



Chalmette Church of Christ

February 9th, 2014

Priority and Relative Value

It is Sunday morning at my home church, our yours. 10:00 arrives; a Christian is still in bed. That person chose sleep over Bible Study. It is 6:00 PM; a Christian still has company at the house and chooses to stay home and entertain guests. That person chose hospitality over worship. This sort of thing is a regular feature in the lives of not a few Christians.

Many times a day and thousands of times during our lives we are forced to choose what particular thing we will do at a particular time, and in so choosing, we coincidentally decide what we will not do at a particular time. In our minds, we each have a set of values by which we decide what the most important thing to us is at the time. That "mind-set" will mean the difference between Heaven and Hell for every person. "For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace" (Romans 8:6).

The Holy Spirit has recorded for us several instances where God is essentially saying to us: "This is more important than..." Let's consider a few—

LEARNING THE WILL OF JESUS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HOSPITALITY. Imagine hosting Jesus of Nazareth; Martha and Mary did just that (Luke 10:38-42). Having "received him into her house" (v. 38), Martha, determined apparently to be an excellent hostess, was "cumbered about much serving" (v. 39). In the meantime, her sister Mary "sat at the Lord's feet and heard his word" (v. 39). Martha complained saying, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me" (v. 40). The Lord gently chided, "Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

SEEKING GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN DAILY NECESSITIES. "Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:31-34).

DOING WHAT GOD SAYS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EATING, EVEN IF YOU'RE STARVING. "And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered. And the tempter came and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:2-4).

DEVOTING ONE'S LIFE TO JESUS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALL OF HIS POSSESSIONS. "Jesus said unto him, If thou wouldest be perfect, go, sell that which thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful; for he was one that had great possessions" (Matthew 19:21-22).

PREACHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN A FUNERAL FOR YOUR FATHER. "And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But he said unto him, Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but go thou and publish abroad the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:59-60).

TELLING PEOPLE THE TRUTH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEIR FEELINGS. "...I bear you witness, that, if possible, ye would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. So then am I become your enemy, by telling you the truth?" (Galatians 4:15-16).

Let me challenge each of you to find other instances of the Bible's value system when it comes to choices. The general rule is: "If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3). Many important things in our lives are yet of relative value when compared to others. —AA

Ephesians 2:8-9



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News and Notes

- Today, **Brother Joel Watson Jr.** is back with us. We are so thankful that he was able to be with us while Mark was away.
- There will be a **work day Saturday (15th)** at 10 am for our upcoming Ladies Day. Please plan to come and help if at all possible.
- Our **Third Sunday Singing and Fellowship Meal** will be on **February 16th**. Bring a dish a friend!
- Our annual Ladies Day will be on March 15th. Our theme is "**What Not To Wear**" and our speaker will be **Sister Megan Shirley** from the Morgan City congregation.
- **Carol Calix** will be having double knee replacement surgery on February 18th. **Julio** is doing better and is back to work but will be having more neck surgery possibly in March. Please pray for this family that they will on the road to recovery soon!

WELCOME BACK MARK!!

His arrival will be on Tuesday afternoon February 11th! We all missed you!!!

February Birthdays

9-Joe Williams
17-Bruce Scariano
18-Claudia Smith
20-Bree Brock
26-Crystal Russell
26-Johnnie Wagner

13th- Malcolm & Marlene
Vazquez



February Anniversaries

Prayer List



**Alice Riley
Sherry Towle
Margo Rodney
Judy Hennessee
Betty Grisham
Ella Gillard
Krisztian Montague
Linda Swanner
Mary Macaluso Hardee
Gloria Smiles
Elbre Wolfe
Joel James
Charles Jenkins
David Ebeling
Ryker Amaya
Raymond Sanchez
Gary Huettmann
Malcolm & Marlene Vazquez**

***All of our brethren scattered across
the United States & our troops in
Iraq**



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Services of The Church Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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