

Neighborly News

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Hear God speak about faithfulness

The Faithful:

Are preserved by God.

Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. (Psalms 31:23)

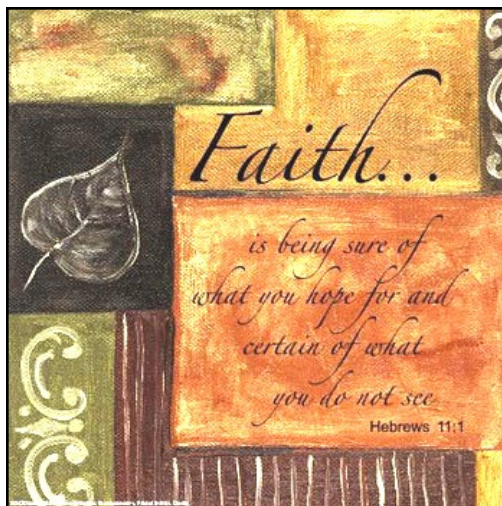
Are blessed. A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished. (Proverbs 28:20)

Will be saved. and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. (Matthew 10:22)

Are good stewards. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

Obey with single heart. Slaves, obey in everything

those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. (Colossians 3:22)



Are faithful unto death.

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

Must be faithful in little

things. "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have

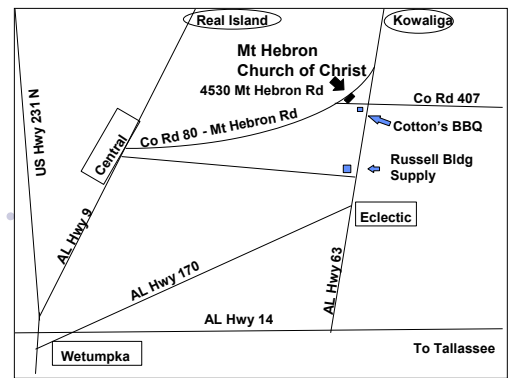
not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? (Luke 16:10-12)

Are wise. "Who then is the faithful and wise servant,

whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. (Matthew 24:45-47)

ARE YOU FAITHFUL TO GOD?

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Come and visit us

Sunday

Bible Classes 10:00 AM

Worship Services

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

A joyful heart is good medicine—Proverbs 17:22
A husband, trying to prove to his wife that women talk more than men, showed her a study which indicated that men use about 15,000 words a day, whereas women use 30,000 words a day. She thought about this, and then she told him that women use twice as many words as men because they have to repeat everything they say. Stunned at this, he said, "What?"



This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:50-51)

Back to basics

"I fear that some are drifting away from the old landmarks that so clearly characterized the restoration movement in its earlier days. Some of the old themes that used to be handled with telling effect by the pioneers are now seldom preached from some pulpits. It is, however, a noticeable fact that when first principles are shunned, evangelistic results are correspondingly meager. The men who are eminently successful in bringing souls to Christ are the men who preach a full gospel. Its facts, commands, and promises are all declared. Show me the man who eliminates first principles from his preaching, and I will show you one who has eliminated the baptistery from his church, so far as it is of any practical service -- nay, I will show you a man who is in doubt as to whether the disciples...have any distinctive message for the world." —N.B. Hardeman, preface to *Tabernacle Sermons*, Vol. 1, 1922

"for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God." (Acts 20:27)

"A child brought up in Sunday School is seldom brought up before a judge."



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The plain truth about money

ny children are often fascinated with money because it is shiny and small enough to go into their mouths. Then, kids reach the point when they understand that money has the power to buy things. That is a new reason for them to like money. Later, in their teenage years their thinking can be dominated by a desire to possess money in order to impress others or to buy things that dad and mom

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won't buy for them. As adults, well, a lot of adults are still fond of money. Money in and of itself possesses no moral qualities. Money is neither righteous nor unrighteous. Money is an inanimate object, a means or tool to help humans obtain something else. It is one's attitude toward money or riches that counts. In order to help us keep a handle on our attitude, we offer the following six truthful statements about money. May they serve as a reminder and warning to all of us.

(1) Money cannot buy love. Way

back in the 1960s the Beatles were singing, "I don't care too much for money, 'cause money can't buy me love." It was true then, and it is still true now. Money may impress folks and attract them to a money-possessing person, but money cannot buy genuine love.

(2) Money doesn't grow on trees. How many times did we hear our parents tell us that when we wanted something that we could not afford? Because it is true that money does not grow on trees and we cannot have it at the snap of our fingers, then we need to be good stewards with the funds that God has placed in our hands (1 Corinthians 4:2). Our Lord says, "Owe no man anything" (Romans 13:8). Christians ought not to use credit cards to the extent that they get themselves into debt that they cannot pay off.

(3) Money is not the root of all evil, but the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10). The love of money is covetousness, and covetousness is idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Such a love affair with material riches has ruined friendships, marriages, and even congregations.

(4) Money never has and never will

save a soul. Money can be used to help support the preaching of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 11:8, 9). It is also an instrument that assists us in edifying the faithful, but still, money cannot save souls.

(5) Money will not accompany us when we leave this world. Regardless of how much money one has, the money stays behind—you can't take it with you. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:7).

(6) Money is not success, and success is not possessing money. Oh, if we could only help folks, including ourselves at times, see this point! Some rich people will go to hell. Some poor folks will go to heaven. One's eternal destiny is not determined by financial status. You want success, you say? Then listen carefully to what the Lord once told Joshua: "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8).

THAT is true success. Let each of us resolve to accept the truth about money, and in the process beware of "the deceitfulness of riches" (Mark 4:19). —Roger D. Campbell

