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WEDNESDAY EVENING

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Jesus lived in a broken world, among sinful people, and was crucified by evil men yet He never compromised His Father's standards. We must reach for that same standard, following in His footsteps, being driven by deep appreciation and profound gratitude for our Lord's sacrifice.

Via Men's Daily Briefings

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.

Worship10:15 A.M.

Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Be A FINISHER

Paul White

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind" (Phil.3:13-16).

With his eyes fixed firmly on heaven, the apostle Paul pressed forward with aim and purpose. He realized that the Christian life was no playground; it was a battleground. Paul no doubt knew what it took to stay committed to the cause and constant in his walk. How can we learn from him? Let me suggest from the context of Philippians 3, what Paul had, and what we need if we're going to finish our course.

Paul had Determination (vs.14). He said, "I press." We too must exert an intense effort toward the proper goal. It's in this context that Paul said, "Not that I have

already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own" (ESV). I see Paul's motivation here for all that he endured and all that he did...Christ Jesus "has made me his own." Paul never forgot the events of the Damascus road (Acts 9:22). He never forgot the mercy he received from the Lord nor the confidence the Lord had in him to accomplish the work of taking the gospel to the Gentiles (1 Tim.1:12-16).

Paul had Devotion (vs.13). He said, "One thing I do." The problem with us is we dabble in too many things. We're involved in trivial matters and become distracted from what really matters. John Maxwell once wrote, "The bookends of success are starting and finishing. Decisions help us start; discipline helps us finish!" How true. But our discipline needs to be channeled by the right things, or should I say, the more nobler things (Col.3:1-2; Matt.6:33). Kingdom agendas and actions were foremost on the mind and radar of Paul. He was all about being devoted to what

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please remember **Maxine Burnham** and **Jean Cronce** in your prayers.

Donna Mobley is home recovering from a fall that injured her shoulder.

Vickie Rinehart has a follow-up appointment in Little Rock on Monday.

Here is the current schedule of services:

Bible Study: 9:30 AM
Services: 10:15 AM
Kids Only: 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Sunday and Wednesday Bible Studies are in **Galatians**.

Additionally, we are having studies.

Monday: 7:00 PM
Thursday: 7:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class:
Next Class is Dec. 8th

was eternal and essential in the spiritual advancement of God's cause and people.

Paul maintained a proper Direction (vs.13). He said that some things must be forgotten and left behind. What wisdom, as we pursue heaven. We too must not allow ourselves to be negatively influence or affected by something or someone. And what will surely help us in this endeavor is to trust in the

Lord and walk by faith – a faith that daily relies on what the Lord says about us and our work, not what others say. It's a belief in the promises of God, not in the false accusations of our enemy, the devil. When Paul faced the end of his ministry and life, he wasn't overwhelmed by regrets, he was encouraged by God's faithfulness and promise (2 Tim.1:12). I have to believe this had a powerful and lasting impact on Timothy and his ministry. If we're going to "reach forward," we have to maintain a proper direction that's being fueled by our faith.

Paul had Discipline (vs.16). He said he would walk by certain rules. It is not enough for us to be determined; we must be determined to obey Divine rules (2 Tim.2:5). There surely is a difference between being busy and being productive. Paul's ministry and life was driven by a Divine calling and direction. He allowed himself to be controlled by the Spirit, not the impulse of self or some other carnally directed voices. Paul disciplined himself to follow the truth and only the truth he received from heaven's direction. Only by obedience to the truth will we be fit subjects for the kingdom of heaven.

It's not enough to start in faith, we must finish in faith. But finishing can bring its challenges. While ministering to a dying man in World War II, an army Chaplin asked if there was any message he'd like to send home. The young man replied, "Yes, tell mom and dad, I died happy. Also, tell my Bible class teacher that I died a Christian, and I have never forgotten his teaching." A few weeks later the army Chaplin received a letter from the Bible class teacher. The letter read, "God have mercy upon me. Only last month I resigned from teaching Bible classes, for I felt that my teaching was not doing any good; and scarcely had I, through my cowardly, faithless heart, given up my appointed work. I got your letter telling me that my teaching had been the

means of winning a soul to God. I'm taking up my work again, and in Christ's name, I'll be faithful to the end."

Oh, how the devil seeks to defeat us through discouragement and doubt. Oh, how we daily need to ask God for strength that we might be "instant in season and out of season." May God help us to persevere as we plant the seeds of the kingdom! May we look to God's word for proper perspective, and lean on Him for favor to finish in faith the course set before us. We can because God will! Let's be a FINISHER like Paul!

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Abhor What Is Evil

Andy Harrison

"Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good." Romans 12:9

It really is a simple concept, isn't it? Abhor, detest, or hate evil. Cling to, adhere to, or cleave to what is good. Who gets to define evil and good? It has always been and will always be God. God, the creator of all things, established good and evil from the beginning and ever since man has been confusing the two.

Why is that? What motivates us to pervert such a simple concept? Why do we, "call evil good, and good evil...substitute darkness for light and light for darkness?" (Isaiah 5:20)

I submit to you that the main reason is shame. Psychologists and therapists make very good livings trying to help people overcome their shame. The alcohol and prescription drug industries are fueled by people intent on medicating their shame. We will do everything we can to avoid shame.

Shame is the product of violating a set of standards that people and society holds. We manipulate those standards, change laws, redefine marriage, and crucify morality to

avoid shame. We get so wrapped up in marginalizing sin to overcome shame that we fail to see it as a gift from God. *"Guilt is the fact of men doing wrong. Shame is the God-given response to that fact."* – Andy Cantrell

Even though our culture is in a free fall and godly principles are openly mocked, it doesn't change the fact that right is right and wrong is wrong. We deceive ourselves as Christians if we think this is just a problem in the world. The church faces the same challenge and is slowly being conformed to the world's way of thinking. God's standards are being eroded in the body of Christ and too often we don't even notice.

Brothers, we can do better...we must do better.

- We must do better in the things we meditate on.
- We must do better in the movies we watch.
- We must do better in the language we use.
- We must do better in how we treat each other.
- We must do better in the clothes we wear.
- We must do better in the priorities we set for our families.
- We must do better.

"For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed." 1 Peter 2:21-24