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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)

Today's Sermon:

*AM: Would We Have
Believed Them?*

*PM: A Basic Lesson on
the Lord's Church*

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Today & Tomorrow

Gary Henry

***"I made haste, and did not delay to
keep Your commandments." Psalm 119:60***

Whatever tasks the Lord sends our way today, we need to take care of those things today. The Psalmist's remark about not **delaying** to obey God, should make us think soberly. Strictly speaking, there is no such thing as **tomorrow's** obedience.

This book is about "reaching forward," and its main point is that we need to be future-oriented. But as we look to the future, we must understand that our **DOING** has to be done **TODAY**. You can **THINK** about the future and you can **PLAN** for it (and you're a fool if you don't), but you can't actually **DO** anything **IN** the future. Every bit of our doing is in the present. So there is a sense in which the future that we will have is the one we "buy" with our actions today. "The future is purchased by the present" (Samuel Johnson).

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PROBLEMS. It's usually a safe bet that when tomorrow comes we are going to have to deal with a few DIFFICULTIES. And very often, tomorrow's problems will be those that we created today by actions that we either took or didn't take. In fact, it may not be any exaggeration to say that most of our future problems will arise because we postponed "maintenance" work that should have been done — on our possessions and, more importantly, on our relationships.

OPPORTUNITIES. Today's actions will also affect what DOORS ARE OPEN to us tomorrow. And the strange thing is, some of the best doors that will open tomorrow will result from actions that, as we do them today, don't seem very significant. I once was offered a wonderful job in the credit department of a store where I had been doing some very menial janitorial work; the manager noticed the way I scrubbed the floors and offered me a better job. So taking TODAY'S JOB seriously is often the key to TOMORROW'S PROMOTION.

Isn't it clear that we need to do everything we can to give tomorrow as much of an ADVANTAGE as possible? Why would we put off doing anything today if doing it would put us "ahead of schedule" tomorrow? And if it's in our power today to make tomorrow easier, why would we do anything to make it more difficult?

"The future is an opportunity yet unmet, a path yet untraveled, a life yet unlived. But how the future will be lived, what opportunities will be met, what paths traveled, depends on the priorities and purposes of life today" C. Neil Strait

Learning to Worship God

Gary Henry

"Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches." Psalm 63:4-6

If we are seeking God, we will want to reach the point at which we honestly enjoy the worship of God. Making the choice to engage in worship on set occasions is wise, of course, and as far as Christians worshipping together is concerned, the New Testament certainly shows that the earliest followers of the Lord did that every week (Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25). To be spiritually mature, however, is not only to ENGAGE in acts of worship regularly but also to have the kind of character that DELIGHTS in doing so, even when there is no special occasion.

The true joy of worship is a joy that must be learned. No doubt there are people who find it easy to enjoy some of the superficial aspects of worship, but most of us will find that worship is an acquired taste. The regrettable modern tendency to turn worship into something that is naturally enjoyable, and even entertaining, should not blind us to the fact that true worship is the spiritual adoration of God, a thing that does not come naturally to carnally-minded people. We will not enjoy worship AS GOD WANTS US TO ENJOY IT until we have come around to His way of thinking, and this is work that takes more than Sunday morning. It requires regular attention to God, and perhaps the passage of many years.

As the above selection from Psalm 63 shows, David was a man whose highest happiness was the worship of God: *"My mouth shall praise You with joyful lips."* It's unlikely that David's arm had to be twisted to get him to the tabernacle at the various times prescribed in the Law of Moses. But those special times at the tabernacle would have meant so much to David because of what happened in his life every day and every night: *"When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches."* We, like David, need to learn the pleasure of everyday devotion — and then we also will enjoy the exaltation of special worship.

"We — or at least I — shall not be able to adore God on the highest occasions if we have learned no habit of doing so on the lowest. At best, our faith and reason will tell us that He is adorable, but we shall not have found Him so, not have "tasted and seen"
C. S. Lewis

Prayerful Living

Gary Henry

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" Colossians 3:1,2

Do we have difficulty keeping our minds peacefully focused on God while we are praying? If so, a part of the reason may be that we have not cultivated the habit of thinking about God throughout the day. Minds that do not normally think of God at other times will

find it hard to stay focused on Him during occasional periods of prayer. Thus it will help us when we are praying to be people who are accustomed to "living prayerfully."

There is such a thing as a prayerful state of mind even when we're not actually praying. We can think about God as we fulfill the routine of our daily activities. We can be mindful of Him in a general sort of way. Historically, those who have tried to take the spiritual life seriously have always reported that they found it beneficial to live consciously in the "presence" of God, being aware of His reality at each moment. Doing this is hard at first, simply because our minds are undisciplined. They are used to wandering wherever they wish: here, there, and everywhere. But with serious intent and with the discipline that is acquired in living the spiritual life, we can learn to live in a constant state of mindfulness about God. He can become our preoccupation.

When we're not specifically thinking about God, we can at least be thinking about the higher and better things in the world that He has made. Paul wrote, *"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy; meditate on these things"* (Philippians 4:8). To think on these things is to bring ourselves closer to God and to make our minds more inclined to the act of prayer.

God is pleased with those who seek Him diligently. And seeking Him surely means that, amid the welter of our worldly concerns, our minds will always be seeking Him out.

"Another way to stay with prayer is to keep your mind from wandering too far at other times of the day. Keep it strictly in the Presence of God. If you think of him a lot, you will find it easy to keep your mind calm in the time of prayer" —Brother Lawrence

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Dan Marton
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Hosea 14
Reader	Dan Marton
Prayer	Nathan Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Tim Henderson
Fruit of the Vine	Don Coen, Sr.
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve,	Blake Headen
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

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

Sunday PM

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Joel 1
Reader	Nathan Marshall
1st Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Ken Prager
Closing Prayer	Tim Henderson

Wednesday

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Class Prayer	Tim Henderson
Song Leader	Singing/Praying
Invitation	Dave Harless
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Recovering:

- Cary Lancaster
- Marie Roberts
- Ann Rudolph

Prayer Requests:

- Merl Frey
- 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.
- George Hutto, preacher from Alabama diagnosed with cancer
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Chris Shane
- Monty Wallace, Charissa Wallace's father
- Corey Williams, a friend of Tim & Anna Henderson is undergoing cancer treatments.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

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

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

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