

NEWS AND NOTES
TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen (room 628 at Ridgecrest Nursing Home) — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers (his surgery went well on Tuesday) — The family of Dianne Ortega, who passed away on Wednesday — Joy Skipper — Ruth Coston — Herm Langston (Bill’s cousin in Texas)

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Fellowship Meal — Today in between Services.
- Annual Fall Festival — This Saturday at 5:00 pm at Tim & Tricia Green’s house in Farmerville. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you plan to bring something.
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers. (If you would like to help with a get-together, please let Chase know).

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once regarding His servanthood (Mat. 12:18), and twice regarding His transfiguration (Mat. 17:5; 2 Pet. 1:17). The rest of the occurrences are in reference to men — twice about the importance of righteousness in pleasing God (Isa. 42:21; Heb. 13:16), and once about God not being pleased (1 Cor. 10:5).

Compare your children’s lives to the life of Christ. Granted, our children are not sinlessly perfect like Christ is, but are they living moral lives? Are they active members of the Lord’s church? Are they growing daily in their Christian walks? If so, praise God! If not, why not?

If it be the case that we need to approach them to attempt to bring them back, then let’s do so. Take me with you. Take an elder with you. Take another member with you. But don’t let another day go by without addressing the fact that they are lost. Long for the day that they return (again, examine the father’s joy in Luke 15). And make sure you set the proper Christian example for them so that they see Christ living in you!

Aren’t we all thankful that when the Father looked at the life of the Son, He said, “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased?!” I hope that we can all say the same thing about our children as well. Sadly, this isn’t always the case, but let’s all ensure that we do everything in our power to bring the unfaithful back!

With love, Chase

The Plain Truth About Money
Roger D. Campbell

Small children are often fascinated with money because it’s shiny and small enough to go in their mouth. As they grow up they reach the point when they understand money has the power to buy things. That’s a new reason for them to like money. Later in their teenage years their thinking can be dominated by a desire to possess money in order to impress others or to buy things that mom and dad won’t buy them. As adults; well, a lot of adults are still fond of money.

Money, in and of itself, possesses no moral qualities. Money is neither righteous nor unrighteous. Money is an inanimate object, a means or tool to help us obtain something else. It’s one’s attitude toward money/riches that makes the difference.

In order to help us keep a handle on our attitude, we offer the following six truthful statements about money. May they serve as a reminder and/or warning to all of us.

1) Money cannot buy love. Way back in the 60s the Beatles were singing, “I don’t care too much for money, ’cause money can’t buy me love.” It was true then, and it is still true now. Money may impress folks and attract them to a money-possessing person, but money cannot buy genuine love. Young people, are you listening?

2) Money doesn’t grow on trees. How many times did we hear our parents tell us that when we wanted something we couldn’t afford? Because it is true that money does not grow on trees and we can’t have it at the snap of our fingers, we need to be good stewards with the funds God has placed in our hands (1 Cor. 4:2). Our Lord says, “Owe no man anything” (Rom. 13:8). Christians ought not to use credit cards to the extent they get themselves into debt they can’t pay off.

3) Money is not the root of all evil, but the love of money is (1 Tim. 6:10). The love of money is covetousness, and covetousness is idolatry (Col. 3:5). Such a love affair with material riches has ruined friendships, marriages, and even congregations. How sad indeed!

4) Money never has and never will save a soul. Money can be used to help support the preaching of the Gospel (2 Cor. 11:8,9). It is also an instrument that assists us in edifying the faithful. But still, money cannot save souls.

5) Money will not accompany us when we leave this world. Regardless of how much money one has, the money stays behind when we die. You can’t take it with you. “For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out” (1 Tim. 6:7).

6) Money is not success, and success is not possessing money. Oh, if we could only help people, including ourselves, see this point! There will be plenty rich people go to hell. And, there will be plenty poor folks go to heaven. One’s eternal destiny is not determined by his/her financial status. You want success, you say? Then listen carefully to what the Lord once told Joshua: “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success” (Joshua 1:8). THAT is true success.

Let each of us resolve to accept the truth about money, and in the process, beware of “the deceitfulness of riches” (Mark 4:19).

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”
Acts 8:37

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