

Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza
(FV) Kevin Grant
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Calvin Burks
1st prayer Jack Wall
2nd prayer Mike Mallett
Announcements: Keith Stifflemire
Singing: Judd Wall

President

Ronald Reagan, 1982

“As was written in the first Thanksgiving Proclamation 120 years ago, ‘No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God.’ God has blessed America and her people, and it is appropriate we recognize this bounty.”

Abraham Lincoln, 1865:

“Whereas righteousness exalteth a nation, while sin is a reproach to any people. ... And I do further recommend that on that occasion the whole people make confession of our national sins against His infinite goodness, and with one heart and one mind implore the divine guidance in the ways of national virtue and holiness.”

Prayer List:

Odell Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

November 25th

Thanksgiving Day

November 28th

Noon Fellowship

December 5th

Mission Sunday

December 7th

Pearl Harbor

December 21 st

Winter Begins

Happy Birthday

Calvin Burks Nov. 26th
Linda Houts Nov. 28th
Lynette Vann Dec. 14th
Virginia Lovell Dec. 19th
Kevin Grant Dec. 24th
Letha Sheldon Dec. 25th
Will Vann Dec. 26th

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Being Thankful in Everything and Anxious for Nothing

By David R. Ferguson

Paul wrote, "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Surely Paul could not mean what he wrote here, could he? How can we be expected to be thankful for everything, and anxious for nothing? Didn't Paul know that I was looking forward to mowing my lawn today, and planting some flowers in my garden? How could I be thankful that all my plans are now ruined because of this incessant rain and unseasonably cold weather?

Jesus said in Matthew 6:31-34, "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."

One's attitude, it seems, is the key. It is a matter of one's perspective. If one chooses to be unhappy and miserable when life's arrows are shot our way, then one will be just that. But if one chooses to be happy, grateful and thankful, then one will be content, no matter how Satan buffets us.

What about the person who has just been robbed? Could this individual be thankful, too? Matthew Henry, English nonconformist minister and Bible commentator (1662-1714), was robbed one night. After this dreadful encounter, he went back and wrote in his diary, "I want to first thank God that I was never robbed before. Second, I thank God that they took my wallet and not my life. Third, because, although they took everything I had, it was not much. And fourth, because it was I who was robbed and it was not I who robbed."

Now this is being thankful in all circumstances and being anxious for nothing! This is surely making lemonade when life gives us lemons!

May God bless you today and always!

Is It Worth Your Life?

By Joe Chesser

Sometimes our priorities get all mixed up. Sometimes we major in minors. Sometimes we give things of little importance our utmost attention. For example, if our house was on fire, what inside the house would be worth risking our life to save? Our furniture? Our electronics? Our guns? Our photos? Our cars? As valuable as these things may be to us, are they worth risking our lives to save them?

Jesus made this point when he was warning about the coming destruction of Jerusalem. He said, "When you see the abomination of desolation ... standing in the holy place ... then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak" (Matthew 24.15-18).

If our physical lives are more valuable than anything we possess, how much more valuable are our souls than anything we possess? Jesus answers that question for us by saying, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" (Matthew 16.26).

Then why are we so often willing to rush into a burning house to save trinkets, or why are we so often willing to neglect our souls for fun at the beach or for a bigger house or for a promotion at work or for ... whatever? Could it be that our priorities are money, fame, accomplishment, power or things? Are these things worth risking our lives to collect and protect? Perhaps we have not learned that "godliness with contentment is great gain, for we have brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction" (1 Timothy 6.6-9). Are things worth risking our life to get!

Perhaps we have failed to find our contentment in God. King David wrote, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16.11). He also said, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you desires of your heart" (Psalm 37.4). It's easy to find contentment in God when God is our delight. Finding contentment in God is a learned process. As Paul wrote, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content ... I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4.11, 13).

Jesus wants us to learn to turn things that are upside down right side up. We do this when we make God our priority, when we seek Him and His kingdom above everything else (Matt. 6.33). That's the only thing worth giving up our life to attain.