

## GOOD INTENTIONS

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Dr, Samuel Johnson once said, “Sir, the road to hell is paved with good intentions.” The saying became so popular, and has been quoted so often, that, many think it comes straight from the Bible. But it doesn’t. However, the intent of the expression is a biblical one.

The idea Johnson meant to convey was that while many folks have good intentions when it comes to doing the right things, they fail to act on those intentions and spiritually speaking their inaction will condemn them. A real quote from the Bible might capture this concept, “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).

But isn’t it time someone rose up and declared that “the road to heaven is paved with good intentions?” Because it surely is. One cannot make it into everlasting life unless he goes through this life with good intentions. Yes, he must act on those good intentions, but, he must have them nonetheless. It is possible to do good things with the wrong motives. This is spiritually profitless. Don’t believe me? Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.


There was a time when every intent of man’s heart was only evil continually. This brought on a worldwide flood (Genesis 6:5). We must guard our hearts, and fuel them from God’s word every day so as to engender good intentions. Then we must act on those intentions! This is the true road to heaven. ☞

### The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

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- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
  - 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
  - Men’s Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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## GOSPEL MEETINGS

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A Gospel Meeting is a special series of lessons hosted by a local church in a particular area. Generally, a visiting preacher from out of town does the preaching. Sometimes the preaching is done by several different preachers. Many formats are chosen by different churches to use to conduct their meetings. Our upcoming meeting will run from Sunday through Friday. The name is derived from the activity; we meet together to proclaim the Gospel. Our purpose in this Gospel Meeting is two-fold: (1) The edification, exhortation, and encouragement of the saints (Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24, 25). (2) To teach the Gospel to those who are not members of the Lord’s church (1 Thessalonians 1:8). We can help ensure the success of our Gospel Meeting by...

**Praying.** “Pray without ceasing...” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Pray for the preacher conducting the meeting. Pray for the members that they will have health and desire to attend all of the services without letting worldly events get in the way. Pray that parents will teach their children an essential lesson by showing them the things of God are more important than even important things in this life. Pray for yourself that you may have and make opportunities to invite people to the services, etc.

**Planning.** Much of the success of a Gospel meeting lies in the attendance of the local members. Don’t plan things that will keep you out of town during the meeting. We need you here! When you’re absent, two things can happen. (1) Members are discouraged by smaller numbers. When I come to services and very few of the members are there, my heart sinks; but when there is a good crowd, my heart is encouraged. (2) I have seen incidents where people visited from the community and the member who invited them wasn’t even there at that service! There are emergencies and other things that may be unavoidable; but other than these, we really need to plan to be at all of the services of the Gospel Meeting (Matt 6:33).

**Preparing.** We can prepare by inviting people to the services. Use the prepared flyers to distribute. If you need more, we can make as many as you can use. See your email or our website for an electronic version of the Flyer. Share on Facebook, email it to friends, etc. Let’s be diligent to ensure success in this Gospel Meeting! ☞

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# Gospel Meeting & Singing

October  
8-13

Preaching: Joel Plunkett

*Southside church of Christ*

1167 S. Lowry Street, Smyrna, TN 37167

(Located on Murfreesboro Rd. Right next to the Nissan Fitness Center)

For Directions Call (615) 785-0646

Singing

Sat, October 7

7 pm

Everyone Welcome!

Gospel Meeting

October 8-13

Sunday: 9:00 & 10 am

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Monday – Friday: 7 pm

Bring A Bible! Bring A Friend!

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*Speak to one another  
with psalms,  
hymns and  
spiritual songs.  
Sing and  
make music  
in your heart  
to the Lord*  
*Ephesians 5:19*

Remember!

**DON'T FORGET  
ABOUT OUR SINGING!**

Lord willing, we will be having a singing here at the building on the night before our Gospel Meeting begins. That is, Saturday, October 7 at 7:00 PM!

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford  
Reading: Proverbs 11:7-14
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
  - Lead.....Kenny Todd
  - Serve.....Michael Pickford
  - Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

#### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;  
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**

*Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!*

**Thank You For Serving!**