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LOVE LOSES TRACK OF TIME

Mike King



My brother and friend, *Jimmy Clark*, wrote an article titled, “Love Loses Track of the Time.” He addresses some timely and provocative issues in it, a portion of which I would like to share with you.

“*And Jacob served seven years for Rachael; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her*” (Gen. 29:20). Matters claiming our affection know no time limit or degree of involvement. We cannot get enough “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*” (Mt. 6:21). Solomon’s concluding thoughts on life-purpose were, “*Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man*” (Ecc. 12:13). There are spiritual areas where time does not matter:

1. Time with the Word of God. David said, “*O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day*” (Ps. 119:97). He had inclined his heart toward it and it rejoiced his heart and toward performing God’s statutes always (Ps. 110:111-112). He would have never stated that he did not have time to spend with God’s Word. We must, like him, give heed to necessities of life and not just personal wants and indulgences.

2. Time in Worship. When clock-watching becomes the primary concern in worship, what is the problem? Worship should be a delight, never a burden. David was eager to “ *dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of [his] life...and behold the beauty of the Lord... and inquire in his temple*” Ps. 27:4). He also wrote, “*I was glad when they said unto me; Let us go into the house of the Lord*” (Ps. 122:1). In the days of Malachi, worship became a weariness, they “*snuffed at it,*” profaned it, and offered inadequate sacrifices (Mal. 1:12-13). A love for God will take care of our love for worship and shape one’s personal devotion.

3. Time in the work of the kingdom. God’s people should delight in being a part of the greatest work in the world. Paul was complimented to be a worker, “*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry*” (1 Tim. 1:12). There is not a greater work in the world than saving the souls of men. We are to “*be rich in good works...laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life*” (1 Tim. 6:17-19). When we love people like the Lord loved people, the focus of our passion will likely be redirected!



PRAYER LIST

Sue Marques, is having uncontrolled asthma and has developed a respiratory infection. She was to see her doctor Mon.

Mable Erwin, is improving following eye surgery this past week. She was to return to her doctor on Mon.

Roger Clayton is still in pain following back surgery last week. He was to return to his doctor Mon.

Continual Prayer

Gina Stewart, Avery Anna White, Ruby Gaines, Larry Hester, Eleta Grimmitt, Tony Cross, James McDonald, Johnny Garrett, Charles Hodges, Chris Isbell, Eli Williams, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

- There will be a fellowship supper Sun. night, April 15, following services at the fellowship building. You are asked to bring finger foods. The adult 1 class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up.
- Visitation team 1 will meet at the home of *Bill and Karen Botts* Sun. night, April 22nd, following evening services.
- Sunday, April 29th, we will have an All Day Service with a meal following morning services. Our evening service will be at 1:15, led by our young men. The adult 1 class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up of the fellowship building.
- A Men's Breakfast is planned for Sat. May 5th at 7:00am.



AREA EVNETS

- **Skyline Church of Christ** invites you to a series of meetings April 15th-18th, entitled, "Ingredients of a Godly Home." *Jerry Martin* will be bringing the lessons. Please check the bulletin board for a list of topics.
- **N. Gatlin Street Church of Christian** in Okolona, invites you to a Gospel Meeting April 15th-19th. The guest speaker will be *Wendell Fikes*. Evening services will be at 7:30.
- **Ladies Day** will be held Sat. April 21st at the **East Main Church of Christ**. Registration begins at 9:00am. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm. The guest speaker will be *Patsy Loden*.
- You are invited to the **Annual Ladies Day** April 21st at the **Hwy 178 Church of Christ** in New Albany. The guest speaker will be *Marilyn Graham*. Lunch will be provided immediately following the program.
- The annual **Six State Singing** will be held Sat. April 21st, from 3:00-6:00pm at the Church of Christ at Southwind in Memphis, TN.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



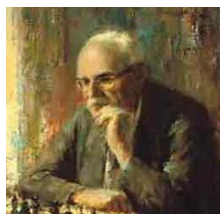
April 13..... Brad Pounders
 April 19.....Harold Crowe
 April 19..... Thomas Wall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 17..... Alvin & Kaye Parks
 April 20..... Bill & Nancy Frohn

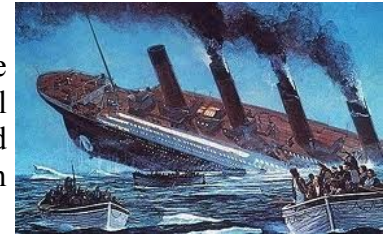
"I BELIEVE"

...that the best things in life are not things.



Changing Your Perspective

Norman Mortin



One of the most tragic accidents that has ever happened came about in the Mid-Atlantic on April 14, 1912. The Titanic, one of the largest vessels of all time, hit an iceberg and sank within a few hours. Many stories of heroism and courage have been written about this incident. Many women chose to go down with their husbands. The band played, "Nearer My God to Thee."

