

Business Meeting: Today, June 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Quotations about Endurance

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

- Calvin Coolidge -

"Anyone can dabble, but once you've made that commitment, your blood has that particular thing in it, and it's very hard for people to stop you." - Bill Cosby -

"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson -

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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"Commitment..."

The Year is Half Gone

By Charles Box

Time passes so quickly. The days of the year are flying by. James described the brevity of time: *"Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away"* (James 4:14). Job 7:6 says, *"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle"*. Another description of how quickly time passes is, *"Our days are a shadow"* (Job 8:9). Solomon spoke of the passing of times in these somber words, *"One generation passes away, and another generation comes"* (Ecclesiastes 1:4). Recognizing the brevity of time let us use wisely the last half of this year, if God gives that time.

In the last half of this year...

I will use time wisely. *"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil"* (Ephesians 5:16). Time should be redeemed as we sincerely repent of sins and busy ourselves with the work of the kingdom. Avoid wasting our time in satan's service. Eternal consequence will result from the use of time!

I will do good for others. Jesus did good and so must we. *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him"* (Acts 10:38). Jesus' business was simple. He *"went about doing good"*. His was the business of blessing others. Satan goes about seeking whom he may devour. Christians go about seeking opportunities to do good.

Jesus did good because He was good. Those who are good will do good (Acts 11:22-26).

I will be thankful and will not complain. *"Do all things without complaining and disputing"* (Philippians 2:14). Christians are not to complain, be discontented, or murmur. How can we shine as light if our spirit is that of a complainer? (Philippians 2:15). Our attitude reflects which master we serve.

I will go the second mile. *"And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two"* (Matthew 5:41). Christians must serve, bear, forebear, and accept injury without seeking vengeance. Make the best of whatever life brings and be a Christian in every circumstance. Always shine for Jesus.

To be saved a person must hear (Romans 10:17), believe (Mark 16:16), repent (Acts 2:38), confess (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (Acts 2:38). As a Christian let's set our goal to prepare for heaven now before it is too late.

Guidelines for the New Year (i.e. the Rest of the Year)

By Dean Fitch

In our relationship to...

GOD: Be prayerful. Remember dependence and helplessness in your relationship with God are prerequisites for spiritual health. How about a thorough spiritual check-up this year? (2 Corinthians 13:5).

OTHERS: Be helpful. Make a commitment to show love and encouragement to someone everyday (Romans 14:19-22). Challenge ourselves to be kind and helpful especially to those who least expect it (Ephesians 4:32).

OUR MIND: Read and think about something noble and creative every day (Philippians 4:8). Start the day with the Bible. Let the words of life fill our heart and mind before anything else gets to them!

OUR FEELINGS: Express them with love and honesty. Whether fear, guilt, grief, rage, shame, or anxiety, express our feelings to God, self, and a trusted friend (Proverbs 27:5; 1 Peter 3:7).

OUR ACTIONS: Be generous. Without thought of reward or praise be extravagant in our giving to others (2 Corinthians 9:7). Give freely of our love, time, money, spirit, creativity, encouragement, and praise. Don't be stingy with the most important and powerful gifts in our possession; let our actions reflect the startling love of God!

OUR SUCCESSES: Be thankful (Colossians 3:15). Most if not all of our successes are the result of God's grace not our cleverness or hard work. Count our blessings regularly.

OUR TROUBLES: Be trustful. For some mysterious reason, many times, God has chosen to make us mature through trials and hardships (Hebrews 12:6-10). Look for the hand of God in every circumstance and trust His guidance in the highs and lows of life.

OUR HEART: Be careful (Proverbs 23:7). Focus our love on the Father and Savior who reside within us. Be careful what we allow to creep in to this sacred space which belongs to God.

OUR WORSHIP: Be still (Psalm 46:10). Expressing our love and adoration to God isn't reserved for Sundays only. Don't get too busy throughout the week to make continual offerings of praise to God. Jesus is Lord of every day!

OUR SIN: Be repentant. Don't let any sin harden our heart or break the connection between us and God. Confess our sins to the Father every day (1 John 1:6-10). Claim His promises that forgive us and make us pure and clean by the Blood of Jesus!

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."

Philippians 4:8