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Good Men Doing Nothing

Tim Dooley

There is an old saying by Edmund Burke that asserts, “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” This is most certainly true, not only for good men, but for the lives of Christians as well. Our journey does not have to be a purposeful retreat to fall behind. It has been said that if we just stand still the world and denominationalism will pass us by. Many of us have seen this happen in our lifetimes regarding the church, the truth, doing of good, and the souls of men.

What have we seen Christians not do?

Pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
Study (2 Timothy 2:15).
Worship (Hebrews 10:25).
Edify (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
Support (Acts 20:35).
Love (Matthew 5:43-48).
Teach (2 Timothy 2:2).
Work (John 4:35).
Give (2 Corinthians 9:7).
Show courage (1 Corinthians 16:13).
Fight (1 Timothy 6:12)



Certainly, you could add many more things to this list, but you get the idea. Christianity is supposed to be an active lifestyle, a work, and a passion. If good men do nothing, if *Christians* do nothing, evil will triumph.

Some may think that if they do nothing then they will have nothing to answer for. However, doing nothing does not remove culpability. Pilate tried to wash his hands and do nothing, but he could have stood for what was right and released Jesus (Matthew 27:24). What does this mean for you and me? Well, we don't have to do any of the things we have mentioned. We can stand by and let evil prevail. But if we do, don't be surprised when you suffer evil, lose your home in Heaven, and find yourself in eternal damnation with those you allowed to win here on earth.

Won't you take a stand for what is right? Will you not this day be determined to do right? Obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3). Confess your faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32-33). Be buried with Him in baptism and have your sins washed away (Acts 22:16). Don't be just a good man, doing nothing. Be faithful!

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021

Announcements: Richard Adams
Sound Room: Terry Stubblefield
Usher: Dean Dillard

Lead Singing Sun. AM ~ Richard Jennings
 PM ~ Phillip Young
Wed. Night: 7th ~ Hunter J.; 14th ~ Thomas W.,
 21st ~ Clay J.; 28th ~ Mike B.

Sunday Prayers:

April 04:
 A.M. Joe Owen
 Tim Dye
 P.M. Roger Clayton
 Dan Cobb

April 11:
 A.M. Shane Crotts
 Clay Jennings
 P.M. Larry Cobb
 Caleb Jennings

April 18:
 A.M. Mark Jennings
 Perry Jones
 P.M. Kevin Simmons
 Hunter Jennings

April 25:
 A.M. Randy Wall
 Paul Ormon
 P.M. Greg Clayton
 Harold Russell

Lord's Supper

April 4th ~ Dane Coggin; April 11th ~ Troy Robertson; April 18th ~ Steve Todd
 April 25th ~ Phil Young

Scripture Reading:

April 04 — Jackson Coggin
 April 11 — Martin Crotts
 April 18 — Steve Hill
 April 25 — Mason Simmons

Wednesday Prayers:

April 07 — Jason Jennings; Owen Clayton
 April 14 — Mark Jennings; Ronnie Griggs
 April 21 — Thomas Wall; Matt Jennings
 April 28 — Roger Clayton; Alvin Parks

Lock:

April 04 — Randy Wall
 April 11 — Kurt Clayton
 April 18 — Roger Clayton
 April 25 — Shane Crotts

Security:

April 04 — Greg Clayton
 April 11 — Jason Jennings
 April 18 — Mark Jennings
 April 25 — Matt Jennings

Usher:

Apr. 04 — Randy Wall
 Apr. 11 — Kurt Clayton
 Apr. 18 — Roger Clayton
 Apr. 25 — Shane Crotts

Host Youth Devo: Greg & Kim Clayton

* If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let
Randy Wall know before service time!

PICK UP THE LETTUCE

One evening a husband stood at the kitchen counter preparing the salad for supper. All the vegetables laid out, he began slicing and dicing the delectable pieces of his culinary masterpiece. Doesn't he sound so sweet for helping out around the house?

However, along the way a stray piece of lettuce fell to the floor. Not a major ordeal, right? Yet, instead of taking two seconds to reach down and pick it up, the husband swept it under the edge of the cabinet and said to himself, "My wife will get that later." So, how sweet does he sound now?

What troubles me about this story is the underlying attitude the husband has towards his wife. It demonstrates a feeling of superiority compared to her, even though it is something as insignificant as picking up a piece of lettuce. To put it another way, he believes himself to be too important to do such a menial task.

