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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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For What Are We Preparing?

H. E. Phillips

via-The Market Street Messenger—10-10-2010

This country is full of people who are busy providing and preparing for something, but what is it? In the process of this preparation for something in the future, they are losing their souls. Money plays a vital role in the building of new barns in which to bestow their goods for the future. That makes money the most important commodity sought after, and most people are after as much of it as they can get. There is very little importance to how they get it, just so they can get more and more.

Several high ranking political figures have recently been toppled from their positions of power because of their greed for money. Even the ones who brought their downfall are guilty of the same things.

Jesus taught a lesson in the form of a parable, recorded in Luke 12:16-21, in which he pictures a man who gives all his talents and time to preparing for this life by way of wealth. He gave no thought to the life which is to come. When he reached the point in preparations for this life, when he thought he was secure, he said to himself: "*Soul, thou has much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.*" This, I think, is the goal of most preparation today. Men will work hard to build a house in which to live. They will provide comfortable surroundings for their families and them-

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selves. They will accumulate estates for later life and put their trust in that which is laid up for a "rainy day." All of it for this life of a few short years, and when this is done they think they are safe and all is well. But suddenly they face death and eternity. There is no real lasting security in earthly things, yet these are the objectives of the great majority of people on earth today. All here is vanity and vexation of spirit.

To what does the average person look forward in eternity? After the man in the parable had assured himself that he could now enjoy life because he has been successful in preparing for his life here, God said to him, *"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"* What a terrifying realization! All his work for nothing. He had spent all his effort in providing for this life, and when he was ready to enjoy the fruits of his labors, his life is about to end. What would happen to all this work? What good was all the preparation for this life now that he was going to die? How many millions are now in the same situation as this poor man.

As a conclusion to this parable, and the lesson which the Lord wants men to get: *"So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."* Every man and woman who emphasizes preparation for comforts and pleasures for this life and ignores preparation for eternity is in the class with this man who lost all. The day will come, and it may be sooner than you think, when your life will be required. Then what will happen to all those things which you prepared for this life? More importantly, what will you do about the failure to prepare for the judgment and for eternity?

It is right to provide for those things we need in this life, but it is wrong to push into second or third place the things of the Spirit. The most important preparation before us now is not the needs for the present, but for the time when we shall all appear before the Lord to account for the lives we have spent on the earth. When you put "making a living" before "serving the Lord" you are preparing for the present and not for eternity. No argument can change that. Then you put "having a good time" before "obeying God" you are making provisions for this life, and are not rich toward God.

Preparation for eternal life requires a faithful and constant study of God's word, an obedient life of worship and work for the Lord, and a faithful and regular attendance to all opportunities for public worship and edifying. Do not be a fool, as Jesus said this man was, but make your preparation for eternal life.

Don't Kill The Messenger!

Mark E. Larson

via-The Charlottesville Beacon—10-10-2010

"Don't kill the messenger!"

Sophocles (442 B.C.)

"And immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded him to bring back his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother"

Mark 6:27-28 — NASB

John the Baptist was put to death because King Herod's wife Herodias was offended by the truth that he spoke: *"For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'"* (Mark 6:18). Instead of accepting correction and thanking John for their much needed reproof, anger, bitterness, and hatred reigned in the heart of Herodias; so much so, that she wanted John dead! Foolishly, Herodias had blamed the messenger for delivering God's message. Yet, in doing so she did not change the truth of the message one bit. She was still living in sin with Herod and she still needed to repent in order to be saved (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Peter 3:9).

Many people today respond to the messenger of truth in a similar manner as Herodias did to John. Instead of recognizing that reproof and correction often comes from the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16), the messenger (e.g. preacher, teacher, elder, etc.) is attacked and condemned as a mean person who has no tact or "love." Yet, to tell a person the truth (no matter how offensive the truth may be) is in fact an act of love that may save that person's soul from death (James 5:19-20). How sad it is that many people do not desire the knowledge of the truth in order to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), choosing instead to

blame the messenger for the guilt they feel inside.

