CAN WE COME TO TERMS WITH OURSELVES?

Most of us agree that when we examine ourselves we find a mixed bag of good and bad. If we are honest before God, we must confess the bad. It is also true, however, that if we are honest before God we must cultivate the good. For me, that is the basis of Christian living. Here are some biblical statements that help put this struggle between good and bad into perspective. There is great personal benefit in considering these admonitions because knowing the truth about who we are will help each of us feel good.

- 1. There is no good thing in the flesh (Romans 7:18)
 - BUT we are fearfully & wonderfully made (Psalm. 139:14)
- 2. We are desperately wicked (Jeremiah. 17:9)
 - But we are made in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26)
- God takes us into account before we are born (Psalm 139:16 & Isaiah 45:9-10)
 If He thought about only our bad side would He have allowed us

to exist?

- 4. God isn't finished with us yet (Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:6)
 Low self-worth often comes from focusing on earthly things we cannot easily change. God offers change on an eternal basis.
- 5. Outward beauty is not equal to inward happiness (Isaiah. 5:2)
- 7. If necessary God sacrifices outward beauty to develop inward character (2 Corinthians 4:16)
- 8. God can do incredible things with our weaknesses (2 Corinthians. 12:9).

Now, don't you feel better?



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WELCOME!

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Home Bible study-7:00pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: Weight of the World v. Joy of the LORD

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Scripture: Exodus 16:1-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ➤ Ladies Class: Tuesday, October 10th 10am. Sandy will lead the discussion of Matthew 5:1-4.
- > Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm.
- Next Potluck: October 15th. Cowboy theme!





- ✓ Our brother and sister, Dave and Pat Halligan are worshiping with us this morning.
- ✓ NEW CHURCH BUILDING! We are all sending letters out to churches we are familiar with or know members who attend there to ask for help with the purchase price. Please help by sending a letter to places and people you know. We will be discussing when we will have a "giving" Sunday of our own. There have been pledges and actual money coming in.
- ✓ Potluck next week! It's a cowboy theme, so bring your beans, chile, beef, whatever! I'm sure cowboys would eat pumpkin pie, gingerbread and other seasonal goodies if they had it!
- ✓ If you would like to be involved in helping the people affected by recent hurricanes, wildfires raging out west or the terrible earthquakes plaguing Mexico and killing hundreds, contact Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc. info@disasterreliefeffort.org

Send donations to 410 Allied Drive, PO Box 111180, Nashville, TN 37222-1180

PRAYERS…

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Pray for Darlene's sister, Vicki Joice, in OK. She continues to have problems with lymph edema. She has had 15 radiation treatments and has 5 to go. Pray that she feels well and has no further problems resulting from treatments.
- Doug Elsbree is being considered as a possible match to donate a kidney to his brother Mark, who is having renal failure. He will be tested soon.
- Pray for Lori Kashorek, that her lung cancer stays contained and there will be no more spreading.
- Emily Barry is planning thyroid surgery in early December. She had an MRI with contrast on Monday concerning her irregular mammogram. They are going to continue half-yearly mammograms alternating with MRIs.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas in prayer.
- Darlene has been dealing with a sore throat and stomach upsets.
 Pray for relief from her health conditions.
- **Kevan Barry** is in Kuwait. Pray for his safety and for his family as they carry on at home.
- Kelly asked for prayer for her friend Sarah with her marriage. Also, another friend, Sarah Dunn, here in this area has a son, Joshua, who is near the end of his life due to cancer.
- **Jerry Lowe** is feeling better after another bout of pneumonia, but still not breathing easy due to humidity.
- Continue to pray for the work in Tunkhannock.
- Continue to pray for the people of Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico because of hurricane damage, and others in southern states expecting Hurricane Nate. Remember those in Mexico who had 4 large earthquakes.
- Pray for **our effort to buy a church building** and that we are doing what God wants us to do to **reach out to the lost**.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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