

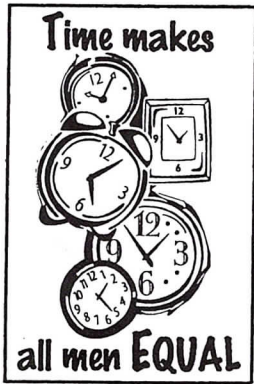
Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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“Delight thyself also in the LORD” (Psalm 37:4)

“The life of the believer is here described as a delight in God, and we are thus certified of the great fact that true faith overflows with *happiness* and *joy*.

Ungodly persons and mere professors never look on faith as a joyful thing; to them it is service, duty, or necessity, but never pleasure or delight. If they attend ... at all, it is either that they may gain thereby, or else because they dare not do otherwise. The thought of ‘religion’ is so strange to most men that no two words in their language stand further apart than *holiness* and *delight* ... Our faith is no fetter; our profession is no bondage. We are neither dragged to holiness nor driven to duty.

No, our piety is our pleasure, our hope is our happiness, and our duty is our delight!” - copied

PERFECT, MEDIOCRE, POOR

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

“PERFECT. Do not water down this command, as some do, to make it a lesser requirement than it appears. Some, in watering down the meaning emphasize that *perfect* here means complete or finished or full-grown.

But the full meaning involves *perfection* in virtue and character. Obviously no one has arrived but that is our goal anyway. *God is not giving us a goal that is lowered to our imperfections.*

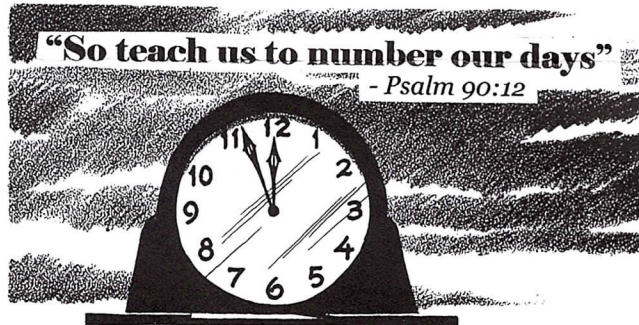
We have many who are always lowering the standard to where we are rather than raising the standard to where we should be. We must always be striving to be better in our Christian performance.”

- John G. Butler, *JESUS CHRIST, His Sermon on the Mount*, pgs 230-231

The Old & the New Natures ... which one God appeals to ...

“The apostle (Paul) can make such appeals as “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body ...”, only because of the freedom from bondage that has been given to us through our becoming a *new* creation in Christ Jesus. God never makes an appeal to the *old* mind, to the *old* heart, to the *old* will. God never asked the *old* mind to receive spiritual truth or divine revelations. He never appeals to the *old* heart to receive and respond to the love of God. He never makes an appeal to the *old* will to do something that will be acceptable to God, or to obey God. God knows the limitations of the *old* personality and never makes an appeal to it. So when the apostle makes an appeal to the child of God, as he does in Romans 6:12 and 13, he appeals to the *new* capacity imparted by the miracle of *new* creation which makes it possible for the child of God to respond to that which is enjoined.” - J. Dwight Pentecost,

“Pattern for Maturity”, pgs 72-73



New Year's & Time

“To remind us of the passing of time - to awaken us of the shortness of time - to exhort us to a better use of time - to arouse us by the availability of time - to motivate us to the right purpose for time - to warn us of the end of time.”



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Prayer & Bible Studies

Friday Night Church - 1st and 3rd Fridays
of each month - 7:00 pm

QUOTES

“Doing what Christians do does not make you a Christian.”

“Counterfeit piety is double iniquity.”

“Never cut what you can untie.”

“Sooner or later I’ll be on time.”

“Our days are like identical suitcases - all the same size, but some people can pack more into them than others.”

“Every sin incurs a debt.”

“You deny Christ when you fail to deny yourself for Christ.”

“One sin, one lie, makes the next easier and worse.”

“If you lend someone \$20 and never see them again, it was probably worth it!”

“There is big difference between being civilized or being sanctified.”

Patience & Longsuffering - the Difference ...
“PATIENCE is enduring without complaining; and LONGSUFFERING is enduring without retaliation.”

A Good Pastor ... is one who can understand those not very good at explaining, and explaining it to those who are not very good at understanding.”

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

- II Corinthians 5:17

“God’s Word can no more be corrupted than God Himself can be corrupted.”

Firm Adherence Needed
“No free Government, or the blessing of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a *firm adherence* to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality and virtue ... “

- Patrick Henry

Two ‘Freedom’s

“There are TWO FREEDOMS (1) the FALSE, where one is free to do what he likes (‘wants’); and (2) the TRUE, where he is free to do what he ought!”

- Charles Kingsley

“In Hong Kong

“Chinese New Year - sweeping or dusting should not be done on Chinese New Year’s Day for fear that good fortune will be swept away. If you sweep the dirt out over the threshold, you will sweep one of the family members away. Also, dirt must always be swept inwards and then carried out, only through the back door, for fear that the family fortune will be swept away.” - copied,

“Lift Up Your Eyes”, Winter 2022-23, Culture Clips; Bowie, TX

“The foolishness of man perverteth his way ... “

- Proverbs 19:3

Ask Him for a Reference

“I am a Bible Christian, and if an archangel with a wingspread as broad as a constellation shining like the sun were to come and offer me some new truth, I’d ask him for a reference. If he could not show me where it is found in the Bible, I would bow him out and say, ‘I’m awfully sorry; you didn’t bring any references with you.’”

