

ARE YOU ENVIOUS?

Michael Pickford

“Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day.” -Proverbs 23:17.

The green eyed monster of envy rears its ugly head when we begin to begrudge the fact that worldly sinners often have nicer houses, better cars, and more success.

If we envy them we could endanger our souls, like Asaph, whose feet almost stumbled when he saw the prosperity of the wicked (Psalm 73:2-3).

Instead, let's busy ourselves in doing the work of the Lord; we'll find a sense of satisfaction and contentment that the rich sinner will never know.

“For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off.”

-Proverbs 23:18

It is very important for us to view everything from an eternal perspective. The rich sinner possesses nice stuff in this world, but earthly treasures will burn up. They're just gathering kindling! Consider his end (Psalm 73:17). Don't envy him, just busy yourself with laying up treasures in heaven – eternal treasures (Matthew 6:19-21).

Focus on the “Hereafter” where your hope rests; and remember, the ones who are truly blessed are often not the ones who appear to be blessed. 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; 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

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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

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GROWING WEARY WHILE DOING GOOD

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I have written and preached on Galatians 6:9 before, pointing out some of the good things people can grow weary of doing. In this article, let's consider some reasons why one might grow weary of doing good....

A Lack of Recognition. Some might grow weary of doing good because they are not praised, or even thanked. Certainly folks should express their gratefulness when someone does them a kindness, but if they don't thank us, we should continue to help them in their need. Some stop doing good because of a lack of praise from others. They want their generosity broadcasted and praised. They post their acts of kindness on Facebook, or brag about them (with feigned humility) to friends and neighbors, in hopes of getting those compliments. Those who do such are not unlike the Hypocritical Pharisees whom the Lord condemned, “Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do...” (Matthew 6:2). “But all their works they do to be seen by men” (Matthew 23:5).

A Lack of Reciprocation. Some will stop doing good for others because those they help don't turn around and help them when they have need. They do not reciprocate. Certainly they are in the wrong for this, but this does not justify our ceasing to help others. In doing a good deed, we should not do so with a “What's in it for me” approach. Our motive should simply be love and concern. We should help others even if there is no foreseeable way of them ever helping us. Paul taught that we could sell everything we have and give it to the poor, but if we do so without the motive of love, it profits us nothing (1 Corinthians 13:3).

A Lack of Resources. While it is true that those who have wealth also possess greater responsibility and resources to help those in need (1 Timothy 6:17-19). the Bible speaks of some who gave generously even though they themselves were suffering poverty. “Their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality” (2 Corinthians 8:2). How dare we, even when we're struggling financially, refrain from helping others when we have a house full of TVs and video games, a driveway occupied by two vehicles, and a cupboard full of groceries! We need to trust God that He will supply all of our needs (Philippians 4:19).

Let us not, for any reason, grow weary in doing good. 🔍

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WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR DAUGHTERS?

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Many of us are blessed with daughters. My wife and I have been gifted with two wonderful, well-behaved daughters. There are some questions “raisers” of “daughters” should be asking. What are we emphasizing as they grow from young girls to young women? What are we encouraging them to become? What are we teaching them to do once the time comes for them to leave the nest?

These questions are important. But even more important are the answers. Perhaps the words of Paul will shed some light.

“That they (older women) may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:4-5).

God’s plan is for “older ladies” to *teach* the “younger ladies.” Teach them to understand there are some serious aspects of life. Teach (and show) them how to love their husbands and their children. Teach them to behave (and dress) like ladies. Teach them to be the caretaker of the home. Teach them to fulfill their God-given roles as a wife.

As a father of two daughters, it seems the question I hear most in regards to them is: where are they going to college? While stating that there is nothing wrong with college at all, I can tell you as a father, that question is not, and will not ever be paramount in my mind.

First and foremost, my wife and I are raising our daughters (and our sons) to be followers of God first. We hope and pray they will grow and mature to become great Christians. I know most assuredly my daughters can go to Heaven without a college degree, but they cannot go without God and knowledge of His Word. On this day, may we realize what we are teaching our daughters by pushing them (and in some cases forcing them) to attend college — that a college degree is *vital* important, and it most certainly is not.

This may be a longer Daily Message than others, but the topic is important. To ladies who are homemakers — your value is incalculable, your love is immeasurable, your need is vastly understated, your work is priceless. Let no one — politicians, friends, family or even brethren — look down upon you or make your work feel unimportant.

Young ladies who may be reading this, there is NO SHAME whatsoever in having aspirations to grow up to be a wife and mother — that in essence is God’s plan. Today, if my daughters grow to be the wife and mother that my wife and mother are today and always have been, then I will be the happiest man on this globe. I hope you, as a “raiser” of a “daughter” can say the same. -

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

A Preview of Hell

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: Mark 9:42-48
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

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!

Thank You For Serving!

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