

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Todd
Reading: TBA
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer.....TBA

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.... Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer...Jeff Isbell
- Invitation: N/A
- Lord’s Table: Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer: Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Kenny Todd

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; Acts 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!

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Don’t Be Greedy. Be Godly!

Agur prayed a curious prayer in Proverbs 30:8-9. “Give me neither poverty nor riches...” Have you ever prayed to be rich? Come on now, be honest. Agur actually prayed that he would not become rich. He was afraid the money would cause him to lose his sense of trust in and dependance upon God (Vs 9).



Some preachers preach a prosperity gospel, others preach a poverty gospel, but Jesus preached a provisional gospel, teaching that God would provide the things needed for His faithful (Matthew 6:25-34). If you’re wishing for wealth and praying for prosperity you may need a mind reset. Learn contentment and thank God for your blessings. (1 Timothy 6:6) Don’t be greedy, be godly. -

Memory Verse

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

—Romans 1:16

Give it Away?

Jesus instructed the “rich young ruler” to sell all he had and give it to the poor (Matthew 19:21). Some wonder if they are supposed to do the same. Maybe, maybe not. The ruler’s problem was not that he had riches, but that his riches had him. We read of many wealthy righteous men in the Bible (Abraham, Job, etc.). If your riches hinder your trust in and service to God, then give them away. Otherwise, use them for good, and store up riches in heaven (1 Timothy 6:17-19). -

We would welcome a visit from you. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

Capable Bible teachers would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

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The Rich Young Ruler

We read in the Gospels a story of one we call the rich young ruler. Most folks are concerned about life after life—eternal life. We learn a great deal about this in the Lord’s conversation with this man Luke calls a “Ruler” (Luke 18:18). First, we see the...

COMMANDMENTS. The ruler asked the Lord the greatest question one can ask, “What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” This sounds a lot like the question the jailor asked at Philippi, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30), and the one asked by those at Pentecost, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). In every case, the answer boiled down to keeping God’s commandments. The young ruler was to “Keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17). He lived before the cross of Christ, so the Old Testament commandments are in view here (Hebrews 9:16-22), but the other two cases fall under Christ’s law. Those in Acts two were commanded to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38). The Jailor was also told to express an obedient belief through baptism (Acts 16:31-33). We can never earn our salvation, but if we want eternal life, we must obey the commandments of the Lord (Hebrews 5:8-9; John 14:21).

COMMITMENT. There is much to commend the rich young ruler. He displayed a great deal of commitment to God. Unlike the Pharisees who tested Jesus with their questions, the ruler seemed honest in his enquiry, because “he went away sorrowful” when Jesus told him what he must do (Matthew 19:22). We also see commitment in that he had kept the commandments of the law from his youth, and Jesus did not refute this claim (Matthew 19:18-19). Today, being committed to the Lord requires following the New

Testament rather than appealing to the Law of Moses for authoritative direction (2 John 9; Galatians 2:21). Those who appeal to the Old Testament to authorize their religious activities are displaying more commitment to an obsolete law than they are to the Lord (Hebrews 8:13; Colossians 3:17).

CONFLICT. The ruler’s conflict is seen in Matthew 19:22. He did not choose to follow the Lord because he loved his riches. Some try to serve both the Lord and money but this impossible (Matthew 6:24). This conflict can be resolved by remembering that our lives do not consist in the abundance of the things we possess (Luke 12:15). Remember too, “Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death” (Proverbs 11:4). -

Quotes To Ponder

“He who trusts in riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.”
-Proverbs 11:28

“To be content with what we possess is the greatest and most secure of riches”
-Cicero

“My riches consist not in the extent of my possessions but in the fewness of my wants.”
-J. Brotherton

“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase.”
-Proverbs 3:9
