

DO GOOD

Perhaps you have heard of people referred to as “do gooders.” We generally think of those who have their opinion that their life and actions are better than everyone else. In their eyes they do not make any mistakes. We know that such is not the case, but some believe it anyway. It is interesting that the Bible makes several references to Christians to “do good.” Last week we looked at I Peter 3:10 about loving life. The very next verse states, “Let him eschew evil and do good; Let him seek peace and ensue it” (I Pet. 3:11). To eschew evil is to turn away from or turn aside from evil. Thayer states the definition of “eschew” is “*to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after.*” NKJV has “Pursue.” Instead of pursuing evil we need to turn away from it and replace it with doing good. Instead of pursuing evil, we need to seek peace and pursue it. We need to change the direction we are going. We need to change our priorities. We need to be doing those things that God would call “good.” Involved in that would certainly be seeking peace. The Hebrew writer makes a reference to doing good in Hebrews 13:16. “*But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*” The child of God is one that needs to be doing good. By so doing we will be pleasing to God and we will be the right example before others. Do good!

A HEART THAT SEEKS THE LORD

He is almost ninety years of age. He called to see if he could visit with me for just a few minutes after Wednesday night Bible study. My dear brother said, “You’ve probably noticed that I’ve missed a few services lately?” He explained how his wife has not been feeling well and a few times recently she had asked him to stay home with her because she didn’t want to be by herself while sick. He said that he wished he could be here every time we meet.

With tears in his eyes the brother said to me, “I have prayed about this and I am doing what I think is right, but I just wanted you to know.” We prayed together and I expressed my appreciation to him for letting me know. I also told him if it mattered that I agreed he was doing the right thing.

After he left my office I prayed again. My prayer this time was that God would help me to make sure I never make a man with a heart for the Lord like this man feel bad for taking care of his wife. Additionally, my prayer was that God would raise up more men like this brother for the church.

Compare the attitude, the desire, and the heart of this dear brother:

- To Christians who say, “I have to work hard and I need to rest instead of coming to church on Wednesday night or Sunday night.”

- To Christians who say, “I don’t really like the class choices or the teachers so I am going to stay home.”
- To Christians who say, “I am protesting against the leadership because I disagree with their decisions.”
- To Christians who say, “I’m not happy with the direction of the church, I don’t like the songs y’all sing, or I don’t agree with the way the worship services, classes, etc are conducted.”
- To Christians who say, “I’m angry because not very many people speak to me.”
- To Christians who say, “I don’t think the church does enough in the community.”

This is not meant to make people who have legitimate reasons for missing church feel guilty. Some who read this article will be offended and some will disagree. It is not my intention to offend. However, some of the above mentioned “reasons” for missing worship and times of study are just plain selfish.

- What about being present because you want to encourage your brothers and sisters in the Lord (Hebrews 10:24-25)?
- What about being present because you want to grow spiritually through the study of the Word of God (1 Peter 2:2)?
- What about being present because you want to grow closer to other Christians?
- What about being present because you want to teach young people what it means to have closer walk with the Lord?
- What about being present because you love the Lord with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength?
- What about being present because you want to put the Lord first in every aspect of your life (Matthew 6:33)?
- What about being present because you don’t want to forsake the assembly of the saints (Hebrews 10:25)?
- What about being present because you love to be involved in fellowship with other Christians?
- What about being present because you are an important part of the Body of Christ and you are needed?

*(from Thought from the Mound) October 17, 2012
A Heart That Seeks the Lord, Jeff A. Jenkins,
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

Feb 25, 2018

Co-Coordinator George Clay
Announcements Dallas Eddie

Scriptures Reading.. Eph. 4:15 . . .Austin Clay
Song Leader Steve Anderson
Opening Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
Serve:, Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard
Justin Draper, Roger Draper,
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services.

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
.Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—The Truth in Love...
PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Dallas Eddie
Song Leader. Steve Anderson
Scripture Reading...Psa. 104:33-34...Austin Clay

Opening PrayerMitchell Brooks
Lord’s SupperJacky Carver, Sr.
. Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer Roger Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement... . Dallas Eddie
Song Leader George Clay
First Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.
Opening Prayer Glen Reece
Closing Prayer Justin Draper

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

02/18/18

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| Wednesday | 33 |
| Worship Sunday AM | 62 |
| Bible Study Sunday AM | 54 |
| Daily Bible Readers | 21 |
| Worship Sunday PM | 42 |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb 25th.** Fellowship Meal
- Mar. 4th.** Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meeting
- Mar. 11th.** SEIBS speaker.
- Mar 11th. Time Change (Spring Forward)**
- Mar. 23rd.** Friday Night Singing 7:00 pm
- Pantry Item:Canned Corn**

Remember to bring items for Ronald McDonald House. Paper Towels, Garbage Bags

READING SCHEDULE FOR MAR

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| 01 Joshua 6-9 | 12 Jud. 20-21 | 22 I Sam. 27-29 |
| 02 Joshua 10-12 | 13 Ruth 1-4 | 23 I Sam. 30-31 |
| 03 Joshua 13-15 | 14 I Sam. 1-3 | 24 II Sam. 1-4 |
| 04 Joshua 16-20 | 15 I Sam. 4-6 | 25 II Sam. 5-9 |
| 05 Joshua 21-24 | 16 I Sam. 7-9 | 26 II Sam. 10-12 |
| 06 Judg. 1-2 | 17 I Sm.10-12 | 27 II Sam. 13-15 |
| 07 Judg. 3-5 | 18 I Sm. 13-17 | 28 II Sam. 16-18 |
| 08 Judg. 6-8 | 19 I Sm. 18-20 | 29 II Sam. 19-21 |
| 09 Judg. 9-11 | 20 I Sm. 21-23 | 30 II Sam. 22-24 |
| 10 Judg. 12-14 | 21 I Sm.24-26 | 31 I Kings 1-3 |
| 11 Judg. 15-19 | | |