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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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## 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)

## *From the Editor:*

I would like to express my great appreciation for those who offered prayers on our behalf while we traveled and filled in for me in preaching and teaching while we were away on vacation and working at Rustic Youth Camp.

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## The Parable of the Squandered Opportunity

Dennis Carrow

*via—What Is True?; Little Rock, AR*

One of the easiest things for us to do as Christians is to set aside our responsibility to share the gospel with others. Each of us struggle with this. We should all be sensitive to the need to reach the lost. And, if we fail in our mission, souls may be lost. This ought to awaken us to the serious nature of this subject. If this issue is so dire, why is the need for Christ often the last thing we talk about with those we come in contact?

There are several reasons we may list for our despondent disposition toward communicating our faith, but the underly-



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ing cause is our attitude!

### **Is It Work To Share My Faith?**

We often hear the term “personal work” attached to the idea of evangelism. While there is activity and effort required to teach the gospel to someone I believe this terminology may cloud our thinking. After looking at our objections as to why we do not talk to others about Jesus we need to look within our own heart and ask ourselves, “What does my faith really mean to me?”

Initially, I think it best that we acknowledge the role Christ has in our own life. If we do not reflect faith in our daily walk what we say will have little or no significance. Once we have come to grips with Christ in our own life the next step should be very natural.

Most of our opportunities to teach someone the gospel will come in ways that are easy to overlook. In network marketing, (a business model where individuals attempt to get other individuals to team up with them in a business venture), they have something called the three foot rule. The idea is when you make your list of prospective business partners you think in terms of everyone you come within three feet of in the course of a day. These are your contacts!

### **Facing Our Fear**

One of the primary reasons why we do not talk to others is fear. We fear failure, we fear confrontation, we fear straining a friendship. However, within the faithful heart should be authentic sense of boldness rather than fear. We ought to pray for boldness, then walk in confidence toward those who are lost (Colossians 4:2-6).



### **Squandering Opportunities?**

We generally refer to the parable found in

Matthew 25:14-30 as the “parable of the talents.” And, we sometimes draw a parallel between the talent in the parable as one’s ability. However, the parable states the talent was given each one according to his ability (v. 15). So we understand the talent is not one’s ability, but one’s opportunities. Consider, since the talents are equal to opportunities the basis of the condemnation of the one talent man was his wasted opportunity. What we learn from this parable is that we will be held accountable for what we do, or fail to do, with the opportunities God provides for us.

We should open our eyes to opportunities that we may already be experiencing. And we should be willing to itemize various opportunities and plan to utilize them to the best of our ability.

Sometimes we think in grand terms when it comes to teaching others, but the truth is we should approach this in a simple and practical manner. While we worry about the difficult issues that may arise, we should allow the principles in the word of God to flow naturally through our lives. When this occurs, all that follows is showing how God works in our life, and will also work in the life of someone who is seeking.

Consider the simple approach in which Paul addresses Philemon in verse six: *“that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgement of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.”*

### **Trusting In God’s Power To Save**

Our approach to opportunities should reflect a trust in God’s power to save. And regardless of how others may respond our disposition should never be altered.

There are three ways people will respond to the gospel. Some may mock, some may desire to study further, and others will believe. (ref. Acts 17:32-34). May we learn from the parable of squandered opportunity to carefully utilize those that are set before us.

# Teamwork

Gary Henry

*"The human body is probably the most amazing example of teamwork anywhere. Every part needs the other. When the stomach is hungry, the eyes spot the hamburger. The nose smells the onions, the feet run to the snack stand, the hands douse the burger with mustard and shove it back into the mouth, where it goes down into the stomach. Now that's cooperation!"*

*Joni Eareckson Tada*

Teamwork is the result of people doing things that complement, or complete, one another's work. It doesn't matter whether a group is formally organized and called a "team" or not; the identifying characteristic is still the same: **People do things, each helping the other, that accomplish a common goal.** Joni Eareckson Tada's analogy of the parts of a human body working together to get a hamburger is apt. Something similar to that always takes place when individuals pool their talents and function as a team.

**Teamwork Requires Maturity.** We won't function well on a team if we haven't grown up enough to get past selfishness and "itsy-bitsy thinking." If our skill set contains only two responses to frustration, fight or flight, then we probably aren't mature enough for teamwork.

**Teamwork is Difficult.** The benefits of

teamwork are amazing, but they aren't free. There is a price to be paid. We have to determine that we'll learn how to cooperate and work through difficulties and challenges to the team. Patience and perseverance are absolutely essential.

**Teamwork Requires Humility.** Teamwork isn't for prima donnas or peacocks. It's for people who have enough humility to contribute to a worthy endeavor in whatever way they can, whether they're in the spotlight or not. Teamworkers are **content for the team to get the credit.**

In moments of success, we dare not forget that what has been accomplished has been, almost always, the result of collaboration. Rarely do we bring any project to completion without the help of some kind of team, whether large or small, and acknowledging that fact ought to be something we're eager to do. Teamwork happens to be a GOOD thing. It's a PRIVILEGE to be part of something bigger than our solitary selves.

*"Success is a ruthless competitor for it flatters and nourishes our weaknesses and lulls us into complacency. We bask in the sunshine of accomplishment and lose the spirit of humility which helps us visualize all the factors which have contributed to our success. We are apt to forget that we are only one of a team, that in unity there is strength and that we are strong only as long as each unit in our organization functions with precision"*

*—Samuel Jones Tilden*

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Scripture</b>	Daniel 11:1-15
<b>Reader</b>	Terry Smith
<b>Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Tim Henderson
Fruit of the Vine	Don Coen, Jr.
Serve	Dan Marton
Serve	Don Coen, Sr.
<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>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Scripture</b>	Daniel 11:16-30
<b>Reader</b>	Blake Headen
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.

### Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Invitation</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ed Roberts

## *News N Notes*

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

#### **Traveling:**

- Harold & Linda Marshall

#### **Recovering:**

- Marie Roberts      - Ann Rudolph

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Bud and Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father

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

##### **Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

##### **At Home:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

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