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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 Lessons:

AM: One of Those Days

*PM: God's ways are not
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They're Better!*

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For What Are We Preparing?

By—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.

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Men will work hard to build a house in which to live. They will provide comfortable surroundings for their families and themselves. 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 spend 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.

What Will It Profit A Man?

by Drew Jones

Via—College View Columns

It would be reasonable to guess that most people are familiar with the name and deeds of Sir Edmund Hillary--he and his Sherpa guide Tenzing are credited as the first men known to have reached the 29,029-ft. summit of Mount Everest. It would be just as reasonable to guess that a far smaller number of people have heard of George Mallory or Andrew Irvin, English mountaineers who were fatally bested by the formidable peak almost 30 years before Hillary's famous feat.

There is much debate in the climbing community, however, concerning just how far Mallory and Irvine managed to get before ultimately perishing in June of 1924. For decades, there has been speculation that the two men actually reached the summit, only to perish in their descent to camp. The great interest in this possible achievement eventually led to an entire research expedition in 1999 (the apply named "Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition"), launched with the goal of gathering evidence to determine the extent of Mallory and Irvine's climb. A specific objective of the expedition was the recovery of both men's bodies, which had gone undiscovered in the

75 years since their deaths; the remains of Andrew Irvine were of particular importance, since he was said to have been carrying a camera, whose contents would be valuable in learning how far the men had been able to progress.

Unfortunately, the expedition was unable to locate the body of Andrew Irvine--though they did discover the very well-preserved corpse of George Mallory. Fueling even further conjecture were the presence of one item and the absence of another. First, the expedition found Mallory's snow goggles in his pocket, indicating that the two men were making their descent after sunset. According to some, the only way Mallory and Irvine would have been away from camp this late in the day is if they had (at least) attempted to gain the summit.

Secondly, the expedition did not find a photograph of George Mallory's dearly loved wife, Ruth. According to the Mallory family--among others--George was carrying the photograph in order to place it at Everest's summit. Since the body was in such good condition—all of his other personal effects has been preserved, including documents and papers found in his wallet--many have come to the conclusion the Mallory must have reached his goal and deposited the picture there as planned.

In any case, it is likely that we'll never know for sure what happened. Maybe they tried for the summit but turned back; maybe they tried and succeeded, 29 years before the New Zealander Hillary did so to such lofty acclaim. Even if they reached the very top, however, that success itself could only be considered relative. As Edmund Hillary asked, "If you climb a mountain for the first time and die on the descent, is it really a complete first ascent on the mountain? I am rather inclined to think personally that maybe it is quite important, the getting down, and the complete climb of a mountain is reaching the summit and getting safely to the bottom again."

With due respect for the dead, while I find the mystery of Mallory and Irvine interesting, I also have to admit that it doesn't really matter whether or not they ever reached the summit

of Mt. Everest. The moment they died, their accomplishments utterly ceased to matter to them. Even if evidence existed which proved beyond doubt that they did make it, such knowledge would be of absolutely no use to two men who were no longer alive on this earth.

The alleged or disputed success of Mallory and Irvine makes me think of the words of Christ in Mark 8. *"When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, 'Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desire to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. **For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels**"* (Mark 8:34-38, emphasis mine).

It would be a thrilling moment of triumph to successfully scale the world's tallest and most daunting mountain--but would that act be worth losing your life? In the same way, Jesus asks all those who would follow Him: You might achieve great things in the life, amass great wealth, enjoy all sorts of pleasures, fulfill every desire and wish and goal that you've ever had, and live a long, fulfilled life--but would that life be worth losing your soul?

If our actions, our choices in this life, mean that our Lord would be "ashamed" of us, then they are entirely and tragically futile. If we serve only ourselves, and preserve our own lives, our own comfort, our own happiness, at the expense of serving God, we are making the same trade Mallory and Irvine made—momentary and fleeting accomplishment in exchange for life. The way to eternal life is not through success, it is through service. It is not on a glorious road that will earn us the praise and admiration of the world, it is on a difficult path, bearing a cross, following a Savior who is despised by the world. If your soul is valuable, truly precious to you, make sure you are on that better road. Take up your cross and follow the Lord towards life.

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Announcements	Earl Miller
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	Luke 1:39-58
Reader	Matt Ferrell
Prayer	Dan Marton
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Nathan Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Dave Harless
Serve	CJ Isinghood
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	John Lemal

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

Sunday PM

Announcements	Earl Miller
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture	Luke 1:59-80
Reader	Dan Marton
1st Prayer	Ed Roberts
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Chuck Isinghood
Closing Prayer	Wayne Campbell

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Bryan Legg
Announcements	Earl Miller
Song Leader	Singing/Praying
Invitation	Nathan Marshall
Closing Prayer	Harold Marshall

News N Notes

Please remember these in your prayers:

- **Rex Miller**, Earl Miller and Marie Roberts nephew, passed away Thursday. Visitation and the funeral will be Monday. Visitation: 12-1; Funeral: 1pm at Reasner's Funeral Home

Sick/ Poor Health:

- **Don Coen, Sr.**
- **Zeda Goddard**
- **Robert Schwerferger**, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- **Grace Lancaster**
- **Ronald & Charollette Lancaster**
- **Virginia Malick**, Peggy Miller's mother
- **Harold Marshall, Sr.**, Harold's father
- **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 Coen, Sr., 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

Weirton Geriatric:

- Kitty Morgan

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