


The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX

“In The House Of The Wise”



From childhood my father took a keen interest in helping me learn scripture. As I look back, now I can see how he was sustained by his serious Bible study. He wanted that same sustenance for my life. Interestingly, he focused a lot of my attention on memorizing certain proverbs in the wisdom literature. I believe my father fully understood the admonition of Moses in Deuteronomy 6:6-9, where he said the “commandments...are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children.” Moreover, David indicated that he had hidden God’s word in his heart. This is an attitude we need to adopt.

The wisdom literature (the proverbs in particular) are short, and some may think somewhat pithy, but they resound with lessons of wisdom and the call to be discerning. They are easy to read, easy to remember, and can be hidden in our hearts. They require, though, more thought to understand. The proverbs can be powerful points of contemplation. Wisdom is skill in the art of living God’s way and is based upon a radical dependence on Him. There are lessons in these scriptures to help us achieve wisdom in all areas of our life.

One area is in our financial endeavors, where so many individuals do struggle, and where the Evil One exploits us and our energies.

One proverb comes to mind in this regard, which has been a part of me for years and was memorized in childhood. Proverbs 21:20 says, “In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all that he has.” So many folks deny the responsibility to be good stewards of what God provides us. Others focus totally on what God will provide without doing what they can with what God has provided. God has outlined a participative plan for us to work out our lives in His service. We work; he blesses. I find in the above passage that God wants us to be proactive with what He gives us. He wants us to be good planners, managers, and stewards for the sake of the Kingdom and for our own sake. God will provide, but we must consciously use the ability he gave us to be good stewards for His work and for our families.

God knew we would struggle in our lives on this earth, and He provided some 2000 passages in His word addressing our attitudes about money and possessions. Let us look to His word to find wisdom, that is, skill in the art of living His Way.

May we encourage each other to live in the ‘house of the wise.’

David Carter

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Bible Study

GOSPEL MEETING:

November 13, 14, 15
- Fall Singing
- Jeff Wilson - Lessons from Isaiah.



Morning Lesson

“Whatever It Takes”
Steve Garrett

News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Hope everyone remembered the time change this morning. The switch from regular time to savings time happens so often I'm not sure what is normal anymore. But we will have a good day today.

Health issues remain pretty much the same. Robert will have surgery on Wed. for a Hernia repair. He expects to be out on Thursday. Pray for success and no pain.

Our first Sunday singing is this afternoon at 2:00. At 1:15 there will be a meeting to discuss the graded classes. Its for parents/teachers or any interested party.

Flyers are on the table for us to pass out to friends advertising our meeting/ singing. It's coming up in just a couple of weeks.

“Hard Things Define Us”

Well into my 50's now, there are lots of memories to reflect on: successes, failures, good times, sad times, things to be proud of, things to be ashamed of. Looking back, what am I most proud of? And I might ask, “What are all of you most proud of?” We have common ground when we recognize that it is the hard things we've struggled through, yet endured, which seem to be our greatest mile markers: athletic, academic, or musical competitions and graduations from high school, college, or graduate school. It could be recovering from severe illness, or the grief of losing a loved one. It could be building a successful business during some lean years or seeing a project through to the end when the odds were against it ever getting off the ground. It's the whole process of figuring out what to do when we run head on into walls and obstacles that seem insurmountable.

We are not exempt from heartache and tragedy just because we are children of God. On the contrary, it is because of our scars, our bruises, our swollen tear-filled eyes, our bloodied fingertips, and our broken hearts that we are called to ministry! It is all in the Lord's response to Paul: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness!”

The things in my life that I am most proud of are the character-defining moments. They provide the battle scars that in turn allow me to help others. Someone among us knows how to aid them; how to comfort them; how to minister to them. It is an oxymoron to be sure, but it gets us closer to understanding the meaning of Paul's words: “For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Keith Morgan (edited)

WHO ARE WE?

A group of Gods children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

ASSIGNMENTS

Morning Service

Opening Prayer - J. Knapp
Hymn Director - W. Hodge
Lords Supper Lesson -

J. Knapp

Announcements - M. Miles
Closing Prayer - G. Williams

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Davila
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
Alex Morolez
Gregory Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

- Joshua and Judges
(In the Auditorium)
- Great Lessons from Jesus
(In Room 204)

Directory Updates

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