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OVERCOMMITMENT

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

The greatest threat facing the church? Overcommitment.

Overcommitment is being so busy attending to the pressing matters of life that we leave the more important things undone or poorly done. Overcommitment is majoring in minors. It is running at breakneck pace and then looking back at the day and wondering, “What did I accomplish?”

James Dobson in “What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women” states that fatigue and time pressure are the second greatest cause of depression among women. Why? Every obligation or good thing we leave undone becomes a source of guilt.

One sad result of not having enough hours in the day is that we do not have time to evangelize. Even our preachers do not have time to share the Good News because virtually every night of the week is spent ministering to members of the church. Many feel so obligated to evangelize that they make time the only way they know how by spending less time with their families.

Is there a cure for this illness? Try the following cures:

1. Learn to say no. Manuel J. Smith has a book titled “When I Say No, I Feel Guilty.” Do you feel this way? If your answer is yes, it might help you to know that Jesus did not. During his short preaching career, the demands made upon His time were incredible. There were always more people to be healed, more to be taught. Yet in the midst of all this craziness, notice the words of Mark 6:31, “*And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no desire so much as to eat*”. The implication is that

there are times we can and must say no and that we should not feel guilty when we do.

2. Pull in the reins on your children. My son plays baseball, and at his practice, I often overhear mother’s conversations. One of the common themes is, “This is all I do. I run our children from one ball practice or school activity to another. I feel more like a taxi driver than a mother!” when this occurs, it takes all of my willpower not to jump in and say, “If being so busy bothers you, learn to tell your children no. Tell them they can’t be involved in every sport and every activity they want to do.” Saying no will not warp your children. It proves a marvelous opportunity to teach them about priorities and the proper use of time.

3. Accept a lower standard of living. Yes, I said it, and I am serious! Many people are working to have a nicer house, a better car, more stylish clothes, and the money to eat out often. One of Satan’s greatest weapons is to convince us that the extras in life are not extras but necessities. The pursuit of the American dream for many has become a nightmare.

4. Asking yourself. “What would Jesus do?” By definition, being a Christian is living like Jesus (I John 2:6). So how would Jesus live in our fast-paced society? Would he have time to share the Gospel with the lost? Would Jesus live in a smaller house or drive an old car so his wife would not have to work outside the home? Would He unplug His TV set if necessary? To be Christians, we can do no less. Let us conquer overcommitment!

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THE METHOD OF ELIJAH'S EARTHLY DEPARTURE

II Kings 2:11

Two men in the history of humanity left the earth in extraordinary ways. (Jesus did too, of course, but we are discussing here only humans.) The Bible says that "...Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." (Gen. 5:24) The Hebrew writer says, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him..." (Heb. 11:5) The Bible teaches that Enoch did not die as most humans face death. (Heb. 9:27) Enoch definitely experienced an abnormal earthly departure.

The other human that experienced an abnormal departure was the prophet Elijah. Sensing Elijah's departure was near, Elisha refused to allow himself to become separated from Elijah. Elisha had been God's choice to succeed Elijah as prophet in Israel. (I Kgs. 19:16) God had given Elijah instructions to anoint Elisha as God's prophet and call him into God's service. Elijah fulfilled the mission God had given him in regard to Elisha and Elisha followed Elijah and ministered to him. (I Kgs. 19:19-21) In II Kings 2, Elijah tried three times to escape Elisha's presence unsuccessfully. In verse 11 of II Kings 2, a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared which separated Elisha from Elijah. At that time, Elijah departed from earth toward heaven in a whirlwind. The Lord had pre-arranged that Elijah's earthly departure would be by a whirlwind. (II Kgs. 2:1) This event was Elijah's final earthly departure because the Bible says that Elisha witnessed his departure and that "...he saw him no more..." (II Kgs. 2:12)

It is my intention to always teach Biblical truth. In order to make things right in regard to any misinformation I have taught, the above observations are provided. God's people should always speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent. (I Pet. 4:11)

Ray Kennedy
April 26, 2010

HEADS BOWED THE LOWEST

A farmer and his son went to the field to check the progress of the wheat crop. The boy looked across the waving grain stalks. He noticed that in the field many stalks were bending over while others were standing tall. "Dad," he said, "those stalks that are standing up must be the best of the bunch. They are holding their heads up proudly. They must be the best and are showing how proud they are by their upright position.."

The father then took his boy out into the field to teach him a lesson. In the field he reached out and took hold of one of the heads of wheat that was standing up straight.

As his son inspected the head he saw that it had only a few small, insignificant, shriveled grains. Others of those heads had nothing at all. Those stalks that were bowed low had full, fine heads. Those with the fullest heads were bowed the lowest.

Life is the same way. Those who are the most humble are most of the time the ones with the most to give. It is humility that makes great people really great. The fullest heads should be bowed the lowest.

The Bible says that Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the death of the cross. His was the supreme example of humility at work.

