

Throwing Love Away

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I was reminded recently about a 60s song by the Searchers called “Don’t Throw Your Love Away”. The lyrics include an explanation of why a person should not throw his or her love away. The reason is that, “You might need it someday.”

That makes sense.

In our modern throwaway society, we have come to realize that love is often viewed as a sort of consumer item that has a shelf-life. If milk or some other perishable food item has not been sold or consumed before its shelf life expires, we throw it away. If one of our major appliances breaks, we are quite likely to throw it away and buy a new one because it is more expensive to pay someone to fix it. Perhaps we go to the trouble of making sure it goes into the recycling system instead of in the garbage. Some people are more inclined to keep stuff than others, who may prefer to simplify, but all of us are pretty dab hands at disposing of stuff.

We have become very socially conscious about the problem of all the stuff that gets disposed of, and we are good at addressing that problem. Twenty years ago, I had no idea about recycling, but nowadays I am horrified if I find myself in a place where recycling is not taken seriously.

One of the biggest threats to our modern society is that we throw love away so easily. If something is broken, that is the normal thing to do, right? The Searchers’ song was a quite serious approach that lamented, “*lovers of today give their love away to anyone who says, ‘I love you’*”. They were not talking about giving up on a relationship instead of repairing it. Unfortunately, it followed up with the advice to, “Go out and have your fun with anyone but don’t throw your love away.” A lot of people took that advice, which actually comes from Satan, of course. When marriage does not seem to be “fun” anymore they think the relationship is defective and therefore it must be disposed of. **It is easier to dispose of it than to try to repair it.** There are plenty of replacements available. So, the marriage is disposed of and then it is time to start shopping for a new one. Many will start the shopping process when the first signs of wear and tear begin to show up in the old relationship. And, of course, we never think of the relationship as being trashed. It has been “recycled”.

To those who allow that kind of thinking to invade their relationship with Christ, the Bible has these words:

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

Hebrew 10:35



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today’s Sermon: *Pray Without Ceasing*

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Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: June 17th**, at the building at 6:30. We have been studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament.
- **Next Potluck:** TBD
- **Next Regional Singing: August 30th (if possible) venue TBA**
- **Sojourners-** July 27th- August 6th
- **VBS-** canceled for this year



- We are planning an **Ice Cream Social Distancing** outreach event for **Saturday July 4th in the church parking lot**. There will be homemade and store-bought ice cream to give out. Please let Arthur or Paul know if you are willing to donate ice cream to this effort.
- Please let Sandy know if you would like some **N95 masks** or if you would like some homemade **cloth face masks**.
- We have learned that **Jerry** is home now. We hope to see him here soon.
- **We are now meeting in the building for worship on Sunday and for Bible study on Wednesday! We will no longer publish our worship on livestream.**
- **Paul** will be preaching today.
- **Headphones are available for the hearing impaired. Ask Paul if you need one.**
- **Jackie's sister, Phyllis, will be visiting her for the next two weeks.**

PRAYERS

- **Pray for all of us as individual states are opening for business and gatherings in stages. Pray that the virus has lost much of its power.**
- **Thank God for all the places where the corona virus seems to be receding and things are getting back to normal.**
- Pray for **Ted** as he recovers from his ear surgery.
- Pray for **Darlene** as she recovers from her foot surgery and as she is treated for the bone spurs.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, friend of Darlene's, who has lung cancer.
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer. Lori is also dealing with two brain tumors.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his esophageal cancer in the months to come. He has started chemo and radiation treatments simultaneously.
- **Bill Dayton**, preacher in Kentucky, and classmate with Arthur at Northeast School of Biblical Studies is suffering from **severe depression**. Pray for him and for his wife Laura, who cares for him.
- **Pray for our country as we go through a time of turmoil and racial tension.** Pray for our leaders and help us all to think and behave like Christians...with love.

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.