



Life Lines

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Lessons Old Men Learn

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Christianity: Then and Now

There comes a time when a person must concede he is getting old. While old is not the most desirable state, it beats the alternative by a mile. In fact there are some benefits that come with advanced age. Most people have learned many valuable lessons in their lifetime and have profited thereby.

The same should be true of those who preach:

In old age, you finally recognize and admit your limitations. You can't do everything; you cannot master every aspect of knowledge. You will not always hit a homer when you preach.

You learn that there are others who are smarter and more gifted than you. Some of them are very young!

You are more patient with the young, the immature and the ignorant.

You are more selective in choosing your battles. If one must do battle for the Cause of Christ, he should choose an issue worthy of the occasion.

You learn that the church that Christ built has both a divine and a human dimension. That human aspect will never be perfect. This you must accept if you are going to serve and survive as a preacher for a

congregation.

You do not waste your time quarreling over insignificant things. Huge amounts of time, energy and resources can be continued on conflicts about as important as the Lilliputian's battle over which end of the egg is best for breaking.

You do not provide a forum to every penny-wit that wishes to challenge you. Left unnoticed, many of the church's agitators soon vanish in the sun. Given a platform they flourish like a weed.

You do not stop to defend yourself against the charges of small minded people who have nothing better to do than to criticize those who are doing something.

You have learned that, generally speaking, it is better to stay and build up a flourishing church than to move frequently in hope of finding one.

You have learned that it is impossible to please all the people all of the time. So you remind yourself that your first duty is to please God, act responsibly, be cordial towards all and accept the fact that still some will take exception to your labors.

You have learned that exciting fads come and go in the church as in the world. Thus you are slow to embrace every new fad that comes along. By the time you have given serious thought to it, it may well have run its course and been replaced by another fad.

You come to appreciate the history of the church and the lives and labors

of those who went before you. You now realize that if it had not been for them you may not have even known the gospel, or at least would have had a much more difficult field to plow.

You have learned to appreciate the wisdom of older folks, especially those who are elders of the church. You marvel how much elders have improved since your earlier years.

You come to treasure the value of friendship and brotherhood with fellow Christians and especially faithful gospel preachers.

You come to appreciate how much wisdom those old-time preachers had and enjoy going back and re-reading their biographies and sermons.

You learn that a small congregation may have more to offer you than a large one, namely appreciation, genuine friendship, fellowship and loyalty.

Having devoted your life to building up the kingdom of Christ you have great resentment when you see a generation of men who have little or no respect for the church and take liberties with her worship and doctrine. They are destroying that which you have labored to build.

Camp Caudle Collection
from the Dover Church of
Christ, October 29, 2006, was
\$3,146.00!

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Moses had a staff; it became powerful in God's service.

David had a stone and a sling; he used them to slay a giant.

Joshua had a spear; he held it aloft as God commanded and won a great victory.

Shamgar had an ox-goad; he used it to deliver Israel and to honor God.

Gideon had lamps, pitchers and trumpets; he used them to win a great victory over the Midianites.

A widow had only two mites; but millions have been inspired by her giving.

Dorcas had a needle; she used it to help the poor.

A little lad had a lunch; Jesus used it to feed a multitude.

What is in your hand? Use it for God.

By: Edward L. Kirk

Power for Today – 2003

With God's help, others accomplished great feats.

These are some to think about:

Esther saved her people from destruction by one act of bravery.

Joseph was set free from prison in Egypt because he was able to interpret Pharaoh's dream.

Rehab and her family were saved because she was not afraid to hide the spies of Israel.

Jairus' daughter was saved because of his great faith in Jesus' power to heal.

Elijah won a contest on Mt. Carmel against 450 prophets of Baal.

Daniel, because he continued to pray to God, was saved from the lion's mouths.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were saved from the fiery furnace because of their great faith in God.

What great things happen when we allow God to work in our lives!

How great is our faith?

Remember Our Sick

True McCabe – of Atkins, diagnosed with liver cancer.

Jonathon Elmore – age 13, is back in hospital, complications with recent gall bladder-appendectomy surgery. He is the grandson of Bill and Mary McAlister.

Ken Hull – back surgery was successful.

John Myers – home, Hospice.

Annie Robinson – diagnosed with cervical cancer.

Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area:

Bernice Brown

Evelyn Burton

Sandra Mooney

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer,

Pauline Whorton

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter and Thelma Arcynski, Twila Bench, Lawrence Boley, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Jamie Churchill, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Rebecca Gray, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, Jannie Myers, Charles Proctor, Jonathon Roberts, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Lela Beth Wallace, Ahishi Web and Elsie Youngerman.

Special Children: Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Prayers and Sympathy

For the family of Rodney Cox who passed away Thursday, October 26, 2006 in Bakersfield, California. He was a brother-in-law to Vickie Cox.

Questions to Sharpen Your Spirit

Have you spent daily time in God's word and prayer this week?

Have you entertained any lustful attitudes, tempting thoughts or explicit material on the Internet, TV, movies or music that doesn't glorify God?

Have you spent quality time in your relationships this week, honoring your parents, being a good friend and remaining pure in your dating relationships?

Have you given a 100% in school or your job?

Have you told any half truths or outright lies?

Have you cheated on any schoolwork or tests this week?

Have you modeled Christ to those around you this week?

Have you been angry at anyone this week or allowed any person or circumstances to rob you of joy?

Have you kept your tongue in check this week and avoided cursing, gossip and making fun of someone?

Have you answered all these questions honestly?

From an Article in Breakaway Magazine about professional baseball players who are Christians. They use accountability to avoid temptations.

This was used as a Devotional by:

Brett Walters

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Seeing with the heart: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Antoine De Saint-Exupery

1900-1944

(France)

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

GOSPEL MEETING

Dover Church of Christ
November 10 – 11, 7:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 12, 6:00 PM

Speaker: David Riley
(Mars Hill)

Potluck following Sunday
Evening Services.
Come and join us in
fellowship.

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO (FOR ALL TEENS)

Sunday, November 19th
6:00 PM – At CCSC
Sponsored by: Dardanelle
Church
of Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Dover's Ladies Night
Third Thursday,
November 16, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
Hostess: Charlene Clark

The Church and You

You've come to church this morning,
Because you've leaned it's right;
But what will you let hinder,
Your worship tonight?

The Lord has laid down
his life for you,
That you might freely live;
Would it be asking far too much,
One more hour to give?

This is the first day of the week,
That He has set aside;
What better could we do tonight,
Than honor Him who died?

Author: Mrs. Kelly Chapman
Magnolia Messenger

Please Remember we are
still feeding families in our
community.
Can foods, etc. needed for
the Dover Church of Christ
food pantry.
Also, for the Southern
Christian Home Truck that
will be here in December.

November Birthdays

06 Roxanna Shoptaw
07 Charlene Clark
08 Gwen Hale
09 Kim Walters
10 Diane Shinn
Andy Jackson
12 Dana Bates
14 Daniel Loper
15 Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Michael Williams
18 Clara Hefley
Kevin Miller
20 Marion Helton
24 Ted Shinn
29 Charles Hickey
Taylor Thomas

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The SEARCH Program can
now be accessed at any time
on its website:
www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly lesson
can be heard and viewed in
this area on KARK,
Channel 4, Sunday, 7:30
AM.

THOSE TO SERVE

November 12, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Robert Bird
Brent Hottinger

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer

Serve: Allen Veasman
Blake Walters
Brett Walters
Chris Loper

Scripture Reading

Dennis Whiteside

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

David Riley
(Mars Hill)

Sunday P.M.

David Riley
(Mars Hill)

Prepare Table for Communion

Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper

Greeters

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Wednesday Night Devotional

November 15, 2006

Rex McDaniel

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

7:00 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Patsy Wisbrock
Kaeli Miller

Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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