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*"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." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)*

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# *"Doing Good All Over Again"*

*By George Hutto*

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Ready or not, life keeps coming. One would think after years of overcoming temptation, helping others in the fight for right, and putting the kingdom first, that being a Christian would get easier. The aged apostle Peter did not think so: *"You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked..."* (2 Peter 3:17). Examples of others who went before us will show that life presents challenges to man's faith at every turn.

God challenges us to accept His word, applying it to our lives, which otherwise has been shaped by inheritance, upbringing, society, and the various choices we've made along the way. *"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves"* (James 1:21,22). The above quote from Peter continue: *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen"* (vs. 18).

God's word teaches us to do good. And throughout life it teaches us to do good all over again.

When King David forsook the word, he fell into sin. The consequences of his sin and his rehabilitation were painful. *"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest"* (Psalm 51:1-4).

God said to David, *"The sword shall not depart from your house,"* and, indeed, the history of his immediate and extended family is one

of treachery. David had to learn to do good all over again.

About the time Peter thought he had the Messiah figured out, Jesus told the apostles about His upcoming suffering and death. Peter's lack of comprehension is seen in that he proceeded to rebuke Christ, to which the Lord said, *"Get behind me Satan! For you are not mindful of the things that be of God, but the things of men."* He then called all of the disciples around and spoke to them on the necessity of cross bearing (Mark 8:27-38).

Peter had to learn to do good all over again, as he did after he denied the Lord at the trial (Luke 22:54-62), as he did after his dissimulation at Antioch (Galatians 2:11-14). He spoke from experience when he warned against falling away.

One does not have to fall all the way into sin to relearn doing good. For the apostle Paul, the sins of his past seemed to be sufficient to remind him of the need for constant vigilance. He had persecuted *"that way"* unto death, imprisoning Christians. How often did his path cross with Christians who he had formerly terrorized? We are not told of his occasional stumbling, as we are of Peter's, but he had his scars.

Hear the apostle with the clean conscience, a pedigreed Jewish inheritance, a good reputation, a proper education, and Roman citizenship:

*"For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good, for I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"* (Romans 7:19-24).

It is no accident that the Christian walk is referred to as a vocation or a profession (Ephesians 4:1). Christians have to learn to do good all over again many times along the way. There may be a crisis in the family that demands it. The death of a loved one might challenge one to learn to do good all over again. The daily temptations, stumbling blocks for everyone, demand it. Strife among

the brethren may require it. Turning the pages of life into a new bracket will demand it. Learning to teach, to lead, to console others challenges one to learn to do good all over again.

Jonah in the fish's belly, the prodigal at the hog trough, Elijah under the juniper tree (1 Kings 19:4); all had to learn to do good all over again.

The metamorphosis never ends. {That is the word used, metamorphoo, in Romans 12:2, which was also used to describe Christ's transfiguration on the mount. We are being transformed! But we are not yet changed}.

*"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation take you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).*

## Tax Assessor's List

An aged Christian was called upon by the tax assessor to list what property he had. He said, "I am a very wealthy man," whereupon he listed:

1. I have remission of my sins—Acts 2:38
2. I have a mansion in heaven—John 14:1-2
3. I have peace that passeth understanding—Philippians 4:7
4. I have joy unspeakable—1 Peter 1:8
5. I have a divine love that never fails—1 Corinthians 13:8
6. I have a faithful, pious wife—Proverbs 31:10
7. I have devoted children—Exodus 20:12
8. I have true, loyal friends—Proverbs 18:24
9. I have songs in the night—Psalms 42:8
10. I have a crown of life—James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:8
11. I have a Savior who supplies all my needs freely—Philippians 4:19

The assessor closed this book and said, "You truly are a wealthy man, but I am not able to tax you on any of this. You have possessions that give 100% profit."

Author Unknown  
Submitted by Linda Marshall

## Monkey's Viewpoint

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree,  
Discussing things as they're said to be.  
Said one to the others, "Now listen, you two.

There's a rumor that can't be true;  
That man descended from our noble race;  
Why, the very idea is a shame and disgrace!

"No monkey ever deserted his wife,  
Starved her babies and ruined her life.  
And you've never known a mother monk  
To leaver her babies with others to bunk,  
Or pass them on from one to another,  
Till they scarcely know who is their mother.

"And another thing you'll never see —  
A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree  
And let the coconuts go to waste,  
Forbidding all other monks a taste;  
Why if I'd put a fence around the tree,  
Starvation would force you to steal from me!

"Here's another thing a monk won't do —  
Go out at night and get on a stew.  
Or use a gun or club or knife  
To take some other monkey's life.  
Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss.  
But, brother, he didn't descend from us!"

Author Unknown  
Submitted by Linda Marshall

**Editor's note:** This poem illustrates how far man has repeatedly fallen from the lofty place of his creation. We were created in the image of God, but live often in a way that is a disgrace for the animal kingdom. May we aim to live in a way more fitting to our design and the image of our Creator.

**Doubt sees the obstacles ...  
Faith sees the way.  
Doubt sees the darkest night ...  
Faith sees the day.  
Doubt dreads to take a step ...  
Faith soars on high.  
Doubt questions who believes ...  
Faith answers "I".**

Author Unknown  
Submitted by Alberta Headen

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Class Prayer</b>   | Don Coen, Jr.   |
| <b>Announcements</b>  | Tim Henderson   |
| <b>Song Leader</b>    | Ken Prager      |
| <b>Scripture</b>      | Ezekiel 23:1-16 |
| <b>Reader</b>         | Dan Marton      |
| <b>Prayer</b>         | Chuck Isinghood |
| <b>Speaker</b>        | Daniel Ruegg    |
| <b>Lord's Supper</b>  |                 |
| Bread                 | Dave Harless    |
| Fruit of the Vine     | Don Coen, Sr.   |
| Serve                 | Nathan Marshall |
| Serve                 | Terry Smith     |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b> | Earl Miller     |

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

### Sunday PM

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Announcements</b>  | Tim Henderson    |
| <b>Song Leader</b>    | Ed Roberts       |
| <b>Scripture</b>      | Ezekiel 23:17-32 |
| <b>Reader</b>         | Harold Marshall  |
| <b>1st Prayer</b>     | Nathan Marshall  |
| <b>Speaker</b>        | Daniel Ruegg     |
| <b>Communion</b>      | Ken Prager       |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b> | Dave Harless     |

### Wednesday

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Announcements</b>  | Tim Henderson |
| <b>Class Prayer</b>   | Meeting       |
| <b>Song Leader</b>    | Meeting       |
| <b>Invitation</b>     | Daniel Ruegg  |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b> | Meeting       |

## *News N Notes*

**Please continue to remember these in your prayers:**

#### **Surgery:**

- Don Coen, Sr. will be having eye surgery October 23rd.

#### **Recovering:**

- Ruth Ann Lemley is in Ohio Valley Medical Center.
- Ann Rudolph
- Mary Jane Myers continues to have a difficult time.
- Cary Lancaster
- Terry Smith
- Joyce Coen
- Marie Roberts

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew, was diagnosed with colon cancer, and will be having surgery in the next few weeks.

**Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **At Home:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap