



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 (continued)

It is our own responsibility with the help of the Spirit within us to, deal swiftly and firmly to the first inklings of these sinful desires within us. To repent immediately and ask God to forgive us for letting our desires win out over our reason and to start over each time we find ourselves yielding to our temptations.

Let's go back to Romans 6 again and look at a couple more verses there. Verses 12 and 13 say "Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its sinful desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness." Did you notice the action verbs in those passages? Do is used twice and offer is used three times. This is our responsibility. We weren't

robots before our salvation- we had the free will to chose- Christ or the world. And after our salvation- we are no different. We still must choose between life and death, Christ or Satan, freedom in Christ or slavery to our sinful desires. God didn't want robots to control, he wanted men and women to choose Him, to love Him, and to worship Him.

The daily experience of living a holy life is not a gift we receive- like our salvation is. It is something which we are clearly exhorted to work at. I had never really understood this passage in Phil. 2:12 until I worked on this lesson on being holy. It says: "continue to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." God is at work in us to will us to do what is good, but it is up to us to act in such a way to make this happen.

In one of our lessons the author said: Common sense tells us holiness is impossible. Humility tells us it is egotistical; despair tells us it is hopeless. God calls us to holiness and offers the strength and courage to accomplish the mission he has assigned us.

We are neither helpless or hopeless in our efforts to be holy. Romans 6:11 says that we are dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. This is the same God who created this magnificent world we live in every day, the same God who parted the Red Sea and the Jordan River and let over a million people cross unharmed, the same God who caused the prophet Jonah to be swallowed by a great fish to get his attention after he disobeyed. Can we even imagine what he might do in our lives? Romans 8:11 says: "And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, (sisters) we have an obligation- but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." Now THAT is reason to hope!

On the one hand the Bible tells us that we have the Spirit of God

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Many phrases that we use come directly from the Bible. Some phrases from the Old Testament are:

The fat of the land: (Gen. 45:18) "Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land."

By the skin of one's teeth: (Job 19:20) "My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth."

Pride goes before a fall: (Prov. 16:18) "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Nothing new under the sun: (Eccl. 1:9) "That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun."

Eat, drink, and be merry: (Eccl. 8:15) "So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry..."

A fly in the ointment: (Eccl. 10:1) "Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, and cause it to give off a foul odor; so does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor."

Woe is me! (Isa. 6:5) "So, I said: 'Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.'"

A drop in the bucket: (Isa. 40:15) "Behold the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales..."

Like a lamb to the slaughter: (Isa. 53:7) "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not his mouth: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth."

Holier than thou: (Isa. 65:5) "Who say, 'keep yourself, do not come near me, for I am holier than thou!'"

A leopard cannot change its spots: (Jer. 13:23) "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots?"

Source: *Bible Facts*, Jenny Roberts

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 – at home doing well. Thanks us for our prayers.

Juanita Bird – in the nursing home at Greenbrier.

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.

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The Gift of Holiness*

within us and it tells us to be holy because God is holy. These two things are inseparable. Without the Spirit of God within us, there would be no way for us to be holy. The Spirit convicts us of sin- John 16:8; He creates in us a desire to be holy- Galatians 5:16; He helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us- Romans 8:26; He is our Counselor- John 16:7.

But on the other hand, the Bible tells us that we can insult the Spirit of grace- Hebrews 10:29; we can grieve the Holy Spirit of God- Ephesians 4:30; we can resist the Spirit's work on our hearts- Acts 7:51; and in 1 Thess. 5:19 we are told not to put out the Spirit's fire.

We must never forget that we are totally dependent upon the Spirit within us to be holy. And we cannot become proud of our holiness, (remember that pride goeth before destruction-Proverbs 16:18). We need to pray like David did in Psalm 51 for a "right" spirit within us, one of repentance and humility.

Last, don't be discouraged when you fail. There is a vast difference between failing and becoming a failure. We become a failure when we give up, when we stop trying. A child of God gets up after each failure and continues to struggle. This is not so with the unrighteous. He gives up because he does not have the Spirit of God at work in him. Proverbs 24:16 says: "for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity."

How do we find out what the Spirit wants us to do? Through the words He has caused to be written down for us, of course. This becomes our guide book. And if you don't follow the guide book on your journey, what is likely to happen? You'll get lost.

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

July 16th

@ 6:30 pm

Hostess:

Diane Walters (2)

Men's Business Meeting

July 13th

@ 7:00 pm

1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

<u>God</u>	<u>Satan</u>
Stills you	Rushes you
Reassures you	Frightens you
Leads you	Pushes you
Enlightens you	Confuses you
Forgives you	Condemns you
Calms you	Stresses you
Encourages you	Discourages you
Comforts you	Worries you

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



Lawn Care

July 1st

Rick Hollis, William Robbins,

&

Michael Robbins

July 18th

Chris Besterfeldt & Gary

Williams

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 12th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Earl Whitted
Gary Williams

Communion

Podium: William Boley
Serve: Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis
Shawn Price
Sid Womack

Scripture Reading

Presley Williams

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

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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