

Choose For Yourselves This Day Whom You Will Serve

By Dale Grissom

Each of us, as Christians, should ask himself, "Am I truly a servant of my Lord? Do I serve Him with my whole being? Do I love Him with all my heart, soul, and mind? (Matthew 22:37). Am I winning lost souls? Do I find joy in seeing my brethren prosper, especially if they are more prosperous than I am? Am I happy living the Christian life? What about my relationship with God? Does it come from a pure and honest heart?" When we sincerely and thoughtfully ask ourselves questions about our relationship with God, we may be surprised at our answers.

Being a servant of the Lord is a great honor; true happiness is found in serving Him. We are reminded in Acts 20:35 that the Lord Himself taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Unfortunately, selfishness is a way of life for many, and those who have selfish attitudes lead very unhappy lives.

Satan is at war with God for the souls of man. He has been deceiving man ever since the creation. Satan is constantly sending the wrong messages, placing many under bondage to him and blinding those who are under his control. In our fast-paced world, it is all too easy to neglect our duty to study God's word, pray, and serve the Lord as we should.

We must learn to seek the better things in life, and the best things truly are found in Christ. Through diligent and thoughtful study of the word of God, we will come to understand that happiness, peace of mind, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith and love are found in Him (Galatians 5:22-23).

We are either servants of the Lord or servants of Satan. There is no neutral position wherein we can just sit back and wait to see who will win. The Bible is very clear as to who will win this great battle; God will be victorious! Our efforts are needed in this battle. We should be busy preaching and teaching the gospel, bringing the lost to Him before it is too late.



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: **What is Loyalty?**

Arthur will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: **Luke 9:51-62**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm December 21, on Zoom, Paul is teaching from 1 Peter.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** January 15.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Next class January 3, 2023. Make sure you have a copy of the new book, Women of the Genesis by Cindy Colley.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing - January 29th at Horseheads.**



Our **December Potluck Dinner** is today! This will be a festive affair with fun and games. Please join us.



Darlene reports that she and Doug are enjoying their time in West Palm Beach and sends love to all. Jackie and Vicki are also enjoying their time together in Oklahoma.

Paul is preaching at Horseheads today.

Don't forget our **MAGI boxes** and the things we need to be gathering toward filling them. Thank you to all who have contributed things and money toward this good work.

PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray sincerely for the people of Ukraine** in this time of tribulation, especially **those in the church** both in Ukraine and in Russia and surrounding countries.
- **Pray for Jerry Lowe** as he considers having a knee replaced.
- **Pray for Henry** as he is having radiation therapy for his cancer.
- **Paulette** has been sick with a cough and difficulty breathing.
- **Dan Myers** has been declared cancer free following his last scan. Praise the Lord! However, an aneurism that he had has grown worse and he will need an operation to treat it.

Pray for these people:

- **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia), and his wife Carrie and the family. Mike will return to Cedars Sinai Hospital in L.A. for surgery on Jan 30 and 31, 2023.
- **Pat Guthrie (lung cancer, side effects from chemo)**
- **Zach Cowles (overseas deployment with the Army)**
- **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain)
- **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** (liver cancer) He has now quit work.
- **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer) not out of the woods yet, but lymph system appears clear of cancer.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barnecat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.