



Life Lines

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Jesus Did Not Quit

Jesus did not quit meeting with His disciples because Judas was a thief, nor because Peter and Paul were fickle at times. He did not quit preaching and living right because some of His brethren were unforgiving and unkind. He did not quit His post of leadership because He had in His presence the adulterous woman, a gang of Pharisees, or narrow-minded demon-worshippers. Jesus did not quit.

Have you been tempted to quit? Have you quit? What was the reason for it? Any reason you might name, Jesus could have given the same. He had every reason to be discouraged. His own disciples were so slow to learn. His enemies were bent on His destruction. But He did not quit. He said, ***“Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”*** (Luke 2:49) And when the end of His earthly life was in sight, Jesus said to the Father, ***“I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”*** (John 17:4) He did not quit. He finished His task.

When you come to the end of life, will you be able to say, ***“I have finished the work God has given me to do?”*** Or will you be compelled to say, ***“I started, but I quit?”*** Will you stand before the judgment bar of God and admit that you were a quitter?

Eternal life is promised to those who endure to the end. ***“You will be***

hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.” (Matthew 10:22) There will be no consolation on judgment day to point back to your baptism, unless you can also point back to a life of faithful endurance.

Let’s never use excuses to try to justify our failure to work and worship as we should.

It’s time for all of us to resolve on our heart that we are going to be faithful to the Lord and His church.

That we will never quit – no matter what.

Make that decision today, stick with it and you will never have to make it again!

*By: Raymond Kelcy
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give appeals and make reports in a public way in their business or social life.

Those who say they do not have time to become really involved in the work of the church, but have all kinds of time for civic clubs, parties with friends, sports activities, etc.

*Edwin Myers
The Pattern
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Playing At Religion

When Jesus lived upon the earth he constantly had to contend with those people who were manifesting an outward appearance of following the Lord’s way, but inwardly were not sincere. He said that on the outside they seemed to be wanting to do God’s will, but inwardly they were full of iniquity and hypocrisy. In other words, they were playing at religion. We have much the same thing today.

There are many church members playing at religion, and the following are qualified for at least honorable mention:

Those who attend just as few services of the church as possible without quitting completely. This includes the brother who says it is not required of one to attend more often than each Lord’s Day morning.

Those who watch the clock during the worship, especially during the sermon, and grumble if the preacher spends thirty-five minutes breaking the Bread of Life to them.

Those who seldom take one hour of the 168 hours of the week for meditation upon the Word of God, or devote five minutes to prayer, but spend hours watching television, reading or in idle talk.

Those who rarely visit the sick and needy except when such happens to be their own relatives or closest friends.

Those who, because of covetousness, will not give as they have been prospered and state they cannot afford to give more, but who give more to selfish pleasures – boats, cars, guns, clubs etc.

Those who say they cannot teach the Bible but can stand up in civic clubs and

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else.” Charles Dickens

Kindness is a word we usually entrust to someone else. We feel inadequate when we think of kindness. Most of us know someone who is always doing kind deeds for others. They are the first to someone’s door with a big cake or delicious casserole when something happens. We admire these people; wish we would be like that.

After Paul mentions all of the works of the flesh, those terrible sins that we don’t want to do, he tells us good things. These are the things we should be doing. These are the fruit of the Spirit. There is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. (Galatians 5) Kindness is right in there. Kindness is between us and someone else. Kindness can never be accomplished alone. It is between us, our family, a friend or a stranger. Any act of kindness can lighten the burden of some one else. It is contagious, it spreads.

Many acts of kindness you never hear about. Recently, one act of kindness made such an impression on the recipient that they had to share it with us. You may remember reading about it a few weeks ago. This person, Patsy Walters, is always doing kind deeds. She doesn’t want others to know about it. She does these acts of kindness because she cares.

“You may give gifts without caring – but you can’t care without giving.” Frank A. Clark

Kindness comes from the heart. It doesn’t cost much and it takes little of our time. Often we fail to do acts of kindness because we think we don’t have the time. Actually, it is because we don’t take the time. Our priorities are wrong.

“Be kind one to another” is a commandment from God. And by helping others we are helping ourselves. There are many others in our church who are so generous. I couldn’t begin to name them all.

Remember Our Sick

Daisy Hogins Anderson – cancer no longer in remission.

Shirlie Chadwick – gall-bladder surgery November 30th.

Charles Hickey – extreme pain, needs our prayers.

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, Jonathon Elmore, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Rebecca Gray, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, True McCabe, Jannie Myers, Charles Proctor, Jonathon Roberts, Annie Robinson Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Lela Beth Wallace, David Walters, Ahishi Web and Elsie Youngerman.

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

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

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Many people go through life “getting fixed to enjoy the scenery.” Life passes by while they are fumbling around. Pity the person who is too busy getting ready for the future and never sees the beauty and wonders of today. “*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*” (Psalms 115:24)

Roger Banks

Laughter

We all need to laugh more.

Listen to the words from King Solomon, “*A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.*” (Proverbs 17:11) “*A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*” (Proverbs 15:13) “*Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad.*” (Proverbs 12:25)

It has been said that laughter is like a baby’s diaper – it doesn’t solve any problems permanently, but it makes them more acceptable for awhile.

One thing is for certain, if you laugh at your problems, you will always have something to laugh at. And, if you can laugh at them, you can live with them.

We don’t stop laughing because we grow old – we grow old because we stop laughing.

We need to laugh; laughter is the music of the soul.

To sum it all up, laughter is the cheapest luxury man has.

Laughter stirs up the blood, expands the chest, electrifies the nerves, clears away the cobwebs from the brain, and gives the whole system a cleaning.

If you are frowning at this article, turn your face upside down and laugh. It will do you good!

Author Unknown

Live Now

A fussy traveler was having trouble placing her belongings in the railroad coach. She put bundles first on the seat, then on the floor. She opened and closed windows, adjusted the shades and fidgeted like a nervous hen. When her husband finally protested, she said, “I want to see the scenery in comfort.” He shook his head and said, “Susan we aren’t going far, and by the time you get fixed, the scenery will be over.”

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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

Adult Christmas Party

December 2, 6:00 PM
Host/Hostess:
Allen and Marilyn
Veasman

Bring Santa a Gift!
(for the Santa Game)

POTLUCK

Meat Dish Furnished.
Indicate on the Sign-up
sheet the dish you would
like to bring.

Come! Join in the Fun and
Fellowship!!

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Youth Devo
Sunday, After Evening
Services, December 3,
Host/Hostess
Randall and Diane Walters

Men's Business Meeting

Monday, 7:00 PM
December 4,
Dover Church of Christ

Men's Devo

December 14
Thursday, 7:00 PM
The Shoptaw's

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.

December Birthdays

01 Leigh Anne Forehand
04 Steve Bates
06 Presley Williams
08 Suzanne Helton
16 Athel Hill
22 Alayna Williams
23 Jamie Statler
Cara Williams
28 Betty Walters
29 Lawrence Boley

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
KATV, Channel 4,
Sunday, 7:30 AM.

Dover Ladies
Christmas Party
December 21, 2006
Thursday, 6:00 PM
Hostess: Leota Hickey

THOSE TO SERVE

December 3, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Marion Helton
Randall Walters

Communion

Podium: James Chadwick
Serve: Troy Curtis
William Boley
Robert Bird
Chris Moss

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Rex McDaniel

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Leigh Anne Forehand

Communion to Shut-Ins

Troy Curtis
Alan Boatright

Greeters

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

December 6, 2006

Chris Moss

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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