When illustrating such a point, we tend to think of extreme cases which no one can argue with. What if the husband had refused to fold laundry by saying, "That's women's work?" Or maybe a boss refuses to clean the floors because "I'm the CEO?" We'd understand those better. Yet, you might roll your eyes at the lettuce, thinking this too small an example, but I don't think so. It demonstrates how the big things start, in small, nearly imperceptible moments. Pile up enough of those small moments and you develop a pattern that leads to bigger expressions of superiority, which become those extremes we often think of.

One of the primary characteristics of Christians is our willingness to serve in ways no one else will. Jesus showed us this in John 13 by washing the disciples' feet, the menial task they were all too good to do. In Matthew 18:4 he taught us, "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." To humble oneself is to consciously recognize I am no better than anyone else, therefore, I am not above doing any job...even the seemingly meaningless ones.

This week let us examine the attitudes we have toward one another. Let's work to rid ourselves of those small moments of arrogance which can pile up into larger expressions of arrogance. In other words, reach down and pick up the lettuce.

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12

~ Cory Waddell

YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; Wed. @ 6:30

PRAYER LIST



Gloria Jones is at home recovering from surgery.

Nancy Petrowski will begin dialysis this week.

Continue to Remember:

Betty Boren, Kathy Clayton, Shane Crofts, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Luke Jennings, Sue Marques, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Susie Robertson, Ansley Thompson, Lake Tremble, Charles Ulmer, Sarah Grace Wise

Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski, Joe Reed

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals



RETIREMENT

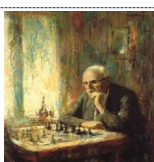
It has been an honor and privilege to serve as a Deacon for the last 28 1/2 years under the leadership of great Elders and working with fellow Deacons. I will continue to do anything to help in the Lord's work. However, it comes a time to retire and what better time than on my 78th birthday.

~Roger Clayton

Thank you for your service Roger. We love you!

I've Learned

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 04.....Dex Crofts
April 07.....Shaler Grigsby

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 02.....Paul & Maria Ormon
April 07.....Randy & Christy Wall



THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Church family,

Thank you all so much for your prayers & concerns during my illness. It's comforting to know your church family is praying for you when you need it most.

We love you all!

Randy & Christy Wall

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

After considering input from the congregation, the decision has been made to hold our Sunday PM service at 1:15 each week, beginning **May 2**. The format for this service has yet to be determined. On the first Sunday of each month, we will enjoy a fellowship meal together. The fellowship building will be open each week thereafter for those who wish to bring lunch and eat between services.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Lads to Leaders this weekend in Little Rock, AR
- Easter Egg Hunt April 7 at 5:15 p.m.. Eat before you come.
- VBS is scheduled for June 13th-16th.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215
 Shaler Grigsby...Youth/ Assoc.
256-263-9137
 Office.....662-534-4649

ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Tim Dye.....316-2527
 Richard Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson316-3163
 Phil Young.....316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195
 Jason Jennings.....801-3260
 Mark Jennings....731-609-3309
 Randy Wall316-9255

TO SERVE

Communion.....Dane Coggin
 Scripture.....Jackson Coggin
 A.M. Prayer.....Joe Owen
 Closing..... Tim Dye
 P.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton
 Closing..... Dan Cobb
 Greeters.....T & C Dooley
 Lock.....Randy Wall
 UsherRandy Wall
 SecurityGreg Clayton
 Wed. Open.7th J. Jennings
 Wed. Close 7th.....O. Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....108
 Sunday A.M.....132
 Sunday P.M.....86
 Wednesday.....110
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Under Construction

Road Construction — it is one of our favorite things, is it not? When visiting other cities, many times a local will say, “This stretch of highway has been under construction for as long as I can remember!” There is building construction (new apartments, houses and businesses). It seems wherever we go, there is a perpetual state of construction.



Guess what? As a Christian, we are under construction, and it should be a perpetual state of construction. There should never be a time in our Christian walk when there is not growth taking place with some kind of increase in faith and improvement in godliness.

We should be crying out to our Construction Foreman, “Increase our faith!” (Luke 17:5). We need to set our hearts to “make straight paths for our feet” (Hebrews 12:13). We need to devote ourselves to the word of God, “which is able to build us up” (Acts 20:32).

Therefore, have we got on our work boots? The blueprint for Christian living challenges us to greater heights!

~ David Sproule ~