

It is Not About Me

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"Now behold, one came and said to Him, 'Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life' (Matthew 19:16, NKJV).

The desire to impress others is universal. It is human nature to want attention and to incite admiration. Most of us fall prey to that temptation at least occasionally. I have long wearied of interviews with athletes who say, "I just want to show everyone what I can do." Maybe it is a sign of my age, but it seems that a few decades ago it was more often about the team – "I could not have done it alone, everyone had a part." Now it seems that too many are willing to take full credit for any accomplishment.

Perhaps I am being too hard on the young ruler of Matthew 19, but it is easy to see some of that attitude in his request. "What good thing can I do?" With all his money and talent there must have been some noteworthy act of charity or religious ritual which would really get God's attention and assure his entrance into the Kingdom. After all he was young, rich and powerful. Surely God needed someone like him I am reminded of Naaman the Syrian leper, who was offended when Elisha required only that he bathe seven times in the Jordan. After all, he was the commander of Syria's army, and the prophet would not even come out to greet him personally.

Naaman's servants wisely asked, "If the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it?" (2 Kings 5:13). They knew it was Naaman's ego that was bruised – he was just more important than Elisha was willing to recognize.

Jesus had previously given us the answer to the ruler's question. "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Before one can be a faithful servant of God, he must recognize that it is we who need him; not the other way around. Christianity is not about me. It is about God, always and only. I must come in humble submission to his will (James 4:7-10), recognizing his glory and power, and trust him to meet my needs, fulfilling his promises.

There is no mighty act which can prove human worthiness, no "good thing that I shall do." Neither wealth, nor social position, nor physical abilities makes one acceptable to God. Only faith can do that. (Habakkuk 2:4; Ephesians 2:8-9).



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WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-6:30pm

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

Today's Sermon: *Under the Wing but Not Overshadowed*

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Scripture: Psalm 17

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, June 12th. We will be studying Day 1 of Chapter 5 in the lounge.** 😊
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: June 13th at 6:30pm.** We are studying the book of Judges.

Next Potluck: June 24th This is one week later than usual.



- **I think we all agree that the Housewarming celebration was just what our little group needed for edification and fellowship. All the work each of you did for this event is greatly appreciated!**
 - **Please remember the fundraising bottles for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Fill them up with change and bring them in.**
 - **We now have new, larger gutters and downspouts on the building. The work on the wall surrounding the baptistry will be completed this week.**
 - **Arthur and Sandy would like to invite you all to their home for a Saturday BBQ, fun and games on June 30th.**

PRAYERS...

- We pray that our **door-knocking/leafleting** campaign to introduce ourselves to the neighborhood **produces fruit and Bible studies. Lets all invite our friends and neighbors to study the Bible and attend worship.**
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**. Pray for her comfort as she is having trouble breathing. Also pray that she will reconsider Bible study.
- **Lori Kashorek** continues with experimental chemo treatments for her lung cancer. She continues to be free of brain tumors since her surgery but relies solely on prayer. The experimental treatment she has been having from Sloan-Kettering has reduced the size of her lung tumors for the first time ever.
- We are thankful that Vicki Joice, Darlene's sister has come to the end of her Herceptin treatments finally! We pray for her continued survival.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer. Pray for her comfort and that she will want to learn the truth about Christ soon. She has discontinued all medication except the chemo that is prolonging her life.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- **Pray that Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** will be able to recover from her cancer.
- **We pray that Lani will enjoy her new job and life in Houston and that she will always remember us and keep in touch in the Lord.**
- **Thanksgiving for the outpouring of love and sweet fellowship throughout our housewarming celebration.**
- **Jackson McElhaney** has had pneumonia but is doing much better now.
- **Sam** is thankful that he has a job at his college, which enables him to pay tuition.
- **Pray that Jerry** can find a way to get to worship now that Lani has moved away.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry: barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.