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YOUTH NEWS

- All youth that participated in "Secret Buddies" need to meet in room 12, Sunday afternoon, May 2nd at 5PM. You will be revealing who has been you 'Secret Buddy' for the past few months.
- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be Sunday night, May 2nd, at the Nettleton church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:30
- Thanks so much to Bill and Karen Botts for hosting the Youth Devo this past Sunday night.
- Dan would like to meet with all youth and their parents Sunday morning, May 2nd, following services in room 12. This concerns delivering the non-perishable food items that have been collected for the Children's Home in Gallup, New Mexico.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Montgomery, has been in the Tupelo hospital with pneumonia. She was released and is now at home under hospice care. Please remember the Montgomery family during this difficult time.

Mable Erwin, got a good report from her cardiologist. She will be having more tests in the future.

Donna Weeden, had surgery for breast cancer on Monday. (friend of Sarah Walker)

J. D. Stroud, still having health problems.

Vernice Clemmer, (Andy's dad) has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be treated with medication.

Linda Griggs, will have a stress test on Wednesday.

Continual Prayer List

Wayne Jernigan, J.A. Thornton Rivers Robertson, Dee Cox, Tom Elliott, Janet Drummond, Betty Adams, Jeanne Perkins, Terry Young, Jean Drummond

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest,

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, Joyce McNutt, Corrine Hall, Willie Jackson, Dessie Lee Allred, Mattie Golden, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force-California, Tiffany Erwin- Army-Fort Campbell, KY; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of Ann Green who passed away this past week. Her funeral service was held Monday in Booneville. Her son-in-law, Duke Loden, is a former member of the New Albany congregation.

BIRTHDAYS

May 04.....Ruston Adams
May 06.....Lonnie Weaver
May 07.....Randy Wall
May 07.....Ashlee Weaver

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 02.....Will & Sallye Bowlin

NOTE FROM JANET

I went back to the doctor last Thursday. He told me I could start walking with crutches April 29th. I am anxious for that day to get here. I go back to the doctor on May 13th to discuss therapy. I am hoping to be with you again on May 2nd. Look forward to seeing everyone. Ya'll have been great to me and my family.
Janet Drummond

EVENTS IN MAY

- "SECRET BUDDY REVEALING" Sunday afternoon at 5pm in room 12.
- AREA WIDE YOUTH MEETING at Nettleton church of Christ, May 2nd.
- SPRING PICNIC/CAMPOUT, May 21st at the Wall's
- SPRING GOSPEL MEETING, May 30-June 2nd with Jesse Robertson

AREA EVENTS

- **Southaven church of Christ Ladies' Day** will be Saturday, May 1st. Registration will begin at 8:30. The guest speaker will be Peggy Leonard.
- **Nettleton church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting, May 2-5 with guest speaker, Mark Lindley. Time will be 7:00pm Mon.-Wed. They will also, be hosting the Area-Wide Youth Meeting Sunday night May 2nd at 6:30. Mark Lindley will be the speaker at 6:30.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	111
Sunday A.M	133
Sunday P.M.	103
Wednesday	93
Contribution.....	\$3,065.24
Budget	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	J. L. Eaton
A.M. Prayer	Andy Clemmer
Closing Prayer ...	Richard Adams
P.M. Prayer.....	Bill Botts
Closing.....	Shane Crotts
Wed. 5/5.....	Dan Cobb
Wed. 5/5.....	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock ...	Harold Russell
Greeters.....	G & K Clayton

PANTRY ITEM: Paper Products

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton	538-0791
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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MONTH: MAY 2010

SOUND ROOM LEAD SINGING	Chris Smithey	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Greg Clayton
		USHER	Shane Crotts
<i>SUN AM:</i>	Richard Jennings	PREPARE COMMUNION	Kathy Jennings
<i>SUN PM:</i>	Dalton Beard		
<i>WED:</i>	Greg Harrison		

LORD'S SUPPER

<i>N Head:</i>	Dalton Beard	<i>S Head:</i>	Greg Harrison
<i>N Help I:</i>	Roger Clayton	<i>S Help I:</i>	Randy Wall
<i>N Help II:</i>	Phil Young	<i>S Help II:</i>	Burrell Walton

SUNDAY PRAYERS A.M.

	Opening	Closing
<i>1ST</i>	Andy Clemmer	Richard Adams
<i>2ND</i>	Daniel Drummond	Olen Clark
<i>3RD</i>	Jerry Gibson	Ronnie Griggs
<i>4TH</i>	Brad Pounders	Bobby Marques
<i>5TH</i>	Harold Russell	Paul Ormon

SUNDAY PRAYERS PM

	Opening	Closing	USHER & LOCK
<i>1ST</i>	Bill Botts	Shane Crotts	Harold Russell
<i>2ND</i>	Jason Jennings	Harold Crowe	Randy Wall
<i>3RD</i>	Ray Kennedy	Bobby White	Bill Botts
<i>4TH</i>	Philip Young	Randy Wall	Greg Clayton
<i>5TH</i>	Lonnie Weaver	Greg Clayton	Roger Clayton

WED

	Opening	Closing	GREETERS
<i>1ST</i>	Dan Cobb	Bill DePriest	G & K Clayton
<i>2ND</i>	Richard Jennings	Matt Jennings	H & D Crowe
<i>3RD</i>	Bill Lyon	Carl Smith	B & A Pounders
<i>4TH</i>	Troy Robertson	Bill Botts	L & N Weaver
<i>5TH</i>			R & K Jennings

SCRIPTURE READING

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