the reference: _____

Bro. Will Knight asked the following question in Bible Class last week:
IF GOD ASKS, “HAVE YOU READ WHAT I WROTE?” HOW WILL YOU ANSWER?

LET’S GET BACK TO THE BOOK!

Highland Church of Christ



Sunday, July 19, 2026

Schedule of Services
Sunday
Bible Study.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....10:45 am
Evening Lesson.....6:00 pm

Wednesday
Bible Study.....6:00 pm

Preacher
Visit www.searchtv.org to view “In Search of the Lords Way”
Direct TV CH. 363 4:30 am

Our WEB PAGE
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Welcome

We are happy to have you worship the Lord with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a visitor card and place it in the collection plate.

EVENTS	BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES
7-12 Potluck following AM service 7-19 Men’s Mtg following AM service 7-27 Lunch at Jenny’s 11:30 AM	JULY 7 02 Gage Halstead 7-13 Steve Portias 7-22 Vic Smith 7-30 Duane Miller 7-31 Faith Lewis
Door Knocking 1 st Saturday of every month. Meet 9:00 AM at the building.	No known July Anniversaries

NEWS & NOTES

Have you checked out our new WEB PAGE: highlandchurchofchristsocal.com

- *John Latham will be our speaker this morning. Welcome back, John.
- * We thank Will Knight for a fine Bibe Class lesson and Aan Knight for another fine Sunday morning lesson last Sunday.
- * Vic and Karlene Smith will be out of town attending his sister’s memorial service next weekend. Remember the family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- * Among our visitors last week were Taylor Turner and her boyfriend.
- * We were happy to see Michelle Petersen safely home from her vacation.
- * There were 12 attendees at our impromptu game night Friday night.

PRAYER REQUESTS James McIntyre was hospitalized Friday with heart issues, Faith Lewis (stomach) and Carolyn Covey (vertigo and other issues) with emergency room visits; Lewis and Brenda Frisby; Mary Seifert, Faith Forsey, and Joy Wheaton with a viral infection; our older members; those dealing with the heat and illnesses; and our travelers. Keep our police, firefighters, military and all first responders in prayer as they perform their duties; the young people that they turn to God for guidance in their lives; and our government leaders that they turn to God in making their decisions; God’s Church that more people will turn to God and our congregation will increase; and for a preacher.	
Bible Questions of the Week 1. Who was Job’s oldest daughter? (Hint has a famous product named after her.) 2. What relation was Joab to David? 3. At one time Israel had no swords - why?	Last week’s Answers 1. Who was the instrument used by God to totally destroy the family of a king? Zimri – the house Baasha (1 Kings 15:10-12). 2. Who was “turned into another man” when he met a company of musical prophets? Saul (1 Samuel 10:5-7). 3. Name David’s two sisters. Azruiah and Abigail (1 Chronicles 2:15-16).
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (7-19-2025) Last month there were many school graduations, and the news media devoted a lot of airtime to some of the commencement addresses. I don’t recall the school from whence the one I’m using as a basis for today’s editorial came from, but I thought it appropriate enough to write it down and draw a spiritual lesson from. Of course, I have to condense it somewhat due to my limited space. The speaker said some things to the graduation class that I thought worthy of repeating and then amplifying on. He said: “There are four things important to everyone. (1) Have something to DO. (2) Have someone to LOVE. (3) Have something to BELIEVE in, and (4) Have something to HOPE for. He then provided them with three rules to follow. Nr. 1 - Do what’s right. There is never a right time to do wrong, and there is never a wrong time to do right. Nr. 2 – Do everything to the best of your ability with the time you are allotted. Nr. 3 – Show people that you care, with there being many ways to do so and, with the idea that, most of them are “little.” Because everyone needs encouragement from time to time. Even just a smile or a pat on the back. He also issued a caveat along with number 3 and that was, don’t assume that they know you care Don’t wait to go to their funeral and sign the guest book to show your	

care. Do it when and while you have the opportunity and they are with us. Just think to yourself, how many times have you wished you had told someone how much you appreciated them before it was too late to do so?

Okay, let me take those thoughts expressed by our commencement speaker and apply them to some scriptural thoughts. In a sense, apply them to our lives as Christians and, I’ll tell you right up front that there are many more passages I could have cited beyond the ones I’ll give you, that speak to the topic of discussion.

In regards to the 4 important things, number 1 was having something to DO. The first thought that comes to my mind on this subject is that Christians are to DO good. Matthew 5:16 tells us to do good things that bring glory to God. And verse 44 of that chapter also tells us that “doing good” to just our friends is nothing special. It brings no glory to God.

But “doing good” as Christians to everyone, even our enemies, does bring glory to God. Romans 2:10 shows us this principle by using the parameters “to the Jew first and also to the Gentile.” That simply means – everyone.

Nr. 2 was to have someone to LOVE. Of course, in the earthly sense, having someone that we love and that loves us makes our lives full and complete. And, starting with a husband and wife, that usually translates out to even more people and more “loves.” But in regards to our spiritual connection, Deuteronomy 6:5 says that we are to *“love God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”*

Probably the best scriptural application though is found in Matthew 22:37-40 where we read: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

Then we go to number 3: something to BELIEVE in. Fundamentally, a Christian believes in “the Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 16:31). Inherent in the “belief” is obedience to His Gospel. They cannot be separated and still be acceptable. In Romans 6:8 we read that if *we’ve “died with Christ (been baptized into His death) then we believe that we shall also live with Him.”*

Ephesians 1:1-19 helps to understand what *“living with Him”* actually means, i.e.: receiving the *“riches of His glorious inheritance”* and the *“immeasurable greatness of His power”* that is bestowed *“unto us who believe.”*

And number 4: having something to HOPE for. In Romans 5:1-2 we read there that, being *“justified by faith”* in Jesus Christ we have *“peace with God”* and that allows us to *“rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”* Another passage that helps show us where we get HOPE is that it comes to us from the *“patience and comfort of the scriptures.”* That simply means that we get HOPE by studying and understanding that which is found in God’s Word. As more evidence of this, we can read Colossians 1:5 *“For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.”*

Now, let’s drop on down to the “3 rules to follow.” I don’t think that we have to look any further than 2 Corinthians 8:21 for our scriptural tie-in to “doing what’s right.” *“Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.”* And here’s something to always keep in mind: if you aren’t right (honest) with your fellow man, you aren’t right or honest with God.