



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
4th Speech By: Diane Walters

Wynelle Main in her Christian Woman series on Holiness writes, "Believing that we can become holy is difficult- but God changes that into something possible. He gives us gifts of holiness. Gifts to help us live a holy life."¹ James 1:17 says, "Every good and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of light." When you receive a gift from someone what are some of the emotions you might experience? Some of the words that describe these emotions might be joy, happiness, excitement and anxiousness, surprise, special or eager. When we look at some of the gifts that help us obtain a holy life, I am sure we can experience many of these feelings.

The first gift we receive in our pursuit of holiness is the gift of strength. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. God is our source of strength. He is all powerful and as stated in Psalms,

"He is our very present help in trouble." God wants you to be confident that he is pouring his strength into you so that you can do whatever it takes to overcome the obstacles of life. Isaiah 4:10 states, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Does God lie? No! He will do what he says. He will give us the strength to travel away from sin and move toward holiness.

The second gift we receive is a significant life of fellowship through Jesus Christ. Jesus was sent as a living Holiness. He walked the earth, preached, and taught the "Good News". In Luke we read about the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears. She realized the difference between her "sinful life" and the "Holiness of Jesus". "We do not belong to God because we are holy-we are holy because we belong to God." (Ogren, Dale - *Christian Woman*)¹ Our gift of significant life comes only from God. Peter tells us, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people." We are set apart. Our reason for existence is to glorify God. "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your

body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:20. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

The third gift we receive in our quest for holiness is joy. In the book, *The Pursuit of Holiness*, Jerry Bridges tells us that God intended for the Christian life to be a life of joy; that those who walk in holiness experience true joy. In John chapter 15 Jesus states, "I have told you this is so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." Our joy is however tied to our obedience. In the book of Matthew we read the parable of two servants who used their talents wisely and were told, "Well done my good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Could it be that one of the talents God gives us is the "opportunity to walk in holiness by obeying Him and striving to put off sin"? The joy of holiness is more pleasant than the life of sin.

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

There is a very good, motivational book, written by Kyle Idleman, *NOT a Fan*, that I would like to recommend.

Perhaps you have already read it. I would advise you to be ready to examine your faith as you read what he writes. He challenges every reader to do just that. Are you a fan or a follower of Christ? He says there are many fans of Christ, just as there are fans at ballgames. You can be a fan of Christ and not be a follower.

Is it possible we are wrong about being right with God? He quoted something Donald Whitbey once said, "If a person is wrong about being right with God, then ultimately it really doesn't matter what he or she is right about."

Is it possible we are like the Pharisees Jesus talked about? They went through all the actions of worshipping God and following His law, but their worship was in vain. It did not come from their heart. It was an outward show of worship. They were fans of God. Are we doing the same thing today? Are we simply going through the rituals, but not having our heart in the right way?

Could we be like the rich young ruler that asked Jesus what else he needed to do for eternal life? Jesus told him and he said he had followed all the commandments. Yet, he couldn't do the one last thing Jesus asked him to do to make his heart right with God. His master was his riches, riches that are here for a time, later to be of no use after he died.

Jesus tells us of two different roads that lead to eternal life. They go to two different places. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Matt. 7:13-14)

Jesus says that few will find it. He says many will go through the broad gate. Not a few, but many! Will some of that many assume they were on the right path? Will that be some of the fans of Christ? We must examine our faith. We must make sure we are followers of Christ, not just a fan. For at Judgment Day we don't want to hear Him say, "I never knew you, depart from Me, you evildoers!" (Matt. 7:23)

Remember Our Sick

Rhonda Lambert- (Arbie's daughter)-MRI Thursday July 23 for back pain.

Liliya McDaniel – needs our special prayers.

Becky Miller – needs our prayers.

Juanita Bird – in the nursing home at Greenbrier.

Yolanda Greenway- at UAMS. Her cancer has returned.

Myra Ballinger- undergoing cancer treatment. (5th grade teacher at Dover)

Chip Porter- needs prayers.

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, D.J. Bandy, Amie Barkley, Bettye Barton, Nubbin Boley, Austen Cathcart, Donna Chambers, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Dennis Drewry, Johnny Estes, Leota Hickey, Melba Horton, 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.

Jail Ministry- new sisters in Christ

who need our prayers: Julia Cody, Jackie Davis, Erica Lee, and Samantha Womack.

Expectant Mothers:

Andrea Henson

Deborah Cloud Arambula

Jillian Church

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The Gift of Holiness

The ultimate gift in our pursuit of holiness is Eternal Life! Abraham believed in God when he told him to leave his father's house and to go to a land God would show him. The promise was that God would make a great nation through him. Abraham believed in the command and the promise. Just as Abraham believed so we also have a promise to believe in Eternal Life. In Hebrews we read, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfection of our faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down on the right hand of the throne of God." Jesus endured hardship so that through his Holy Life we have the anticipated reward of Eternal Life. What greater gift could we ever want!!

As we have learned, God is the source of holiness. He gives us the opportunity to live with Him forever. We would never want to be separated from God. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

Being holy is a privilege we have. Remember the verse we began our series of lessons with, "Be ye Holy as I am Holy." It is a command with a promise. Yes, we are Holy!!

Notes

1. Permission given to reprint quote by Christian Woman.

(Lisa Edwards- Editorial staff of Christian Woman July 20, 2015)

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

August 20th

@ 6:30 pm

Hostess:

Sandra Boatright

(Fellowship Hall)

Please, remember

The Mission Trip to

Nicaragua

July 25th - August 1st

in your prayers

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

August Birthdays

01	Connor Chance
03	Frances Kennedy
	Wes Walker
04	Carl Adkisson
06	Josh Pennington
10	Karen Womack
13	Blake Forehand
14	Russell Boley
	Carolyn Clark
16	Noah Henson
19	Drew Walters
	Creek Jackson
21	Donny Forehand
	Merrell Shoptaw
25	Corey Hottinger
27	Shirlie Chadwick
	Lee Henson
28	Steve Pennington
29	Troy Curtis
31	Charles Ensey

Two things to remember in life:

1. Take care of your thoughts when you are alone.
2. Take care of your words when you are with people.



Lawn Care

August 7th

Marion Helton and Alan

Boatright

August 8th

Earl Stamps and Charles Davis

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

August 2, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Chris Moss
Dan Cloud

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Charles Davis
Chris Besterfeldt
Chris Loper
Corey Hottinger

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Earl Stamps
Donny Forehand

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Young Men

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Moss

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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Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

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Chris Moss

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