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Rodney Ellis Joseph Barry

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Cole Meador Jerry Schnelle

Invitation

Clay Morris

ABOUT US

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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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Teaching Our Children to Trust Jesus

Bryan Garlock

As parents and grandparents, it is essential for us to teach our children to trust Jesus. One way to do this is to show them that *we trust Jesus*.

We trust Jesus by the way we live — the changes in our attitudes, decisions, conduct, and the way we speak indicate that we believe Jesus' way is right and that God directs our steps (cf. Jer. 10:23). Furthermore, those who do not trust Jesus indulge themselves in whatever this world has to offer. Thus, it takes trust to deny ourselves unlawful pleasures (Titus 2:11-14) and to "strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14)

Consider the questions below and examine yourself as you answer them. If you find that you have failed or have been failing, turn from your ungodly ways and be committed to being a godly influence for your children and/or for others. The basis for these questions is founded in

this question: Do our children and/or others see hypocrisy in our lives, indicating that we do not trust in Jesus and His plan for our salvation?

- Do you spend an excessive amount of time watching television, or on your phone?
- Do you watch shows that are ungodly? Do you send them to bed so you can watch something that they are not allowed to watch? How do you explain that to them, when you are not allowed to watch evil things either?
- Do you verbally or physically mistreat your spouse?
- Do you speak evil about others behind their backs?
- Do you say inappropriate words?
- Do you lie to your children? Do they catch you in your lies?
- Do you "amen" the preacher when he says to put Jesus first, but then put other things before the assembly of the saints? (Like missing the assembly of the saints for sports, school events,

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, W.H. McFerrin, and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please remember **W.H** and **Pat McFerrin.** **Pat** continues to recover from her recent surgery.

The next **Ladies Bible** Class will be Tuesday, **August 13th** at 6:00 PM.

Please pick up some invite cards and ask for Bible studies. See Bryan if you need any help with home studies.

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- because your children have “a school project to complete by tomorrow” or to attend their friend’s birthday parties?)
- Do you fill your life and by extension your families’ lives with stress and worry?
- Do you openly blame God for all your problems?
- Do you depend on God when times are hard or turn to worldly pleasures to soothe your problems?
- Do you study your Bible?
- Do you devote yourself to prayer?
- Do you take time each day to study, pray and worship God with your family?
- Do you strive to live a holy life?
- Do you selfishly demand your rights rather than sacrificing them for others?
- Do you mistreat your brethren?

- Do you mistreat those who work with you or for you, or even a waitress or cashier?
- Do you repent of and confess your faults when you sin?

Here are two more questions to consider: First, how would our children rate us as professors of Jesus, and secondly, if our children or others do not see us living righteous lives with conviction — showing them that we will obey Jesus no matter the cost — how can we expect them to trust in God? In love, BG

Distractions

Bill Brittenham

Last Sunday our children’s Bible Classes were to study about Daniel and The Lion’s Den. The teachers were all prepared with the lesson, songs, handiwork and take-home materials. But very early, when the kids heard Daniel and the “Lion’s” Den, the class became “Daniel and the Lion King”. (Or more accurately, just “The Lion King”.) Why? Because a certain movie has recently been released and many of the children have either seen it or a previous movie with the same name. The teachers all did an admirable job of trying to teach the lessons about Daniel’s faithfulness to God, but the children were probably more interested in the lions. (Not Daniel’s lions, but the lions from the movie.)

Now this is not an article to condemn movies, especially kid’s movies. But it is a very good example how events in our daily lives can distract us from worshipping God and learning how better to serve Him.

I’m certain all of us have sometimes found ourselves distracted from worshipping God in

our Bible Classes or assemblies just as we become distracted in other areas of our lives. (Think, “Yes, dear” when you didn’t really hear what your wife was saying or having your boss ask, “Didn’t you hear me tell you to ...”) We don’t live our lives “one event at a time”. Whether or not we are good at “multitasking”, we are usually doing and/or thinking of more than one thing at a time.

Distractions can result in different consequences. If you are performing a dangerous task, distractions can result in serious injury or even death. Cooking, working on the car, doing yard work or even walking while texting on our phone require us to pay attention to what we are doing.

But of course, this isn’t an article on person safety.

Consider some daily distractions from serving God.

1. I really intended to pray to God today, but I got distracted.
2. Things got so hectic at work; I didn’t have time to think how God would want me to handle things.
3. When I got home, I was still so distracted about my job I didn’t even think when I yelled at my wife and kids.
4. The baby has been so fussy today; I don’t know why I treated my husband so badly.
5. The yard needs so much work, I just can’t take time to go to worship.
6. We are all so stressed, we’re just going to get away this weekend.

Distractions are still in our lives when we are together with the brethren worshipping God.

1. If the wife and kids had been ready on time, we wouldn’t have been late.
2. I’m so tired from staying up late last night, I just can’t seem to pay attention.
3. That problem at work will still be there tomorrow.
4. Why can’t the kids stop squirming on the pew?
5. If I’ve heard this sermon once, I’ve heard it a thousand times.
6. What difference does it make if the kingdom of Israel was “united” or “divided”. The preacher should pick something interesting to preach on.

Yes, distractions are always with us. And just as we know we must work to pay attention when doing a dangerous job, we must pay attention when serving and worshipping God. Distractions in our physical lives can hurt or kill us. But the same is true of our spiritual lives. We can be handicapped or even lose our soul for allowing distractions to hinder our devotion to God.

So the next time the preacher or teacher is talking about Daniel and The Lion’s Den, don’t be distracted by a movie or a TV show or even the daydream of going on a safari to Africa. Let us **DEVOTE** ourselves wholly (and holy) to God and His service so that we can continue worshipping and serving Him in eternity.