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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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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

### 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: Our Gospel
Meeting
PM: Pushing the
Envelope

Audio CD's are available free of charge in the foyer.

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If you have any questions regarding what we teach and practice, please feel free to ask

We would like to invite you to a

## Gospel Meeting

Apríl 18-23

with speaker:

Jarred Currence of Norton, OH



Sunday 10:00 AM 10:45 AM

6:30 PM

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"Come now, and let us reason together,"
—Isaiah 1:18

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# The Power of a Pawn

Bob West via-The Auburn Beacon

In the game of Chess, the various pieces have different powers and values. The Pawn. for example, is generally the least valuable and most expendable piece on the board. But this is not always the case. Many a naïve chess player has come up on the losing end because he underestimated the power of a pawn. For as inoffensive and weak as the pawns may seem in the beginning of the game, as they advance on the board, their power and consequent value increases to the point that it can become a Queen, the most powerful piece on the board. Even in the games of the greatest International Grandmasters of Chess, a single advanced pawn may be the difference between victory or defeat.

Chess is not the only human activity in which we tend to neglect and underestimate the potential power of seemingly insignificant things. In the game of life itself, man depreciates his felbecause lowman race, education, appearance, or other factors. Yet we know that from the ranks of the underprivileged and pressed have arisen some of the greatest names in history. This demonstrates how wrong man can be when he fails to consider the value and potential of human Pawns. For as

they progress, they can become mighty. Apparent insignificance is not always the opposite of greatness.

Even some "religious" people look down their noses at the "little man." Many a big city church openly caters to the worldly-wise and wealthy. Even in our own congregations we witness some of this. If a new family, in the middle or upper-income bracket, visits services, some congregations move heaven and earth to affect an early contact and try to influence them to become members. On the other hand, there are instances when a minority group family attends, or someone visits who obviously makes little money, and only nominal efforts are made to encourage them. This writer once heard an elder of the church exhort other members to purposely seek out the higher-income prospects in order to bolster a lagging budget!

All of this is in such sharp contrast with the practice of our Lord who circulated freely at all levels of society, but especially among the humble and poor. He said, "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4). Paul said, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many

wise men after the flesh, nor many mighty, nor many noble, are called...." (1 Corinthians 1:26).

The neglected pawn of today could well become a faithful Christian, a godly elder, a talented preacher, or the devoted mother of a whole dynasty of Christians, if properly encouraged. May God hasten the day when we can all put aside worldly attitudes and recognize the great value and potential of the most lowly individual.



# What Kind of Legacy Will You Leave

David A .Cox via-The Market Street Messenger

It is common to hear people discuss the legacies of those who have passed from this earthly life. The discussion on one's legacy often involves the favorable impressions that are remembered and the influence for good that one has had. It is important to realize that each of us will leave a legacy behind. It may be good or it may be bad, that is up to each individual. Let us look at a few legacies that we find in the scriptures.

Hebrews 11 is a chapter of legacies. This chapter is often referred to as the "Heroes of Faith". The Hebrew writer in this chapter recalls the legacies that have been left behind of

great men of faith. The writer reminds us of the good legacies of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sara, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Barak. Samson. Gideon. Jephthah, David, and Samuel. This chapter then concludes that there were many others. The point here is not that these individuals never did anything wrong and never sinned in there lives, but their hearts were turned toward

pleasing the Lord. As the Hebrew writer begins this list he says of the righteousness of Abel's life, "by it he being dead yet speaketh." (Hebrews 11:4). How true that is that as we are reminded of the great examples of faithfulness and the lives that were lived, we indeed find valuable instruction in the legacies of these lives.

Legacies can be good or bad. The scriptures also furnish us with many legacies of individuals that did not please the Lord. Cain is one who in a jealous rage killed his brother

Abel (Genesis 4). Esau is remembered for his unfaithfulness in the selling of his birthright for a morsel of food (Hebrews 12:16). Lot's wife is remembered for a bad legacy in that upon leaving the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, looked back to see the cities and was turned to a pillar of salt (Luke 17:32; Genesis 19:26). Judas Iscariot is another that is remembered with a bad legacy in that he betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-ff). The rich man that came to Jesus asking, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Jesus told him to sell all that he had and come and follow him; he left sorrowful because of his unwillingness to part with his possessions (Mark 10:17-22). King Agrippa was taught the truth by Paul but responded, "Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28).

Now we must ask ourselves the question, "What kind of legacy are we leaving with our lives?" There are a number of people that we come in contact with daily in our lives, and what do our lives tell them about us? What

are the things that our children will remember about their home: their father, mother, brothers and/or sisters? What kind of influence do we have on those at school, work, or in my family? Do our lives illuminate the light of Christ and doing His will as the most important thing, or do secular activities have the greatest bearing on who we are and what we do?

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them"

— Revelation 14:13

The kind of influence we have on others tells us the kind of legacy that we will leave. Those that are faithful to God and whose hearts are devoted to following Him will have a good legacy to leave behind. John noted the legacy of Christians when he wrote, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

What is your legacy?

### **Those Serving This Week**

#### Sunday AM

Earl Miller **Class Prayer Announcements** Song Leader Scripture Reader **Prayer** Speaker

Lord's Supper

Bread Fruit of the Vine Serve Serve **Closing Prayer** 

Chuck Isinghood Harold Marshall Matthew 2:1-12 Dan Marton **Ed Roberts** Tim Henderson

Don Coen, Sr. Tim Henderson Blake Headen Ken Prager Matt Ferrell

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

#### Sunday PM

**Announcements** Song Leader Scripture Reader 1st Prayer Speaker Communion **Closing Prayer** 

Chuck Isinghood Earl Miller Matthew 2:13-23 Dan Marton Ken Prager Tim Henderson Don Coen, Jr. Tim Henderson

#### Wednesday

**Announcements Class Praver** Song Leader Invitation **Closing Prayer** 

Chuck Isinghood Dan Marton Time Henderson Dan Marton Don Coen, Jr.

### News N Notes

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

- Please continue praying for our Spring Gospel Meeting, April 18-23 with Jarred

Currence

- Wayne & Charena Campbell and Randall & Charlotte Lancaster are travelling.
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Jerry & Dottie Henderson are in Blackfoot. ID. Jerry just finished a meeting and will continue working there for the next couple weeks
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Kris Shane
- Gabriel Taylor, 4 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

#### Don't forget our Shut-ins Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

#### At Home:

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

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

> If someone needs to be added to this list, please call: 304-914-2262 or 304-914-2263