While the messenger of truth is responsible for how he delivers God's word (*"speaking the truth in love"* - Ephesians 4:15), he is not responsible for *"the word of God's message"* (1 Thessalonians 2:13). Instead of despising or resenting the one who tells you the truth, thank that person for loving you and caring enough about your soul for saying what you needed to hear in order to be saved.

When Was The Church Built?

Richie Thetford

via-The Charlottesville Beacon—10-10-2010

In the denominational world one would get all kinds of different dates as to when "their" church was established. But we need only to be concerned with one church - the church that Jesus built! Therefore, let us take a look at when the church of Christ was established. To find out everything we need to know about Christ's church we can go straight to the inspired Bible as our only source.

Jesus Stated that His Church Would Be Built

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus clearly stated to Peter: *"upon this rock I will build my church..."* When Jesus stated this, His church had not yet been built because He said "I will build" not "I have built". So we know that it was His church that was to be built at some future time as stated by Jesus Himself

It was something like eighteen months after Jesus ordained the twelve apostles (Matthew 10), and sent them forth to preach that the Lord said: *"I will build my church."* These two facts are very clear:

- 1.The church was not built at the time He made the statement, and He promised to build the church.
- 2.In A.D. 32 is when Jesus said *"I will build my church"* and His church was realized in A.D. 33 on the day of Pentecost when people were *"added to the church."* It was then that Jesus' church had been built and the *"Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* (Acts 2:47).

Paul References that the Church Is Built

In the writings of the apostle Paul we can see clearly that the church of Christ had been built. In Ephesians 2:20 he says: *"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."* Paul's reference to *"are built"* occurred after Pentecost when the Lord's church was established.

For one to be in the church that Jesus built it has to rest on His foundation, not man's! Paul stated: *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 3:11). To lay a foundation is the first work in the erection of a building. What did Paul do first when he went to Corinth? He laid down the foundation of Jesus. He told them: *"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Before one can build upon the word of God the foundation must first be laid. This basic foundation was also laid down at Pentecost when the Lord's church was established (Acts 2).

Jesus Was Made Head of His Church After He Was Raised

In Acts 4:10-11 we read: *"let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone."*

Here are some basic facts that we can learn about the church that Jesus Christ built and is now head of:

- 1.The church couldn't be built till the foundation was laid (1 Corinthians 3:11).
- 2.The foundation could not be laid till the foundation was tried (Isaiah 28:16; Mark 3:27; 1 Corinthians 15:14-17).
- 3.The Stone could not be tried till rejected (Mark 8:31)
- 4.The Stone was tried and proven in His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3).

It must follow that the church of Christ could not be built before Christ was raised from the dead. Therefore the church of Christ was built after the resurrection of Jesus Christ - not before.

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Dave Harless
Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	Matthew 26:26-46
Reader	Terry Smith
Prayer	Ed Roberts
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Dan Marton
Fruit of the Vine	Earl Miller
Serve	Wayne Campbell
Serve	Ken Prager
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

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

Sunday PM

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Matthew 26:47-75
Reader	Matt Ferrell
1st Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Dave Harless
Closing Prayer	Ken Prager

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Ed Roberts
Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Tim Henderson
Invitation	Dave Harless
Closing Prayer	Harold Marshall

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Sick/ Poor Health:

- **Zeda Goddard**, and her family
- **Blake Headen**, Alberta's husband
- **Kathy Johnston**
- **Ronald Lancaster**, remains in the hospital at Weirton. He continues to receive dialysis for his kidney problems. They are also dealing with other complications that have developed.
- **Virginia Malick**, Peggy Miller's mother
- **Harold Marshall**, was diagnosed with colon cancer this past week, they are currently running tests to determine the course of action and he will most likely have surgery this week.
- **Kitty Morgan**, is in the hospital at Trinity West, she is still not eating as she should.
- **Paula Prager** as she continues to deal with a difficult pregnancy
- **Jimmy Roberts**, Ed & Marie's son
- **Jim Roberts**, Ed Roberts' father
- **Marie Roberts**
- **Kris Shane**
- **Terry Smith**
- **Gabriel Taylor**, 4 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

Brightwood Center:

- Shirley Campbell

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

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.

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