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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:

*Self-
Righteousness*

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The True Measure

Bob Buchanan

via-The Market Street Messenger—12-05-2010

A young boy came running into the house very excited shouting, "Mother, Mother, I am nine feet tall!" His mother reminded him that he was exaggerating and was talking nonsense. He responded that he knew for a fact that he was nine feet tall.

"What makes you think so?" she asked. "Because I measured myself," he replied. "How did you measure yourself?" the mother inquired.

"I took off my shoe," said the boy, "and measured myself with that. It is just the same size of my foot, and I really am nine feet tall."

This little lad was very sincere in believing he was nine feet tall, but he was using the wrong measure.

Man is also prone to measure himself by his own ruler, especially when it comes to his religion. Let us consider some of these false measures.

Many people use their emotions and their "feelings" as their measure. Emotionalism is a false standard and proves nothing to be right or wrong. Feelings depend on what we believe (look at the example in Genesis 37) while faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Many honest

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and sincere people wouldn't give their "feelings" for all the Bibles in the world. A frequently used statement is, "I know that I am saved because I can feel it in my heart." The Bible says, "*He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool*" (Proverbs 28:26). God did not say that you can know that you are saved by the way you feel. This is a false measure.

Many people will also use their parents and grandparents as the measure for right and wrong. Many say, "They were members of the same church that I am, and what was good enough for them is good enough for me." Most people are what they are, religiously, on the basis of what their parents were. I am not trying to "run down" your ancestry, but they could have been wrong. You are following tradition and Jesus said, "*Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition*" (Matthew 15:6). Perhaps you have had an opportunity to study, learn and develop more than your parents. We think nothing of changing politics or of buying a Chevrolet when Dad always bought a Ford. We make many decisions and do many things against the will of our parents. The reason, possibly, that we hold back on the question of religion is because it is the most important decision in our life. Friend, a love for Jesus must be a greater love than a love for parents. Jesus said, "*He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me*" (Matthew 10:37). Can you read the Bible of the church to which your parents are a member? If not, leave that church. Use the Bible as your measure.

The testimony of great men is often used instead of the Bible. Denominational people often quote some great religious leader to prove their point. Some honest people will read from Albert Barnes, Clarke, or some other great scholar, and take the word of the commentaries over the Word of God. All men are fallible and we cannot have so much confidence in them, but we can remain faithful to God even if these men depart from the faith. Our faith must not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:5).

Several people use manuals and creed books as their measure. These books are

written by men. Decisions are made in conferences. The conferences write what that denomination is to believe and practice. How do these conferences know what God wants? They don't! Paul said, "*...even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God*" (1 Corinthians 2:11). Bible writers wrote by inspiration. They knew the will of God. Creed writers are uninspired. Their creeds are the wrong measure.

Let us use the Bible for our measure. It is "*profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*" (2 Timothy 3:16,17). Let us speak where the Bible speaks, be silent where the Bible is silent; do Bible things in Bible ways and give them Bible names. This is the true measure.

The Responsibility of the Bible Teacher

Wayne Jackson

via-The Charlottesville Beacon—12-05-2010

There is a great honor attached to teaching the Word of God. This exercise is the most sacred trust one can imagine. Unfortunately, there are those, on occasion, who want the honor that attends that lofty role, yet they are unwilling to pay the price that accompanies the responsibility. What are some of the costs that accompany this sober responsibility?

An Example

The teacher must be an example — in life, in spiritual fervor. Luke wrote concerning that which Jesus both practiced and taught (cf. Acts 1:1; cf. 1 Timothy 4:12).

No one who is careless in church attendance, who shows virtually no interest in the lost, who dresses provocatively, who is addicted to harmful substances, who is known to be worldly, etc., needs to be in a teaching capacity. There are many sincere people who are struggling to overcome such problems, and for this they are to be applauded. But

folks must realize that there is a certain level of maturity to be achieved before one may assume the revered role of a public teacher of the Scriptures.

Being Prepared

The teacher must be willing to spend considerable time in diligent study so as to be qualified as an accurate instructor of the Scriptures. Off-the-cuff, sloppy preparation can jeopardize the souls of honest people. Those who busy themselves with mundane matters all week, and then bore their students with a hastily thrown-together, Sunday-morning presentation, are contributing to the disinterest of our youth. Is it any wonder that many congregations consist mainly of older folks these days?

Too, a good teacher will invest money in appropriate study tools to help qualify himself or herself in Bible knowledge. A study of history, geography, language, etc., is vital for the well-qualified instructor.

Attitude

A good teacher must be patient and compassionate with his or her students. One who is ill-tempered, lacking in understanding, impatient, explosive, etc., can do more harm in attempting to teach than if he or she had simply refrained. A godly teacher will love his fellowman and value the soul above all else.

Faithful

A teacher must be sound in his religious convictions. It is important what a man believes. Those who subscribe to false ideas regarding the plan of salvation, the church, worship, the nature of the Bible, and moral issues (e.g., divorce/remarriage) must not be permitted to spread their error. Church leaders who reason: "Well, I know he holds some unorthodox ideas in certain areas, but he has agreed not to express them," simply are deceiving themselves.

In view of these requirements, it becomes easier to understand why the inspired writer James admonishes: "Be not many of you teachers" (3:1). It is not that he would discourage teaching; it is just that we must take this responsibility very seriously. The future of the church depends upon its teaching program. Let us attempt to do a more responsible job.

Forgiveness

Bob Prichard

via-The Charlottesville Beacon—12-05-2010

There is probably no more beautiful word in the English language than "forgiven." When we remember all the times that we have failed, surely we realize that it is a wonderful blessing to know that God has forgiven us. We understand that when we obey the gospel of Christ, we receive the forgiveness of sin through the precious blood Christ shed for us. *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot"* (1 Peter 1:19).

Saved by the grace of God, forgiveness of our sins does not come as payment for our obedience. Our obedience is but the proper response to His love. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"* (Ephesians 2:8-9).

God gives us His forgiveness. How do we respond to His love in relation to others? In "The Vision of Matthew", John P. Meier asserts, "A Christian cannot win God's forgiveness, but he can lose it by refusing to extend it to a brother." Do we forgive as the kind Master, or do we withhold forgiveness as the unmerciful servant?

"Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:32-35). *"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"* (1 John 4:20).

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Ed Roberts
Announcements	Nathan Marshall
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Scripture	Mark 5:1-20
Reader	Terry Smith
Prayer	Wayne Campbell
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Earl Miller
Fruit of the Vine	Dave Harless
Serve	CJ Isinghood
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Ken Prager

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

Sunday PM

Announcements	Nathan Marshall
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Mark 5:21-43
Reader	Earl Miller
1st Prayer	Dave Harless
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Chuck Isinghood
Closing Prayer	Harold Marshall

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Dave Harless
Announcements	Nathan Marshall
Song Leader	Singing/Praying
Invitation	Earl Miller
Closing Prayer	Matt Ferrell

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Sick/ Poor Health:

- Phyllis Coen
- Zeda Goddard is back at home
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, recovering from surgery.
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law diagnosed with brain cancer.
- Ronald Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Harold Marshall, as he continues recuperating from his surgery.
- Kitty Morgan, is at Carriage Inn in Steubenville.
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

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

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If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson