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Church of Christ*

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“Resolutions of Faithfulness #5 Be Faithful in Work”

Our God is a working God. Following the creation account, we read, “And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made” (Gen. 2:2). The fact that He rested on the seventh day does not mean that God grows weary or needs sleep. “Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep” (Psm. 121:4). When God rested on the seventh day, He simply completed His work of creation. Man does need rest (Psm. 127:2), but he also is to work.

Even before sin entered the picture, God gave man a job to do. “And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it” (Gen. 2:15). Following sin's entrance into the world, there would be more work to do and it would be far more laborious. God said to Adam, “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” (Gen. 3:19). Please keep in mind that God is pleased with a hard worker and with one who honestly

toils to make a living for his family and will bless such individuals (Pro. 10:4,5; Eph. 4:28).

Our Lord Jesus Christ has always worked. He was the divine spokesperson that created all things (Col. 1:16). He works to make families flourish (Psa. 127:1). He built the church (Mat. 16:18). While on this earth Jesus said His work was that which belonged to His Father. He said, “My Father worketh hitherto, and I work” (John 5:17). Furthermore, He stated, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work” (John 9:4).

So Christians are not immune from work. The idea no work is necessary to be pleasing to the God of heaven is an idea of the Devil and many have bought his lie. In fact, Christians are to constantly be involved in the work of the church and encourage others to do likewise. Paul admonished, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

Dear Christian friend, make sure you are part of a congregation that believes in working on behalf of the Master. Souls cannot be saved, the church cannot be edified, programs cannot function properly, and the building and grounds cannot be maintained unless brethren are willing to work. Ask yourselves are you willing to lend a heart and hand in the work of the church. The Lord and the congregation need your invaluable service. Furthermore, there is a reward to the one who labors in the kingdom. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13). Make up your mind to work more diligently than ever this year on behalf of the Lord and His church.

By: Barry Grider

Joseph Was Not The Only One Who Flew Away

As we study through the word of God, we come across what we might call "great heroes of the Bible." We think about heroes such as David who slew the great giant, Goliath (1 Samuel 16). We think about heroes such as Gideon who trusted in the Lord to deliver the Midianites into the Israelites' hands (Judges 6-8).

One of the great heroes that this author admires is Joseph, the son of Jacob. More than a fifth of the book of Genesis is devoted to his account. Everyone knows the story of Joseph and how he was sold by his brothers into slavery and was taken down to Egypt. We also know the account of how Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph into having a sexual relationship with him. Yet he asked one of the most courageous questions of our time, "There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wick-

edness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9) Day by day, this temptation was being pushed on Joseph as we see in verse 10. Look at the account in verses 11-15: "But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside."

This author is graciously thankful for the account of the encounter that Joseph had because he wants to have the mindset that Joseph possessed in dealing with temptations that tend to be hurled at a child of God. One of the most remarkable lessons this writer learned that he never realized before was that Joseph was not the only one that ran away. Why would this author say that? Look at James 4:7: "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." What occurs when the Christian resists against the devil's snares? The devil turns out to be a coward and retreats! When Joseph fled from Potiphar's wife, the devil fled away from Joseph! What a great spiritual truth that we can impart to our lives as we go about through the struggles in this life when the world bombards us with all kinds of temptations! Let us remember that when we resist temptation, we will not be the only ones who flee, but our great arch-enemy will too! Circle the word "fled" in Genesis 39:13 and put in the margin: *Joseph was not the only one who fled away (cf. James 4:7).*

~Shane Fisher

In Sympathy

We wish to express our Sympathy to Brother Charles Chandler & family in the passing of his dear wife Sue this past week. Brother & Sister Chandler have done mission work for many years. They were actively involved in Budapest with Brother Curry Montague & family.

Kid's Korner

See if you can answer the following questions:

Answers from last week:

1. Five loaves & two fishes 2. Twelve 3. He promised to give Salome, Herodias' daughter anything she desired and she wanted John the Baptist beheaded 4. Works 5. Demons

New Testament Novice

1. Jesus said His kingdom, was like a this kind of seed; very small at the beginning, but grows into a huge plant indeed.
2. It's the greatest commandment, Jesus said, if heaven is our goal; we must obey it with all our hearts, or, we'll lose our precious soul.
3. The dilemma of this prophet, was the sign Jesus gave, to tell how He would arise, after three days in the grave.
4. Innocent and sinless, before God they truly be; the kingdom of heaven, is composed of such as these.
5. As Jesus was baptized, I descended from above, providing His Deity, in the form of a dove.

Helping Those In Need

Continue bringing your canned food items. We help a lot of families on a daily basis.



Cleaning Schedule

April- Need a volunteer

***There are several slots still available to help with keeping the building clean & to prepare the*

Lord's Supper. Thank you for all of your help!

Upcoming Events

March 21- Singing and Fellowship Meal

March 28- Ladie's Class

44th Annual Memphis School of Preaching
Lectureship March 28th—April 1st

March Birthdays

Ashleigh Towle—14th

Anthony Smith—22nd

Brian Gaspard— 25th

Cameron Ritter—26th



Prayer List



**Mary Jo Lance
Joe Riley
Alice Riley
Sherry Towle
Betty Grisham
Burnell Rogers
Margo
Lisa Lance
Patricia Rodney
Donny Vick
Judy Hennessee
Jessica Lance
Mark Lance
Charlie Whitley
Rhonda Jones
Nell Russell**

***All of our brethren scattered across
the United States & our troops in
Iraq**



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Services of The Church Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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