

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery
Servers - Josh Berryhill
Ralph Burleson
David Key

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Deborah Box

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Gospel Meeting



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Consequences Of Failure

By Vance Hutton

We all hear quotes, proverbs, or general sayings from time to time. Some are good and even thought provoking, and some are not. Some agree with Biblical principles and some do not. I did hear one recently that does agree with so many principles of the Bible. The quote was that “Failure follows the path of least persistence”. The willingness to persevere does affect so many areas of our lives. Lack of persistence can bring failure in school, work, and play. It can also bring failure in some very critical areas of our relationship to the Lord. Notice a few of the failures that come when we put forth little persistence.

1. Failure to reach heave:

The biblical exhortation about reaching heaven is plain. We must persist. We have need of endurance or patience to receive this promise (Hebrews 10:36). He that endures to the end will be saved. Think of those who failed to reach Canaan. Then the writer warns us about failing to reach heaven. Labor to enter heaven. We will partake if we hold on to the end (Hebrews 3:14). The Lord spoke of one who failed to persist as being unfit for heaven (Luke 9:62). We must keep working toward our salvation (Philippians 2:12). Becoming a Christian is imperative, but to keep on keeping on is equally important. Please don't miss heaven because you have grown weary. Start anew; we will reap if we faint not (Galatians 6:9).

2. Failure to grow in knowledge:

The price for knowing God's will is persistence. Search for knowledge as for silver and hidden treasures. Hunger and thirst for it. Crave it as a baby does milk. How much effort do we put forth to know God's will? Lack of knowledge can cause us to err (Matthew 22:29) and bring destruction. Persist in study, worship, and meditation. Lack of persistence will yield failure.

3. Failure to become more like Christ:

This takes persistence. 2nd Corinthians 3:18 speaks of the gradual but continual transformation to the likeness of Jesus. Romans 6:22 speaks of pressing toward holiness. It takes effort to become like Jesus. This is done with study, sacrifice, and

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn's Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Don Lawrence: dealing with some health issues, please continue to keep him your prayers

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Timmy Weeks: recovering from recent surgery for nerve damage in his wrist and hand, please pray that he has quick and successful recovery

Al Corkren: saw the doctor Thursday x-ray looked good but he cannot put any weight on his leg for another 6 weeks, hopes to remove staples next week and place him in a boot, please be praying that his recovery will be successful

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting breast cancer and waiting to have surgery, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Upcoming Events

Today – Thursday

Our Gospel Meeting (Vance Hutton)
[Tonight we meet at 7:30 pm]

Today following Morning Service Fellowship Meal
[We will meet back @ 6:00pm tonight for a meal and @ 5:30 pm Mon.-Thur. each night for a meal]

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Wyatt Spann: is currently fighting a brain tumor, please pray that with medical help he can win this fight

Bobby Sanderson: recovering from recent infection, please pray he has no further problems

Pam Davis {Adrian’s daughter} has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that it can be defeated with treatment

Indee Kois {student at BHS}: dealing with two blood clots from last report treatment is working to dissolve the clots, please pray that she will have no further problems

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Terri Avery {Bill’s daughter-in-law}: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that this cancer is treatable and can be defeated

Faye Jordan (Vertie’s sister): surgery went well to replace the mesh for her hernia and she is improving, please pray that she will have no further problems

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Jeff York (Vetrie’s son): had bypass surgery Wednesday surgery was successful, be praying that he has a good recovery

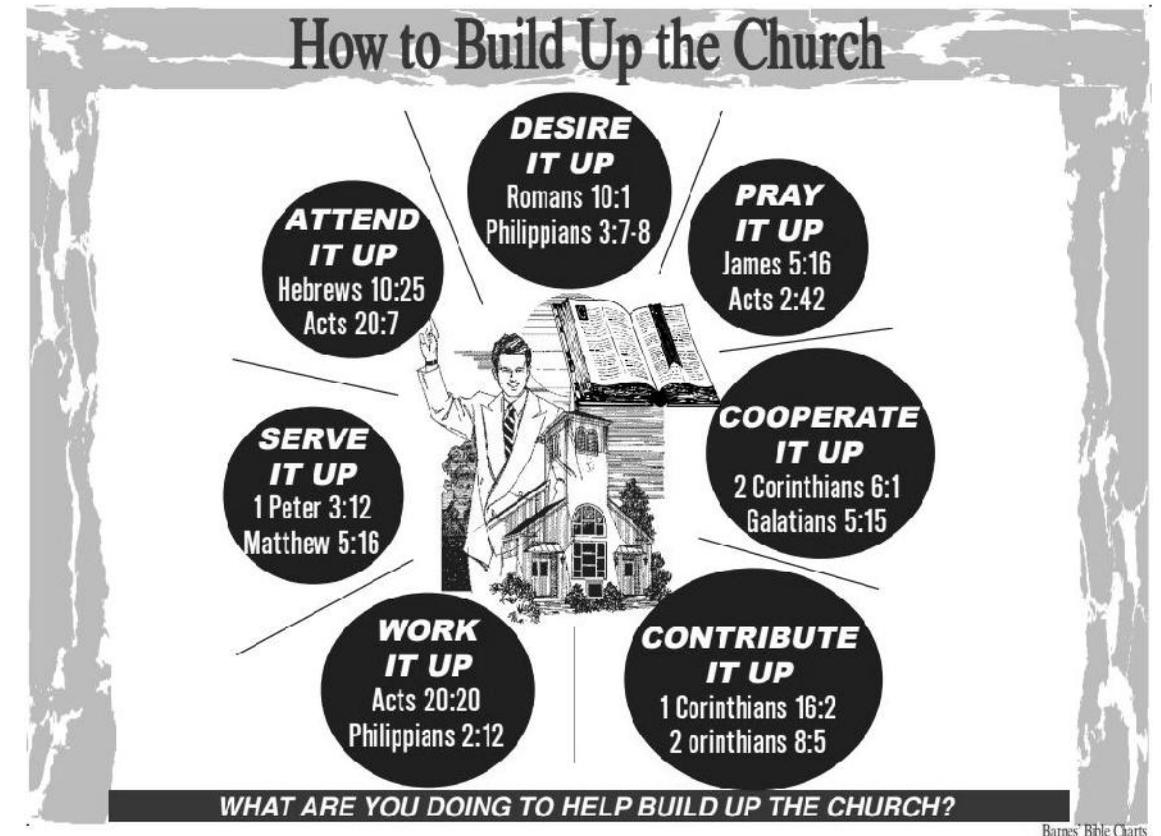
denial. With every day that passes we should have a goal of renewing the inward man toward the Lord and spiritual things (2nd Corinthians 4:16-18). It will take great persistence to say “NO” to evil and “YES” to the Lord.

