

"herald the good news" Romans 10:15

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NOBLE CHARACTER

I've noticed in reading the scripture that the traits of a noble character have remained the same through the ages. This week as I have been reading the book of Daniel I noted that he had the true character of a man of God. There is no wonder that he had so much respect from some and yet such disdain in the eyes of those who were so envious of him. In Daniel 6: 3-4 we find the following character traits that were evidenced in all that Daniel did. (1) Good character. There are those who want to blame their environment for their choices in life. Daniel's character was not determined by the circumstances of his life but by his faith/trust in God. (2) He was a man blessed with great abilities. Here's the catch-some folks have great abilities but don't use them to honor God. Daniel used his great gifts to glorify God in the midst of a pagan/heathen society. (3) He was honest. Daniel was a man that could be trusted to tell the truth even when it was a harsh message. He was honest to his commitment to God (his prayer life was not hindered by the king's command). He had a trust to honor his heavenly Father regardless of what men decreed. (4) He did not cheat the king. It is likely that there were those serving under the king who took advantage of their position for their own financial gain. Daniel was given a very high position in the land but he did not abuse his power. He like Joseph was a man deserving of trust regardless of what might be presented to him. (5) He worked very hard. Daniel was not given his position because he was born with a "silver spoon" in his mouth. He rose to the top by being diligent in every job he was given.

No doubt we read of many great people in the Bible but Daniel has few peers among his ranks. These great qualities may not be honored by all but they are essential to a life that is pleasing to God and one that is successful and fulfilling on earth. Most of us like to be around people like Daniel. God's church on earth would be respected more, even by the world, if such a beautiful character were lived by all of us. Rather than make excuses as to why we can't be that kind of person why not read (2 Peter 1:5-11) and start adding these wonderful "Christian graces" to our lives. There is always room for growth. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Gary Puryear

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. I MUST BELIEVE

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

2. I MUST REPENT

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

3. I MUST CONFESS

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37)

4. I MUST BE BAPTIZED

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

5. I MUST LIVE RIGHT

"We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Bible Class at 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class at 7:00 pm

ELDERS

Fred Barnett, Mark DeLong,
Rodney Newton, Ray Poston, Stephen Stilwell

DEACONS

Micah Busbey, Karl Dawson, Bob McIndoo,
Jeff Morris, Juan Nunez,
Mark Springer, Leland Steely, Tim Tapp

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WHO MAY MARRY?

It's that time of year again when several people have either already planned or are contemplating taking the big step of marriage. Although we have had lessons and articles before on this topic it is certainly worth revisiting from time to time. All who are married or who anticipate marriage should prayerfully consider this information. (G.P.)

When God created man and placed man in the Garden of Eden, God realized that something was not good. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen.2:18). Therefore, God made the woman for the man. In doing this God instituted the marriage by saying (Matt. 19:4-6). God instructed Paul to write, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge" (Heb.13:4). Marriage is instituted by God, and very important in our lives, thus, we need to study who has the right to this state. From my study of the Bible I have found 3 classes of people who have the right to marry.

First, we need to notice that not all people have the right to be married and thus do not have the right to get married. The case of Herod and Herodias show this to be true. (Mark 6:17-18). Herod and Herodias had married, yet John the Baptist said that they did not have the right to be married to each other or to get married. Let us now consider who has the right to get married.

The first class of people who have the right to get married are those who have never been married. In noticing this point, we note that marriage is an option, we do not have to get married. In (I Cor.7), Paul deals with some questions regarding marriage. Paul deals with these in view of the present distress (Vs.26). Read (I Cor. 7:8-9) Note (Vs.28, 38). This tells us that those who have never been married have the right to marry.

The second class of people who have the right to marry are those who have lost their mate by death (Rom. 7:2-3). Thus, we find that if a couple is married and one of them dies, the one that lives has the right to remarry.

The third class of people that have the right of marriage are those who have put away a spouse, because the spouse committed fornication. (Matt. 5:32; 19:3-9). We see from these 2 passages that God does not want divorce, and that the only one that has a right to remarry after a divorce is the one who put away, divorced, their mate for the cause of fornication. Anyone else who divorces and remarries committeth (continuous action) adultery.

The 3 classes of people who have the right to marry, thus, are the ones who have never been married, the ones who have lost their mates, and the ones who have put away their spouses for fornication. These are the only ones who have a right to marry, anyone else who gets married sins in so doing and continues to sin until they get out of the sinful state. (Brief editing due to space— G.P.)

Michael Hatcher

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (6/17/09)

Opening Prayer:	Gary Puryear
Closing Prayer:	Everett Mays
Devotional:	Ray Poston
Song Leader:	Josh Fletcher

SUNDAY (6/21/09)

AT THE TABLE

Greg Shepherd	Mark DeLong
*Mike Coffman	*Bob Eckels
Micah Busbey	Leland Steely
Bill Bridwell	Johnny Hancock

*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

Announcements:	Mark Springer
Opening Prayer:	Mark Springer
Scripture Reading:	Bud Simons
Closing Prayer:	Juan Nunez
Ushers:	Jim Hayes Larry Bundy

DOOR GREETERS

Barney Shockley
Karen Shockley
Treva Sellars

PM Worship

Opening Prayer:	Rodney Newton
Scripture Reading:	John Heldreth
Closing Prayer:	David Leigh

FOR THE RECORD (6/7/09)

Sunday Morning Worship:	232
Sunday Morning Bible Study:	136
Sunday Evening Worship:	124
Wednesday Bible Study:	142
Contribution:	\$5455.12

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayer Request: Tommy Jenkins, Jerry Burrough, Carolyn Clevenger, Kathy Riggs, Debbie Newman, David Crockett (having another eye surgery in a couple of weeks), Patricia DeLong, Vera Sue Pleasant, John Jenkins, Carol Buford, Jim McIlwain, Gene Thomason, John Kavanaugh, Joann Hayes, Wayne Moore, Caroline McShane, Glenn Lewis' grandmother.

Response: Barbara Barr came forward this past week confessing sin in her life and a desire to be more faithful. What a blessing to have a loving Savior and family we can come to in our time of need.

Sympathy: We extend sympathy to Glinda West and family in the death of her brother-in-law Charles Smith. Funeral services were held yesterday.

Teacher's Appreciation Dinner: July 18

V.B.S. DATES: July 26-29-More details to follow soon.

HOMECOMING/GOSPEL MEETING: Sept. 27-30; Andrew Russell will be our speaker.

Annual Give-Away: August 8. There are a number of people already involved in this project. More will be needed.

CAN YOU HELP? The crafters at West Ky. Youth Camp need about 125 clear 2 liter bottles with the caps. Please bring to the building. If you have any questions talk to Janet Burke.