

Thank you, ...Alexis Brown
Speaker for today

Attention

Thanks to all who participated yesterday in the workday,
preparing the building and grounds for our meeting!

“Commitment is what transforms a promise into a reality.”
Abraham Lincoln
*“There are only two options regarding commitment...
you’re either in or you’re out!”*
Pat Riley

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Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
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ATTENTION!! GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!

The articles below may contain some very good
advice regarding “attitude” and “commitment” as
we prepare for our gospel meeting.

Which Soil Describes My Heart? By Joe Slater

In His parable of the sower (Luke 8) Jesus described God’s word as seed planted into four types of soil (human hearts). The seed’s fruitfulness, or lack thereof, depended on the condition of the soil (heart).

First was the “wayside,” literally the path or road surrounding the field (Luke 8:5). As seed cannot germinate and grow on hardpacked ground, God’s word cannot grow in a hard heart. Satan easily removes the word from the resistant soul.

Next came the stony ground, a thin layer of earth atop bedrock. Seed might sprout on such shallow soil, but the tender shoot would wither and die, having no deep root to reach water. Just so, a person with shallow faith might joyfully receive the word of God at first but would fall away in times of trial.

Third, Jesus spoke of ground infested with thorns (v. 7). Seed could begin to grow under such conditions, but the thorns would eventually choke out the good plants, rendering them fruitless. Thorns represent distractions – worldly cares, riches, and pleasures (v. 14). God’s word produces no harvest in a distracted heart.

Finally, the good ground produced an abundant crop (v. 8). The good, noble heart isn’t hard, has a deep and abiding faith, and steers clear of the world’s distractions. Such a person not only believes God’s word, but keeps it (i.e. obeys it, v. 15).

Which of these four soil types best describes our heart? Are we resisting God’s word with a hard heart? Is our faith shallow, fading away when trials appear? Are we distracted with the deceitful world’s cares, riches, and pleasures? Or do we have a deep, abiding faith that keeps God’s word? We control the condition of our heart!

What Have I Committed to God?

By Edd Sterchi

Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, worded 2 Timothy 1:12 in a most interesting way: *“I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”* I am particularly fascinated by the phrase ***“He is able to keep what I have committed to Him.”*** Paul had turned his whole body, soul, and efforts over to God and knew that God would keep them safe. What a great example and reminder to each of us. In light of that, ask yourself the following questions:

- Have I committed my life to God?
- Have I committed my family to God?
- Have I committed my occupation to God?
- Have I committed my leisure time to God?
- Have I committed my interests to God?
- Have I committed my all to God?

Turn it all over to God. He is able to keep everything we give Him and return them with His blessings!

They Live This Way

By Ron Thomas

Luke 10:25

“Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

You’ll notice what Jesus did not say. “As long as your heart is tender, as long as you love me, as long as you love your family and do good by other people, then that is all you need to do. I will save you; you’ll rest in peace.”

You’ll notice Jesus said nothing of the sort. So why do people live this way? People live this way because they want to live with one foot on each side of the fence. They live this way because they have been told the Lord’s standard of judgment is merciful, not something as stringent as the Gospel of Christ. They live this way because “Surely, the Lord in His mercy will overlook my failings and have a desire to save me.” They live this way because they are mindful of all the good that is done and, “Why would the Lord punish me simply because I didn’t go to church?” they live this way because they want the Lord to judge them, not on His standard, but by their own. They live this way because people live delusional lives. Pray that none of us thinks that way!

Proverbs 14:12

“There is a way that seems right unto a man but ends in death.”

***“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things will be provided to you.”***

Matthew 6:33