One woman, who was allowed space on one of the rescue boats, asked permission to return to her stateroom. She was given three minutes. In that stateroom money and jewels were scattered all over the floor, but she took no heed of them. Rather she snatched three oranges and hurried back to the rescue boat.

It seems almost incredible that the woman preferred oranges to diamonds. But, you see, death had boarded the Titanic and with one blast of his awful breath, transformed all values-precious things became worthless and worthless things became precious.

Death has a funny way of changing things. All of the things we work for and worry about seem reasonable until they are viewed in light of our own death. The pursuit of pleasurable things seem most reasonable until one thinks about death. Striving for fame would also seem reasonable until one ponders the grave. Death just has a way of changing one's perspective.

The thing that happened on the Titanic actually happens everyday but remember: Values transformed at death are values transformed too late. Will you transform your values now?

"Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." 1 Timothy 6:6-8

YOUTH NEWS

- We are so proud of our young people who participated at the Lads to Leaders Convention in Memphis, this past weekend. They worked hard preparing for their competitions and all did a great job! We also want to say "Thank You" to *Lynn Harrison, Mike King, Sarah Walker, Lonnie Weaver* and *our parents* for all the help they gave our youth in preparation for this event. Listed below are our youths' accomplishments:

Bulletin Board Category: *Bailey Adams* ~ 1st place; *David Clayton* ~2nd place; *Olivia Pounders* ~ 2nd place

Painting Category: *Bailey Adams* ~ 2nd place; *Madison Griggs* ~ 3rd place

Photography Category: *Ashlee Weaver* ~ 2nd place; **Poster Category:** *Ashlee Weaver* ~ 2nd place

Songs of Praise (Girls): *Bailey Adams* ~ 9th grade, 1st place; *Madison Griggs* ~ 7th grade, 1st place; *Jodi Parks* ~ 3rd grade, 1st place; *Olivia Pounders* ~ 4th grade finalist

Song Leading (Boys): *David Clayton* ~3rd (winner's circle); *Dillon Clayton* ~ 7th grade, 1st place; *Tyler Weaver* ~ 7th grade, 3rd place

Girls Speech: *Madison Griggs* ~ 7th grade, 3rd place; *Olivia Pounders* ~ 4th grade, finalist; *Audrey Anna Young* ~ (winner's circle) 1st place

Boys Speech: *David Clayton* ~ 4th grade, 1st place; *Dillon Clayton* ~ 7th grade, 2nd place; *Ruston Adams* ~ 6th grade, finalist

Also Participating: *Masey Kate Adams* ~ Art (K-2); *Anderson Parks* ~ 8th grade speech; *Cooper Pounders* ~ Bible reading and song leading (K-2)

- The Area Wide Youth Meeting for this month will be held Sunday, April 15th at the Gloster Street Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:45pm. The extra car driver, if needed, will be *Richard Adams*.
- Youth Devo Sunday night April 22nd, at the fellowship building. *Lonnie* and *Nicki Weaver* will be hosting.
- Our young men will be leading the afternoon service April 29th at 1:15.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	94
Sunday A M	122
Sunday P.M.	104
Wednesday	115
Contribution	\$3,837.86
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Will Bowlin
A.M. Prayer..	Richard Jennings
Closing Prayer...	Phillip Young
P.M. Prayer.....	Randy Wall
Closing.....	Bobby White
Wed 4/18.....	Roger Clayton
Wed. 4/18.....	Carl Smith
Usher & Lock..	Andy Clemmer
Greeter.....	B & N Frohn



PANTRY ITEM

Biscuit Mix

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.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
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Blind or Forgetful?

Old man Woodruff loved golf, but his age was making it increasingly difficult for him to play. He complained to the clubhouse man about his eyesight. "I can't play with my glasses on because they keep falling off," he said. "And I'm too nearsighted to play without them."



"Why don't you play with Hughes?" the clubhouse man suggested.

"Him?" Woodruff scoffed. "He's ninety-eight if he's a day, and he can't get around without a wheelchair!"

"True," said the clubhouse man, "but he's farsighted." So the next day, Woodruff and Hughes played together.

Woodruff took a tremendous swing and hit the ball well. "Boy, that felt good!" he exclaimed. "Did you see it?" he asked Hughes.

"Yes," the very old man replied.

"Where did it go?"

"I can't remember," Hughes sighed.

Which do you suppose is worse - - those in the world who are blind to the fact that God has provided them with so many good things, or those of us who "see" that, but forget to express our appreciation to God?

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good thing"(Psalm 103:1-5a).

As we are surrounded by so many reminders of God's goodness to us, may we not only have our eyes to recognize all of His blessings, but also remember to express our appreciation.

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