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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 lesson:

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or
Disciplined*

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The End of All Our Desire

Gary Henry

via-Diligently Seeking God—01-16-2011

*"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so
pants my soul for You, O God. My soul
thirsts for God, for the living God. When
shall I come and appear before God?"*

—Psalm 42:1,2—

Beneath every other longing is the deepest desire for which we were created, the desire for God. We may not recognize it and may not be able to name it even when we feel it. Perhaps we may even try to deny it. But having been made in His image, we can no more negate the desire for our Creator than we can uncreate the nature of our being. "Somewhere in the depths of infinity lies a buried part of ourselves: that something we did not bring with us into this life, the missing piece which makes us incomplete and generates in us the yearning to be connected again with the source of our being, beyond our distorted view of perfection and innocence" (Paul Ciholas).

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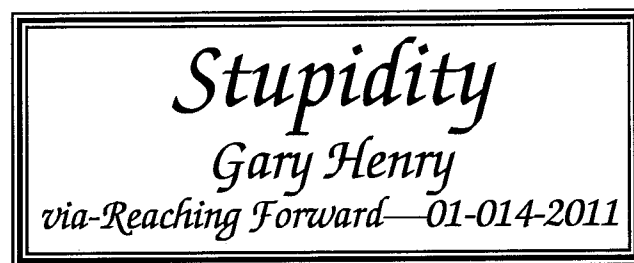
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Having God as our deepest NEED, it should be noticed, is not quite the same as feeling God as our deepest DESIRE. No doubt we feel our need most sharply when we're suffering, but the reality is, we need God every instant, and we ought to desire Him always. We don't need God any less when we're contented than when we're not. Each and every day, it is "in Him [that] we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). As our deepest, most constant need, He OUGHT to be our most profound, heartfelt desire.

From the infinite riches of His grace, God is able to fill our needs. He holds every true treasure that our hearts yearn for, and He "can satisfy the last aching abyss of the human soul" (Oswald Chambers). His will is for us to seek Him sincerely and make our supplication to Him concerning every empty place within us. He knows us and can sympathize with our weaknesses. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

But beyond every one of our lesser needs, God Himself is the end of all our desire. He is the goal of our existence, the fulfillment of all we were created to be. "O Lord . . . the desire of our soul is for Your name and for the remembrance of You" (Isaiah 26:8).

*"You awake us to
delight in your praise;
for you have made us for
yourself, and our heart
finds no rest until
it rests in you"*
—Augustine of Hippo



*"How long will you slumber,
O sluggard? When will you
arise from your sleep?"*
—Proverbs 6:9—

Our English word "stupid" is a word worth doing some serious thinking about. It comes from the Latin *stupere*, which meant "to be stunned." Usually we think of "stupidity" as extreme foolishness or a lack of intelligence, but in its most literal sense, "stupid" means dazed or stunned. The stupid person is in a "stupor," and what he needs is not to increase his intelligence but to wake up and pay attention. Stupidity is simply the state of being inactive and insensible when we ought to be alert.

Spiritually speaking, we need to shake off our stupidity, don't we? Too much of the time, we are lethargic and apathetic. Although there is work to do and dangers to watch out for, we doze off into such a state of insensibility that not even God can get our serious attention. Like Peter, James, and John, who fell asleep while Jesus was enduring His agony in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46), we are drowsy. Our desire, it would seem, is for God to leave us alone and let us sleep just a little while longer.

Usually, it takes some huge, life-altering crisis to bring us to our senses. But the closer we get to the end of our lives in this world, the more most of us will wish that we'd waked up sooner. We don't really have to wait for tragedy to turn us upside down. If we make the choice, we can wake up on our own — and we can do so right now. We can shake ourselves into sobriety and determine that our minds will be wide awake from now on.

One good reason to wake up is so that we can be better stewards of the gifts God has given us. Our Father has endowed us with great capabilities, and these are to be used to further His purposes. We need to be more keenly AWARE of our abilities and our opportunities so that we can USE these more fully. When we allow the devil to discourage us, we fall into a stupid, insensible daze — a sleepiness from which nothing comes that is truly worthwhile. There is so much more to the life of godliness than we've experienced and so much more to God Himself than we've ever known. Too long have we been stupid! Too long have we slept!

“Compared to what we ought to be, we are only half awake”

—William James

*What's Ahead Is
Worth Reaching For!*

Gary Henry

via-Reaching Forward—01-013-2011

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” —Romans 8:18

When we're discouraged and we're thinking about taking the easy way out, it's important to remember the value of the things we're reaching for. Life with God is a treasure worth any price that ever has to be paid to receive it — and more important, the privilege of SIMPLY BEING A PERSON THROUGH WHOM GOD CAN GLORIFY HIMSELF ought to mean more to us than anything else in the here or the hereafter. Whatever we're giving up, what we're getting is what we WANT to get most of all, isn't it?

When the price seems too painful to bear and we wish we could get back what we've given up, we need to recall how we evaluated things when we originally “counted the cost.” Like the Olympic athlete who remembers every day his original decision (that the rewards of discipline and training are WORTH more than those of ease and indulgence, and that he WANTS the former more than he wants the latter), we must remember that “the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” When the life of discipleship turns out to be hard, the wise Christian will say, “YES, BUT I'D STILL RATHER HAVE THE ‘MINUSES’ I HAVE RIGHT NOW THAN THE ‘MINUSES’ THAT WOULD GO WITH ANY OTHER SET OF ‘PLUSES’.” THE TRADEOFF IS WELL WORTH IT.”

We should not let Satan deceive us as to the true value of things. When we barter with him, he has a way of making the things outside of God's will seem more valuable than they really are, and he carefully conceals the deadly downside of disobedience. He is, after all, the ultimate “con artist.” Yet we are not helpless in our struggle against him. Faith — real trust in God's goodness — is the quality that can keep us in touch with reality. No matter what life looks like in the short term, and no matter what sacrifices are asked of us, we have good reason to believe that God is telling us the truth: WHAT'S AHEAD IS WORTH REACHING FOR! If we forget that, we're in danger of being seriously misled.

“We master fear through faith — faith in the worthwhileness of life and the trustworthiness of God; faith in the meaning of our pain and our striving, and confidence that God will not cast us aside but will use each one of us as a piece of priceless mosaic in the design of his universe”

—Joshua Loth Liebman

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Dave Harless
Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture	Mark 9:1-27
Reader	Chuck Isinghood
Prayer	Bryan Legg
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Harold Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Wayne Campbell
Serve	CJ Isinghood
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Dan Marton

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

Sunday PM

Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Scripture	Mark 9:28-50
Reader	Earl Miller
1st Prayer	Harold Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Dave Harless
Closing Prayer	Ed Roberts

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Invitation	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Wayne Campbell

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Sick/ Poor Health:

- **Don & Phyllis Coen**
- **Zeda Goddard** is in Trinity East, room 307
- **Blake Headen**, Alberta's husband.
- **Robert Schwerferger**, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law diagnosed with brain cancer.
- **Grace Lancaster**, at home continuing her recovery
- **Ronald Lancaster**, was admitted to the hospital with elevated ammonia levels.
- **Virginia Malick**, Peggy Miller's mother
- **Kitty Morgan**, is at Carriage Inn in Steubenville.
- **Alfred and Mary Jane Myers**
- **Paula Prager**, unless things change before, she will have a C-section tomorrow.
- **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

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 contact Tim Henderson