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Do They Think It Strange?

by Justin Brewer

"Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit" (1 Peter 4:1-6).

How can the world "think it strange" that we do not "run with them in the same flood of dissipation" if we are spending our time walking on eggshells trying not to offend those in sin? How can those in sin "think it strange" if we are advocating for their right to sin? Why would they "speak evil of" us if we are supporting their "right" to sin?

"Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (James 4:4).

What Do You Put FIRST in Your Life?

By Bill Sexton

One's priority reveals his/her character and determines one's destiny. Certain things HAVE to come FIRST if one has his/her focus right. If the basics aren't prioritized, then the whole life is out of kilter. One can't see clearly, and the vision fails ultimately. Jesus advises correctly in this regard:

Mt 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

It's so easy today, in the common busy life style, living in the "fast lane" to develop and manifest the wrong priorities. Especially is this true in families. Parents and children often lose their way because their priorities are wrong. I see parents spend much time and effort, going to great expense, in getting their children involved in sports of various kinds (and there is nothing wrong with getting kids in sports, rather than leave them with a lot of spare time to get into mischief, evil) to the neglect of bringing them to Bible classes, emphasizing that they need to put God first!

Beloved, having reared four children, I know that children WANT to play and get involved in various things, that are not necessarily "bad" in and of themselves, but when we allow them to become so involved and NOT place emphasis on them attending to spiritual matters FIRST, regularly getting their Bible lessons, precious time races by that never returns. I've seen parents go that route to see them grieve in later years to see their children accept a philosophy, a way of life that denied God's place in their everyday affairs. Consequently, they spend their time and energy wastefully, often injuring others. Children are not dumb, they can easily see through the veneer of profession without dedication to faith in God!

It can serve each of us well to seriously ask ourselves WHAT COMES FIRST IN MY LIFE? Will I choose to do something of a worldly nature in place of attending to my duty to God? Genuine faith in God and His Son and love for them manifest themselves in ACTION> Hear Jesus:

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me” John 14:21-24

It is easy for us to set wrong priorities -- getting our eyes set on things that should be second or more on the list and leaving the most important things **UNDONE!** We will all have to give an account to God (Ecc. 12:13-14). None of us can escape the judgment (Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10). What comes first friend in your life? Listen to the Lord:

“And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” Lk 12:18-20

What is "first" in your life and mine, beloved is evident to all who observes closely! Let' s not deceive ourselves.

Prayer Requests & Announcements

- Angie Woodside continues to deal with health issues and has been in and out of the hospital
- Sylvia Ward, Ross's Mom, has returned to rehab after a short hospital stay
- Many may be traveling next weekend
 - Dave and Catherine
 - Ray & Ginger
- Cameron Bauman brain tumor and radiation treatments
- Scott Boucher (Sparks NV) cancer treatment
- Keep April in your prayers as she deals with health issues
- The Christians in the Philippines
- Worship Assignments for the month of September are posted on the bulletin board
- Our monthly men's meeting is planned after services this morning

For prayer requests, call or text

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Worship Assignments

Today

Song Leader – David Porter
Lord's Table – Chad Mitchell
– David Porter

Wednesday

Song Leader – Ray Mitchell
Invitation – Tom Mitchell

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Morning Classes 10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00AM
Wednesday Evening 7:30PM



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