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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 Speakers:**

**AM: Harold Marshall**

**PM: Dan Marton**

*Please help encourage these men as they preach the word of God!*

*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.*

## *Pharisee's Today*

Some may argue that Pharisee's do not still exist today but I would like to exercise your minds. When we talk about Pharisee's, it is usually never for good. We recall the Pharisee in Luke 18:11 whom boastfully prayed when he could be seen and heard by the people. We also recall in Matthew 23 how they enlarged the borders of their garments and loved the best seats or to be called "Rabbi, Rabbi" they might be thought more highly of.

I recently thought of Pharisee's behavior when someone was wondering out loud who had been so generous in their giving to the Lord. I asked my self, why? Did the person(s) who gave generously give to be seen of men or because they could and wanted to? I believe that they gave to help the Lord's work. But I fear that this "Pharisee" wanted to know so that he might give the one(s) responsible the praise that he felt they deserved or wanted.

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Giving to be seen of men has never been acceptable to God. I recall Act 5, where the new Christians were selling all they had to help the cause of the church. Ananias and Sapphira sold a possession and gave a portion to the church but claimed it was all. They gave to be seen of men. We all now the outcome. A Pharisee if ever I seen one.

Noting who gave, worked or did some act for the purpose of tooting that person's horn is not the way that Jesus lived. If you recall when Jesus was nearby while people were giving he praised the ones who gave for the right reason. He praised the widow who gave the two mites because she gave all she could. As I praise the person(s) who give so generously with our congregation. And I do not believe he praised her to inflate her ego but to teach a valuable lesson, as do I. The same lesson that Ananias and Sapphira would learn later .

*Don't Be A Pharisee !*

## The Illusion of Knowledge

By Gary Henry

In his book, *The Discoverers*, Daniel Boorstin wrote, "The greatest obstacle to discovering the shape of the earth, the continents and the ocean was not ignorance but the illusion of knowledge." Many of the great discoveries about the world we live in would have come sooner had not those who had erroneous theories been so reluctant to take a fresh look at the situa-

tion. And in our own lives as well, the growth of our knowledge is hindered by the "illusion of knowledge," the conviction that we know something when, in fact, what we know is inaccurate. Will Rogers seems to have understood this when he said, "I'm not worried about what folks don't know — it's just that so much of what they do know ain't so!"

There is nothing that will more surely block out new knowledge than the closed-mindedness of the man who thinks he already has all the information he needs. It's hard to impart new facts to a person if he is immutably satisfied that his present knowledge is all-sufficient. Since omniscient people make poor students, the know-it-all's attitude will keep him from ever really knowing much of anything. In regard to spiritual matters, Paul wrote, "And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know" (1 Cor. 8:2). And he described certain ones this way: "Professing to be wise, they became fools" (Rom. 1:22). The wiser we *think* we are, the more foolish we truly are, and our foolishness is probably obvious to everybody but us!

In the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, one of the main differences between wisdom and folly is that the wise person is teachable, while the fool is not. No matter how much he thinks he knows, the wise individual has the humility to be corrected, to learn, and to improve the accuracy of his understanding. The fool, on the other hand, never advances beyond the limitations of his present thinking because he thinks he's right about everything already. "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise" (Prov. 12:15). "A

fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart" (Prov. 18:2).

These truths in the Old Testament are consistent with what is taught in the New about the need for us to be more ready to hear than to speak: "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, etc." (Jas. 1:19). We learn so much less than we could learn because our *mouths* are in motion when our *ears* should be operating. Too much of the time, our communication apparatus is set to "transmit" when it should be set to "receive."

What is needed in life generally, and especially in spiritual matters, is the humility to recognize how little any of us do know. We need to guard against the "illusion" of knowledge — the false impression that we know much when really we know only little. We need to be suspicious of any of our ideas that *may* be mistaken. If not, we will never correct those which are.

"Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise" (1 Cor. 3:18)

There is, of course, a problem in the opposite direction. If our idea of open-mindedness requires us to put a question mark over *everything* we know, then we've simply exchanged one kind of foolishness for another. Unfortunately, thinkers in our age often seem to do

exactly this. In a day when respectable philosophers can say they're not "sure" even of their own existence, the worst sin a person can commit on any subject is to be "dogmatic" about it. The words "truth" and "knowledge" have acquired condescending little quotation marks, and we're told that we can believe anything we want...as long as we're not sure of any it.

Certainly, it would be dangerous to give in to this skepticism about knowledge in general. But it would be equally dangerous *never* to re-evaluate any notion once we have accepted it as true. There are times to honestly reconsider what we have believed and there are other times to stand firm for what is assuredly true. Common sense can usually tell the difference.

Paul wrote, "Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise" (1 Cor. 3:18). Real knowledge and wisdom are always accompanied by *humility*. It is the person who is *willing* to learn who will learn. Admitting that one is yet uninformed about many things is a painful, pride-destroying step, but it is one that must be taken around nearly every bend on

### *Upcoming Meeting in the Area*

May 9-14, 2010-Dale, WV

with Tony Huntsman

May 10-14, 2010-Cameron, OH

with Alan Yeater

May 10-14, 2010-Gorrell's Run, WV

with Rick Christian (Mo Hafley on Thursday)

May 17-21, 2010-Fly, OH

with Brian Price (Mike Henthorn on Wednesday)

*Help support the work of the Lord*

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Matthew Ferrell
<b>Announcements</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Scripture</b>	Matt 5:39-48
<b>Reader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Prayer</b>	Don Coen Jr
<b>Speaker</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Harold Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Ken Prager
<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>	Harold Marshall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Scripture</b>	Matt 6:1-15
<b>Reader</b>	Blake Headen
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Speaker</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Communion</b>	Don Coen Sr.
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Matthew Ferrell

## Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen Sr
<b>Song Leader</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Invitation</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dan Marton

# *News N Notes*

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

- DC Coen as he continues to deal with the headaches and other after effects of his illness.
- Zeda Goddard was reported Wednesday to be in Weirton Hospital.
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Jerry & Dottie Henderson are in Yakima, Washington.
- Tim, Anna and family are in North Alabama
- Betty Isinghood's biopsy was clear and also will be having knee surgery May 18th.
- 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.
- Chaz Schaefer is at Military Drills

## **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:  
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