

## Plant the Right Seeds

(from Housetoohouse.com)

- *If we plant honesty, we will reap trust.*
- *If we plant goodness, we will reap friends.*
- *If we plant humility, we will reap greatness.*
- *If we plant perseverance, we will reap contentment.*
- *If we plant consideration, we will reap perspective.*
- *If we plant hard work, we will reap success.*
- *If we plant forgiveness, we will reap reconciliation.*
- *If we plant faith in Christ, we will reap a harvest.*

*“I have planted ... God gave the increase.”*

1 Corinthians 3:6

### July Birthdays

2 Rhea Hoffman

7 Kim Bruni

25 Chuck Limburg

### July Anniversaries

4 Clint & Kristy Oster

#### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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“Christian Miscellany...”

## Perseverance...Prayer

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Here's a story about what happened after a baptism at the end of a church service...The preacher writes...

“I bumped into a woman in the stairwell who was crying. I thought this was a little odd, since the service was so joyful. I asked her if she was all right. She said, 'No, I'm struggling.' She said, 'My mom was baptized today. I prayed for her every day for almost 20 years. The reason I'm crying is because I came this close to giving up on her'.

At the 5-year mark I said, 'Who needs this? God isn't listening.' At the 10-year mark I said, 'Why am I wasting my breath?' At the 15-year mark I said, 'This is absurd.' At the 19-year mark I said, 'I'm just a fool. But I just kept trying, kept praying. Even with weak faith I kept praying. Then she gave her life to Christ, and she was baptized today. I will never doubt the power of prayer again'.”

Sometimes when we pray and pray we feel like we are experiencing the law of diminished returns -- so we stop praying. We correspondingly diminish our desires and dreams. We stop believing that God cares and that he will act -- that he is indeed a God who wants us to ask. So, remember to trust God's love and concern for us, and His ability as well. Continue to be persistent in prayer, no matter how discouraging the circumstances seem.

When we're struggling to be consistent in our prayer time or daily devotion with God we need to make every effort to overcome the “obstacles”...set aside a “quiet time” for prayer and make the “quiet time” a habit. Use that quiet time to build a stronger, deeper relationship with God.

## **J. Edgar Hoover and the Church of Christ**

By Curtis Cates, Memphis, Tennessee

In a recent gospel meeting, this writer was privileged to meet a dentist and his wife who informed him of an inquiry they had made of the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation several decades ago. This couple was very active in a mainline denominational church when they began to notice the increasingly pronounced move toward socialism, especially in the directives and guidelines sent down from the church's headquarters.

Having become disenchanted by the modernistic, anti-American, pro-socialistic thrusts of their denomination and by the National Council of Churches, of which their church was a member and major supporter, they wrote Director J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I., Washington, D.C., asking, "Which church in America, if any, is likely to be the least infiltrated and permeated by such unpatriotic influences?"

Mr. Hoover promptly responded by letter, saying that since the churches of Christ are completely autonomous—possessing no organization larger than the local church, thus no hierarchy to send directives down to the local congregation...there would be little likelihood of more than one or a few congregations ever coming under such influence.

The dentist and his wife investigated the undenominational church of Christ, against which they had earlier been quite prejudiced. They came to appreciate the restoration principle (i.e., the return to the pure teaching of the New Testament and thereby restoring the primitive church, which Christ built nearly two thousand years ago) and obeyed the gospel plan of salvation, as set forth in the Acts of Apostles.

Director Hoover's insight into the organization of the church of Christ will always be appreciated by these fine Christians and by their children.

## **Try Harder**

By Steve Higginbotham, Knoxville, Tennessee

I am convinced that many of us may not resist the temptation to sin, as we should. It's not that we want to sin, for we do not. It is just that when temptation crosses our path, we do not fight it as though we were in a life or death struggle. We may resist, but the resistance is only a token.

Not long ago, a friend of mine gave a lecture in which he raised this question: What if every time we sinned, an ugly scar appeared upon our face? How much harder then would we resist sin? Good question. None of us would like to have our faces scarred. Scars to our faces would be embarrassing, affecting our relationships and our behavior. I am sure we would tenaciously fight the temptation of sin if succumbing meant a big ugly scar to our faces.

You see where I am going, right? Why would we fight harder to preserve our temporal flesh than we would to preserve our eternal soul? The fact that we cannot see the scars sin leaves upon us does not mean they are not there. Friends, resist the temptation to sin, using not just a token resistance before we succumb but a resistance that reflects a life and death struggle.

***“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”***

1 Peter 5:8–9

## **Quotations about Persistence**

***“Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.”*** - Winston S. Churchill -

***“You never know what's around the corner. It could be everything. Or it could be nothing. You keep putting one foot in front of the other, and then one day you look back and you've climbed a mountain.”*** - Tom Hiddleston -