



Life Lines

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(For the next few weeks, we will have articles from speeches given at our April 25th, 2015 Ladies' Day. We had 4 speakers from our congregation.)

Theme: The Gift of Holiness

2nd Speech: "Becoming Holy"

By: Charlene Clark

In his book, Jerry Bridges uses an illustration that could be taken right out of today's news reports to show how this works within us. He says, "In a particular nation two competing factions were fighting for control of the country. Eventually, with the help of an outside army, one faction won the war and assumed control of the nation's government. But the losing side did not stop fighting. They simply changed tactics to guerilla warfare and continued to fight. In fact, they were so successful that the country supplying the outside help could not withdraw its troops." Isn't this true of what has and is happening in Iraq? We went over there and helped one faction to take over and set up a new government. But the other side just changed their tactics and kept fighting and are now posed to completely take over again.

So it is with the Christian. An outside source, Satan, has been defeated and the reign of sin has been overthrown. We are now in the kingdom of God. but our sinful natures resort to a sort of guerilla warfare to lead us into sin. This results in the struggle between the Spirit and our sinful natures which Paul wrote to the Galatians about.

We may not like the fact that we have this lifelong struggle with sin, but the more we realize and accept it, the better equipped we will be to deal with it. This realization is what distinguishes believers from unbelievers who seem totally content in their darkness.

In Mark chapter 7 - Jesus tells us something about this sin problem that we have. He says: "Listen to me everyone, and understand. Nothing outside a man can make him unclean by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him unclean. For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man unclean."

I found a statement about the heart written in 1656 by John Owen. The word heart in Scripture

is used in various ways. Sometimes it means our reason or understanding, sometimes our affections and emotions, and sometimes our will. Generally it denotes the whole soul of man and all its faculties, not individually, but as they all work together in doing good or evil. The mind as it reasons, discerns, and judges; the emotions as they like or dislike, the conscience as it determines and warns; and the will as it chooses or refuses - are all together called the heart.

Our worst enemy is within us. And it works on us through our own desires. James says it like this in James 1:13-15 "When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

If we are to win this battle for holiness, we must recognize that the basic problem lies within us. It is our own desires that lead us into temptation. But it is our own (continued pg. 2)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Do we always say what we mean? Of course we don't! Often, we blurt out words that make no sense at all. No thought came before them. Usually we call that "putting our foot in our mouth." And this happens too often! Our Indian heritage called it "speaking with a forked tongue."

Wife to husband, "I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant!"

Husband, "Huh?" ~ Richard B. Wilks, *Tell me again, I'm listening*

Sometimes it's hard to get our point across. It may seem like we are speaking different languages. We need to be truthful. How can we put this in a kind way? Does it need to be said? This is why it is so important to think before we speak. Words are very hurtful. We know this from experience. We have been hurt by careless, unkind words.

Then again, we have also been encouraged by many kind words. I don't mean insincere flattery. We recognize this too, and it's not appreciated. Kind words must be from the heart. "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." (Proverbs 25:11) This verse paints a pretty picture of sincere words, spoken kindly, at just the right time.

The way we speak, our expression, and our tone, can make a huge difference in acceptance or rejection. We should practice using the same tone we use with our grandchildren and great grandchildren. You notice I didn't mention children. The reason being is that, I've found a great difference in my tone with the great and the grand. We have been responsible for the rearing of our children, so have a more firm tone with them. With age we have mellowed and have learned from experience. Kind words show love.

"Let our words be good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." (Ephesians 4:29b)

Remember Our Sick

Dennis Drewry – no chemo needed at this time. Re-check in September.

Melba Horton – at home and doing well.

Liliya McDaniel – needs our special prayers.

Becky Miller – needs our prayers.

Kim Walters – surgery in Little Rock June 16th

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Billie Nichols

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson

Juanita Whitted

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, DJ Bandy, Amie Barkley, Bettye Barton, Nubbin Boley, Austen Cathcart, Donna Chambers, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Johnny Estes, Leota Hickey, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Larry Reynolds, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Expectant Mothers:

Andrea Henson

Deborah Cloud Arambula

Jillian Church

Please, remember

Truth for Today

and the work of
their organization
in your prayers.

(Continued from front page)
The Gift of Holiness

reasoning power; enlightened and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God, through the Word of God, that stands in the way of sin taking over our lives through our desires.

Do you remember the old cartoons where we have a man or a woman sitting or standing and they have a devil standing on one shoulder and an angel standing on the other shoulder? Think about that image and these examples.

Someone criticizes you rightly or wrongly, it doesn't matter, and your first desire, from the whispers of the devil, is to answer back in the same way, but my reason, the angel side, tells me: No, "a soft answer turneth away wrath." So, now it is up to you. Which path do I take?

You do something nice for someone and they don't even notice. Your desire says, "Well, I'll never do that again," but your reason says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Which voice do you choose to listen to?

All of us have something that we should not eat for one reason or another. For me, it is eating something sweet by itself. My desire says, "Oh, I want that and I want it now." But my reason tells me: "No, if you do, you will get nauseous and sick to your stomach, so wait and eat it with your supper later." But when I eat it anyway, I feel defeated and blame it on not having any willpower. But that is not really true, I simply made a bad choice, despite knowing from my own reasoning power that I shouldn't have made that choice.

(continued next week)

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

July 16th

@ 6:30 pm

Hostess:

Diane Walters (2)

Men's Business

Meeting

July 13th

@ 7:00 pm

Fish Fry

4th of July

4:00 pm

See sign-up sheet.

Attention
current and former Military.
Karen Womack is collecting
pictures of you for an
upcoming tribute at our July
4th celebration. If you have a
picture of yourself in your
uniform, please submit these to
Karen by June 28th. Thank
you and God bless you for
serving your country and us.

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ

Children's Church

Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8

Bible Stories and

Activities

Ages 1 thru 3

Nursery Class

*We would like to offer our
deepest sympathies and
prayers
to the many friends and
family of Bette Poynter
who passed away on July 20th*



Lawn Care

July 4th

Allen Veasman, Ethan Letson

&

William Boley

July 11th

Rick Hollis, Michael Robbins

&

William Robbins

July Birthdays

13 *Ethan Henson*
16 *Diane C. Walters*
17 *Kim Statler*
Rex McDaniel
18 *Gracie Miller*
23 *William Robbins*
Emily Walker
Earl Whitted
25 *Becky Miller*
31 *Wyatt Henson*
Kim Miller

In Search of the Lord's Way

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on their website

@

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon

or

Phil Sanders

weekly lesson can be
heard and seen on
LR KASN TV 38
Sunday @ 7:30 a.m.

THOSE TO SERVE

July 5th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Moss
Dan Cloud

Communion

Podium: William Boley
Serve: Marion Helton
Matthew Moss
Michael Robbins
Presley Williams

Scripture Reading

Shawn Price

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Donny Forehand
Earl Stamps

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

****Young Men****

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Services

@

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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Brent Hottinger
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Chris Moss
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