

Bibleway Newsletter

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Dear Friends,
What if the Beatitudes were rewritten for today! Please think deeply upon the moral of this story:

“Then Jesus took His disciples up the mountain, and gathering them about Him, He taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor. Blessed are the hungry. Blessed are those who mourn. Blessed are the oppressed...’

Then Simon Peter said, ‘Do we have to write this down?’

And Andrew said, ‘Are we supposed to know this?’

And James said, ‘I don’t have papyrus with me.’

And Philip said, ‘Will we have a test on this?’

And Bartholomew said, ‘Do we have to turn this in?’

And John said, ‘The other disciples didn’t have to learn this.’

And [Mark] said, ‘Can I be excused?’

And Judas said, ‘What does this have to do with the real world?’

Then one of the Pharisees who were present asked to see Jesus’ lesson plan and inquired: ‘Where is your anticipatory set? Where are your objectives in the cognitive domain?’

And Jesus wept.”—L. Rogers

So many times, Christ would have us learn the simple, practical truths of His Word, only to be met with our excuses.

“God doesn’t need an orator, who knows just what to say;

He doesn’t need authority to reason Him away.

He doesn’t need an army to guarantee a win—

He just needs a few good men.”

—Author Unknown

Go ahead. Take Him at His Word. Don’t make excuses! Don’t reason away the precious gift of His counsel! It is invaluable to your Christian service.

Praying you heed the call,

Rev. Larry W. Edwards

Message Highlights:

- ✓ “Negative comments are cheaper by the dozen... You can follow the flow of negativity, allowing it to direct your life’s course, or you can resist it.”—Sunday School Lesson: *Hope*
- ✓ “1. Hope is—*In God*
—*A gift from God*
—*From Scripture*
—*Secured by Christ’s resurrection*
—*Confirmed by the Holy Spirit*
—*A defense against Satan*
—*Continual*
—*A producer of joy.”*
- ✓ “Wherever you are, whatever you do—you can be sure others are watching you.”—Bible Study: *David: A Man After God’s Own Heart*
- ✓ “Your efforts to hide sin will not negate the consequences.”
- ✓ “Failure to release the past will prevent you from advancing into the future.”—Sunday School: *The Effects of Hope in Jesus!*

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Special Mention:

- We are excited to announce the beginning of a special advertising campaign! As of mid-January, Pastor Edwards has been featured on national radio station WYLL AM 1160, sharing a vivid, though brief, one-minute illustration and information about Bibleway Ministries. Be sure to tune in on Thursdays and Fridays during rush hour to catch the promo!
- We wish to express our condolences to Sis. Vivian McFarland & family at the lost of her brother, Thomas Johnson, who passed away last month.
- Please continue to pray for Bibleway in the exciting year ahead. Your prayers are invaluable to our success as a ministry.
- We feel our search for a building is narrowing—2008 could be our year! The foundation of this effort will surely be the prayers of our dedicated supporters!
- Our Annual Musical Extravaganza is coming up soon on the date April 26, 2008. It will be held at the Prospect Christian Church.
- Please join us for Bible Class on Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Prospect Christian Church as we continue our study on “*David, A Man After God’s Own Heart!*”
- Currently our Sunday Morning services are taken from the book of Titus. This study has promised to be both rich and powerful as we engage in a verse-by-verse study!

The Message Behind the Ministry...

“The Welfare State”

The government is my shepherd: I
need not work.
It alloweth me to lie down on a good
job;
It leadeth me beside still factories;
It destroyeth my initiative.
It leadeth me in the path of a parasite
for politic’s sake;
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of laziness and deficit-spending,
I will fear no evil, for the government
is with me.
It prepareth an economic Utopia for
me, by appropriating the earnings
of my own grandchildren.
It filleth my head with false security;
My inefficiency runneth over.
Surely the government should care
for me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in a fool’s paradise
forever.
—Author Unknown

We have a big government, but we
have an even greater God. Our view
of God will influence our views of
government, politics, people, life
itself, and ultimately, salvation.

John 3:16 tells us of our God and
His love: “For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have
everlasting life.”

This verse tells us that God, our
Creator loves us—so much, in fact,
that He was willing to send His only
Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. If we
accept this wonderful gift, we shall be
eternally secure!

That’s a whole lot more security
than any government can afford,
don’t you think?

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