

When More is Not Enough

As followers of Christ, we strive to please Him by improving our obedience. It is a basic human attribute that we always want to do better and go further. It can be a trap that Satan uses to cause us to stumble, though, so we need to be sure we are gaining and growing in the way that Jesus expects of us. That is why the scriptures are so valuable to a disciple of Christ. Here are some references that give us clear understanding of how to apply our natural zeal:

Matthew 5:20 *For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

John 15:2 *Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

1Corinthians 12:31 *But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

Philippians 1:9 *And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,*

1Thessalonians 4:1 *Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.*

1Thessalonians 4:10 *for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,*

Hebrews 2:1 *Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.*

Hebrews 10:25 *not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

So, even though I am saved by God's grace, I am not to take His grace for granted. I must never allow myself to think that I am righteous *enough*, fruitful *enough*, loving *enough*, wise *enough*, pleasing *enough* to God, good *enough* to my brethren, mindful *enough* of the Bible or encouraging *enough*. There is always room for growth in Christ--- and that is good news!

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February 4, 2018

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-7:00pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.
ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: [Who Are the Hittites
and Why Do We Care?](#)

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Scripture: Colossians 2:8-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, February 6th, 10am. We will be studying Day 2 of the second chapter.**
- Midweek Bible Study- stay tuned as this is a work in progress!
- **Bill Colwell from World Bible School in TX will be here on April 14th to do a workshop presentation for the purpose of getting us involved in using that very effective resource for reaching the lost all over the world, as well as locally.**
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing @ Horseheads, April 29th, 4:30pm.**
- **Housewarming Celebration- Thursday, May 31st- Sunday, June 3rd. Speakers TBD**

Next Potluck: February 18th.



- We will be taking part in the baby bottle fund raiser for the Endless **Mountains Pregnancy Care Center** again this year.
- Our **baptistery** has been ordered! Meanwhile, we are still taking quotes for a **water heater**.
- There has been a desire by a few of us to spend **more time together on a Sunday**. We have considered bringing a sandwich lunch and having a half hour or so afterwards singing, praying, discussing the sermon and talking about how to share our faith.
- If you love playing **dominoes** or have always wanted to learn how to play, stay after worship today and play!

PRAYERS...

- Please remember **Kiley and Thomas** in prayer. Also pray for their grandmother, **Judy Brotzman**.
- **Lani** has been sick with a respiratory illness. We pray she doesn't have the flu.
- Pray for **Darlene** as she has tests to determine how to treat her GI problems. Also pray for success in finding an affordable apartment in Waverly for **Jackie** to move to.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** who has a mass on her lung. The cancer she had on her ear and neck almost 10 years ago has returned. She will be undergoing radiation soon.
- Pray for **Joshua Dunn**, who is suffering from stage 4 lung cancer and is having experimental treatment in St. Louis.
- **Lori Kashorek** from Plattsburgh, NY, who has lung cancer which recently metastasized to the brain, has gone to Sloane-Kettering in NYC for treatment.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments. She has 5 treatments left. She was recently saddened by the death of her neighbor and good friend.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer throughout her body.
- **Emily Barry** needs prayers that she can find a job with insurance that will cover the thyroid surgery she needs.
- **Ted** has had a spike in blood pressure recently. Pray that he can find out why, and get it under control with the new medication he is trying.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer. Also, Ruthie asks for prayers for her friend and former workmate, **Nancy**, who has problems with her feet due to diabetes.

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

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