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“Faith is like Glue, it will cause you to stick to what you believe.”



“Redeeming the time.”
- Ephesians 5:16

Speaking of John Calvin (... and of a state church ...)

"Another historian writes. 'In a class by themselves stood crimes against Calvin. It was a crime to laugh at Calvin's sermons, it was a crime to argue with Calvin on the street. But to enter into a theological controversy with Calvin might turn out to be a very grave crime.' Geneva was hardly heaven on earth, though that was the intent. For example, 'an overabundance of dishes at the table, a too-elevated headdress, and excessive display of lace, a proscribed color in dress - all were fair subjects of debate and punishment.' (note- seems more like the Pharisees to me) and one never knew when the 'consistory' (the church police) would make a house call. One year saw 400 citizens indicted for moral offenses, and, in 60 years, 150 people accused of heresy were burned at the stake. John Calvin's 'Christianized' society was simply not biblical, substituting law for grace ... "If you are familiar with 'Calvin's Geneva' - the scores who were burned at the stake, the floggings and torture and banishment of those who disagreed with John Calvin ... Not that contemporary Calvinists would act this way, but wouldn't this man's vindictiveness and extreme legalism cause a person to consider seriously whether this type of man would be correct on his doctrine?"

"Calvin never gave a testimony of the 'new birth'; rather he identified with his Catholic infant baptism."

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The Woman's Clothing is to be Modest
(I Timothy 2:9-10).

Modesty is described in the New Testament by the words "shamefaced" and "sobriety" (I Timothy 2:9), "discreet" and "chaste" (Titus 2:5), and "a meek and quiet spirit" (I Peter 3:4). Modesty is first of all a type of heart that reveals itself in the matter of dress. The context is how we ought to behave ourselves in the house of God (I Timothy 3:15). We see that modesty in dress is not a 'non-essential' and dress is not strictly a matter of personal preference."

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✂✂THIS & THAT✂✂
From HERE & THERE

Egypt

"More than 90 % of Egypt is desert."

Bibles Sold

"Over 100 million copies of the Bible are sold each year." About 50 Bibles are sold every minute- copied

8,549,176,320

"What makes this number unique? Besides this long number including one of all possible digits, what is true about the sequence? (It has each number, zero through nine, listed in alphabetical order)."

Women Golfers

"This fall 275 women golfers sent a letter to the LPGA, the USGA, and the International Golf Federation calling for a policy that prohibited males from competing in women's golf." - copied

"The gracious summons of God to all His people in every generation is one which calls them to a life of nonconformity to the standards and practices of the unbelieving world."

- Pastor Al Martin

WHAT 'CHRONICLES' SAYS TO AMERICA ...

The books of Chronicles emphasize that Israel's blessing depends on her obedience to God. This lesson is also for the nations, particularly those with a strong biblical influence such as England and America. The following is by J. Sidlow Baxter, 'Explore the Book' "Running right through the story of these kings, with its occasional reforms and ever-worsening relapses, is the solemn, vital, urgent truth that a nation's response to God is the really determining factor in its history and destiny. This was specially true of Israel, but it is universally true of the earth's people today ... This truth may not seem so immediately perceptible in our modern world with its international complicatedness; but when we look at processes over a period we find it still in operation. **Moral principles and spiritual convictions are the first-important things as regards national progress or decline, not politics and economics** as seems to be the fashionable thought in Government today. The place we give to GOD is that which determines our prosperity or adversity, our history and our destiny. Israel of old - kings, leaders, people - deceived themselves into thinking that they could sin with impunity, imagining that because Jehovah could not be seen that He could not see; but they did not deceive God; nor can we. 'God is not mocked.' He rules, He chooses, He forbears; but He will not spare the persistent exploiting of privilege. *The abuse of high calling by low living always brings ruinous ending.* Oh, that nations, leaders, peoples might realise that today!"

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- Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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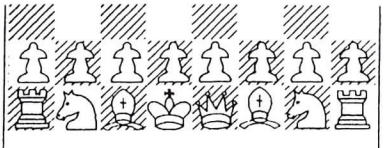
"The BIBLE has the highest ethics and morality! There is no other book, philosophy, teaching, doctrine or 'religion' that is comparable to the level of the Bible. All others are far lower. Compare it to other 'religions' ('Buddhism', 'Hinduism', 'Mohamedism', etc.) and you will see taught a far lower standard of conduct. In fact, the Christian Scriptures teach a perfect standard of ethics. Perfect! Because the God of the Bible is Holy, His Word must teach a perfectly holy standard of conduct. Any other teaching, 'religious' or otherwise, will always be less moral, less honest, less ethical, less true, always lower than the excellent level of the Bible. Since the God of the Bible is perfect, any change from perfection can only be imperfection! To settle for anything else than the Bible's way is to believe what's lower, less and worse. The Bible's 'faith' is the best!"

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**At the End of the Game
Pawns and Kings**

Go Back into the Same Box !



"Remember how short my time is ... What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? ..." - Psalm 89:47-48

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