4. Failure to develop as servants of God:

As Christians we are accountable to mature and develop our abilities in greater service for God. Matthew 25 teaches that it is our responsibility to do what we can. Hebrews 5:12 teaches us to put forth effort to grow from babes to mature Christians. We will fail in this duty unless we persist.

Like Paul, let us “press on”. Let us not fail in our quest for these great goals.

“Think On These Things”, p. 52-53.



Will We Do All The Lord Has Said?

By Vance Hutton

“*And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do*”. (Exodus 24:3) The same sentiments of heart are expressed again in verse 7. This forms such a lovely spirit. The children of Israel failed to live up to such noble intentions in life. Think what problems they would have avoided if only they had lived true to this ambition throughout their lives. Do we have these sentiments toward the requirements the Lord has made of us?

Many have lived by this lofty aim in life. Genesis 6:22 says that Noah did according to all that God commanded him. Read of the lovely obedient spirit of Abraham as he lived within the dictates of the Lord’s desires (Genesis 12, 22). See the spirit that reigned within the heart of Samuel as he said, “*Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth*” (1st Samuel 3:9). Follow the Lord as He always did the things that pleased the Father (John 8:29). Abel continues to speak today by his obedient life (Hebrews 11:4). Be challenged by the mother of our Lord as she exhorts others to do whatever the Lord commands. Read about Cornelius as he immediately sends for Peter when he is told to do so. We rejoice to read of the eunuch as he pleads for the opportunity to put the Lord on in baptism. Paul commended the Bereans for their readiness to receive the word of God (Acts 17:11). 1st John 3:22 speaks of being blessed for being obedient and doing the things that please the Father. The Bible plainly teaches about heaven being granted to us on conditions as to whether or not we possess the obedient spirit. Christ is author of eternal salvation to the obedient (Hebrews 5:9). Those who are obedient have the right to the tree of life and the privilege to enter the city of heaven (Revelation 22:14).

Are you obedient to the Lord’s commands? He is Lord, Maker, and Creator. We are accountable as His creatures. May our lives be as such becomes His word (Philippians 1:27). May all we do or teach be done under His direction (Colossians 3:17). We shall be judged by His word (John 12:48). To maintain this lovely spirit we will have to buffet our fleshly desires, be different than unbelievers, and live contrary to the life styles of the majority. But the reward will be worth the sacrifices we make. Will we do all that the Lord has said in the following areas?

1. The matter of worship:

Do we worship today in sincerity, humility, whole-heartedly, and within the dictates of the New Testament? True worship involves singing (without instruments), praying, giving, teaching, and partaking of the Lord’s Supper each Lord’s day.

2. The matter of the plan of salvation:

What the Lord has said we must do: Hear (Acts 3:23), Believe (John 8:24), Repent (Acts 17:30), Confess (Romans 10:10), and Be Baptized (Mark 16:16) to be saved.

3. The matter of faithfulness and godliness:

Be faithful even if it means death (Revelation 2:10). Without holiness we can’t go to heaven (Hebrews 12:14).

Will you do all the Lord has said? You will one day ne glad you did.

“*Think On These Things*”, p. 46-47.

Vacation Bible School @ Brilliant

July 21st – 25th
Times: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Classes For all Ages

Guest Speakers:
Teens: Kaleb Hall

Adult Class:
Sunday: David Barker
Monday: Russ Vickers
Tuesday: Kyle Gilpin
Wednesday: Derek Porter
Thursday: Byron Longcrier

