

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Billy Box

On the Table: Head - Eddy Dickinson
Servers - Greg Lowery
Josh Berryhill
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Vertie Mae York

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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An Acceptable Sacrifice



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Do You Have a Secret Life Hidden From Others?

By Dan Jenkins

Isn't it remarkable how the use of smart phones has changed news reporting? It seems that whenever there is a crisis, someone takes their phone and starts videoing. When it is placed on social media, it can almost immediately go viral. Secrets are revealed which just a few years ago would be hidden. The same is true of those times when microphones of politicians are accidentally left open, and we hear the private views of our leaders. It seems that there are no secrets anymore.

However, there is an even greater aspect of this matter. The last verse of Ecclesiastes says, "For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil." Look carefully at what is said—every work and every secret thing when we stand before the great throne of judgment. "And the dead were judged according to their works, but the things which were written in the books" (Rev. 20:12). Nothing will be hidden in that day.

Think about the possibility of what could happen in many homes in America. When voices are raised in confrontation between husband and wives, are things said which could easily be captured on cell phones? What if your husband or wife captured the words you said to them? What if that outburst of anger were no longer hidden? If you had known it was being recorded, would you have spoken what you said? How would others view you if they could view you at times like this? You walked away from that time thinking it was over for it was not public and it was not recorded. You were wrong. Heaven's "smart phone" captured it, and God will bring every secret thing into judgment.

The same is true of all relationships in our homes. The conversation between parents and children could be captured. Would you as a mother or father, or a son or daughter, be the same if you knew it was being recorded? It is—every secret thing will be part of the final judgment.

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

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

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

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin's Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge's Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Josh Berryhill: dealing with back trouble, please pray that with proper medical treatment that he will improve

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Ruth Addison: ongoing health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie’s Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Jamie Long: has an upcoming hernia surgery, please be praying for a successful surgery

Susie Sims (Whitehouse): has a benign tumor on the auditory nerve in her right ear, she will taking radiation treatments to stop the tumor from growing, please pray that the treatments will be successful

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy) in March. Doctors have suggested that they go to Italy for gene replacement treatment that hasn't been approved in the U.S. Treatments will take 4 months; please pray that these treatments will be successful

Upcoming Events

Tonight	Missionary Report (Jerry Bates)	5:00 pm
August 16 th	Fellowship Meal	
August 16 th	Singing & Prayer Night	5:00 pm

What about whispered spreading of gossip or destructive speech? That which is seemingly secret or parts of private messaging or conversation is being “recorded”—every secret thing.

Now there is the other aspect of Solomon’s final words. It is not just the “secret evil” which we have done which will be involved. Every “secret good” we have done will be remembered on that day. There is no need to reveal what we are doing so others will think we are righteous. Every cup of cold water given to others is “recorded.”

Never forget that God knows it all—all the good and all the evil. There is a “heavenly smart phone.”

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Christians Growing in Christ's Will
Christians growing in Christ will . . .

- ADD THE CHRISTIAN GRACES**
2 Peter 2:5-8
- PRAY REGULARLY**
1 Thessalonians 5:17
- READ, STUDY, & MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD**
2 Timothy 2:15
- BE FAITHFUL IN ATTENDING THE SERVICES**
Hebrews 10:25
- PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EVERY SUNDAY**
Acts 20:7
- GO ABOUT DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS**
Acts 10:38
- VISIT THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED**
James 1:27
- GIVE OF HIS MEANS TO SUPPORT THE WORK**
1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- BE ACTIVE IN WORK OF LOCAL CONGREGATION**
Titus 3:1
- ENDEAVOR TO BRING OTHERS TO CHRIST**
Matthew 28:19-20

Barnes' Bible Charts

Giving

By Dean Kelly

I have read several articles lately that have attacked brethren for saying that giving is a command of God. I am trying to figure out the purpose of these articles, and I can only assume that the authors oppose the idea that there are designated items which should be part of our gatherings to worship God on the Lord's Day. In sort of a conglomeration of the ideas that I have seen various ones express, it seems to boil down to a couple of arguments. (1) If it is commanded, then, it will be done "grudgingly and of necessity" (2 Corinthians 9:7). (2) First Corinthians 16:12 and 2 Corinthians 8-9 do not apply to us because those passages only relate to those doing a specific giving—the collection for the saints.

Let's note, first of all, some commandments: believe (Acts 16:31), repent (Act 2:38; Acts 17:30) and baptism (Acts 10:48). Now examine all of these by the arguments being made. If these three things are commanded, and they are specifically called commands, then does that mean that they are to be done grudgingly and of necessity? Can one obey a command and do so without it being grudgingly or of necessity? I contend that one not only can do so but must do so. So, to argue that teaching giving is a command means that it is not being done purposefully and willingly, then we do not believe, repent or allow ourselves to be baptized purposefully and willingly.

Also, carefully note 1 Corinthians 16:1, which reads, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also." "Order" is from the Greek word "diatasso," and it means to command. Now, wait a minute Paul; one cannot command giving or it will not allow for "not grudgingly or of necessity." Yet, Paul said, "you must do." The Greek word "houto" means "on this wise, in this manner." In other words, "You have the same command." Paul commanded the Corinthians to give. Giving is a command.

Secondly, noting all three examples, and of course we could list many more Scriptures for each one, Scripture never says, "Dean Kelly, you must believe, repent and be baptized." I have to make the necessary inference that this applies to me as well.

Again, there is a specific context about this giving, the collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem. However, this is the example given of how the church is to give for the needs that must be met. There is no other Bible instruction on it. I have a problem assuming that Paul was giving them a new commandment, that they had never before taken up any funds for the local congregations in the years since the church in Jerusalem sold what they had and gave at the apostle's feet. Even the apostles had a treasury, and Judas was the keeper of it. I believe that the church in the 20-30 years that had gone by since it began was already practicing this type of giving, and that Paul simply included the special collection for the saints in that same thing. I know it is an assumption, however, to assume that they did not give on a regular basis and in this manner clouds this argument that some are making.

[Consider one side note about something that concerns me about the attitudes of some who write today. There is a common practice of making fun of and ridiculing brethren over things that are neither inappropriate nor unscriptural. I have seen many ridicule brethren for saying, "separate and apart from" about the collection when it is done immediately following the Lord's Supper. Every few months I head the table in the rotation of men who do so where I worship. I don't know that I have ever said "separate and apart from." I usually make other comments. However, is the act of giving included in the Lord's Supper? No. Therefore, it is separate. Is the act of giving a part of the Lords Supper? No. Hence, it is apart from the Lord's Supper. Why make fun of brethren who are making an accurate and clarifying statement? All I can conclude is that there is a disrespect and disdain for brethren.]

The bottom line is very simple. Paul commanded giving, and that form of raising money is the only one authorized in Scripture. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 8-9 dealt with the attitude about giving. In 8:8-12, Paul made it clear that he was encouraging them, on a personal level, to give based on a readiness of mind, according to what they had, not according to what they didn't have. Just like any act of obedience to a command of God, giving should be done willingly from the heart. That does not make it less of a command, but it makes obedience to God's commands an act that comes from a heart that is submissive to Him.

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