

<i>In search of</i> Truth and Right		
<i>Tim Henderson, Editor</i>		
Vol. 02 No. 03 08/19/ 2007	<i>"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."</i> Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)	A publication of the Wellsburg church of Christ

The Road to Higher Education

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We have several young people who are soon going away to college. Some have been home for the summer and are about to return for a new semester. Others are going away for the first time after finishing high school. We love you all and we're very proud of you. We miss you when you are gone.

The road you're about to travel is at once an exciting and dangerous one. The road to higher education is laced with great possibilities, while at the same time offering pitfalls you will want to avoid at all costs. I just want a few minutes of your time to suggest some things to help you travel this new road and are immersed in this new environment. If that OK?

My admonitions are based on Psalm 119:9-16, "*Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?*" it asks.

Stay Close To God's Word: -- (vs. 9). "*Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way?*" That is the question. And the answer is forthcoming. "*By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.*" No matter what you do this year, don't stray far from the Word of God. Keep it close. It's your protection against evil inclinations and cultural temptations.

Seek the Lord Whole Heartedly: -- (vs. 10). "*With my whole heart have I sought Thee.*" Some changes are inevitable, but that doesn't mean everything needs to change. Some things need to stay at they are. You don't want to change what you are. You're a Christian. You decide wht you're going to do -- and that's well and good -- but plan to seek God with your whole heart, no matter your plans. Keep your faith above all keeping. No change is needed there.

Take the Word of God With You: -- (vs. 11). "*Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee.*" You'll be going some

TIMES OF SERVICES	
SUNDAY	
Bible Classes*	10:00 AM
AM Worship	10:45 AM
PM Worship	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Bible Classes*	7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)	
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places that are new to you; and some of those new places are dangerous. Hide His Word in your heart so that you may be armed against the invasions of evil you no doubt will face. What a good way to begin this new time in your life -- with His Word in your heart.

Invite Divine Instruction into your Life: -- (vs. 12). *"Teach me Thy statutes,"* he says. You will be getting considerable new information about how to live life in your new educational career, but you should not forget to invite some new instruction into your life concerning your eternal well-being. Being a good Christian is more important than being a good engineer, or a good nurse, or a good teacher, or a good anything else. Learn about Him and you get the best of all education.

Don't be Ashamed of Who You Are: -- (vs. 13). It's easy to get caught up in this new life. And it's easy to just follow along with others, some of whom don't share your convictions. Don't let that happen. It's important that you make it known early on that you are different. Don't be ashamed. Be glad about who you are and let others know. Declare it with joy and without timidity.

Don't be Dismayed at the Discipline of God's Word: - (vs. 14). It's easy, when you've just been loosed from the rules of home and you're in charge of your life, to be a little loose about the discipline of God's Word. Instead of treating the Word of God with rejoicing, you may feel somewhat hemmed in by it. Remember, God's Word never requires anything or restricts anything that is not for your good. *"I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies,"* says that you understand its discipline to be for your good always.

Keep in Mind the Really Important Things In Your Life: -- (vs. 15). No matter how good the education you get, it's not as important, nor is it as functional, as is knowing and loving God and His Word. *"I will meditate on Thy precepts,"* the psalmist says. Don't get so busy with your new life that you don't take time to contemplate the eternal, to muse about the spiritual, to remember what has true value and lasting consequences. Meditation takes time. Take the time.

Delight in His Word and Don't Forget Its Influence in Your Life: -- (vs. 16). Of all the books you can study, none should delight your mind more than the Word of the Lord. It's the first thing you need to live a happy life, first before any other book. Be sure you pack the Bible in your bag first of all. When it's coupled with the good education you will no doubt achieve, it can bring you a totally satisfying life. Without it, you can never be truly happy. *"I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy ways."*

We love you, gang. We're proud of you -- every one of you. You continue to be a joy to all of us. As you leave, please remember who you are, what you are, and from hence you came. And come home again real soon. May God bless.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Do more than exist - **Live!** Do more than touch - **Feel!**
Do more than look - **Observe!** Do more than read - **Apply!**
Do more than hear - **Listen!** Do more than think - **Ponder!**
Do more than intend - **Act!** Do more than plan - **Fulfill!**
Do more than say - **Perform!** Do more than care - **Love!**
Yes, we need to be people who desire to do more, and not like those who look for ways to do less!

(From **The Vegas Drive Messenger**)



From the Editor's Desk:

"Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few." Ecclesiastes 5:2

Consider this: The Lord's Prayer contains 56 words; the Gettysburg Address, 266; the Ten Commandments, 297; the Declaration of Independence, 300; and a recent U.S. government order setting the price of cabbage, 26,911.

It's not how long we talk, it's what we say that is so important. (From the book **Positioning**)

I know, your thinking, "Hey, practice this in the pulpit!" But the point of this is to watch what we say as much or more than how much we are saying.

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News N Notes

- **Keep in mind our booth at the Brooke County Fair**—September 7,8,9—we will need help staffing the booth, please plan now to help.
- **Gospel Meeting—October 14-19 with Jarrod Jacobs.** Invitations are in the foyer. Please begin inviting people now and continue to remind them as the date draws nearer.

If anyone has a sermon topic request for the meeting, please pass them to Tim Henderson so he can forward them on to Jarrod.

Please remember these in your prayers:

Sick/Surgery:

- **Blake Swanson**, Dorothy Lancaster's new grandson, was able to come home this week. He will have to return to Morgantown each week for treatments for his foot.
- Pauline Midcap is in Wheeling Hospital, room 304B
- It was good to see **Amanda Dowdy** out with us last week, but her recovery will continue to be long.
- **Mabel Fleming** continues to have problems getting around and we must not forget **Joyce Coen** who is taking care of Amanda and Mabel.
- **Terry Smith, Jr.**, Terry and Lora Smith's son as he receives treatment for cancer
- **Blake Headen**, Alberta's husband as he continues to deal with cancer treatments
- **Vicki Renshaw** recovering from a broken foot
- Terry Smith's brother **George** is scheduled for surgery Sept. 7th
- **Ed and Marie Roberts**, Ed with kidney stones and Marie's continued recovery from a broken back, also remember Ed's father, **Jim Roberts**.
- **Faith Kress**, Linda Marshall's niece
- **Dorothy Sams**, Linda's mother
- **Ila Marshall**, Harold Marshall's mother
- **Cary and Grace Lancaster**

Nursing Home:

- Hazel Carroll
- Pauline Sellers

Shut-ins:

- Rhea Henthorn
- Ethel Mahan
- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap