

Upcoming Events...
Galatians Class: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Ladies Bible Class: Today at 4:00 p.m.
Business Meeting: June 10
Father's Day: June 17
Barnabas Group Meeting: June 26

Self-Examination

“For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.”
2 Corinthians 10:12

June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador 12 Celina Perales

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 9 Sue Tanner
11 Marcos & Celina Perales

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Do What You Can

By Edd Sterchi

One of my favorite accounts in the gospels is in Mark 14 when Jesus is at Simon the leper's house (v.3-9). While there, Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, took a flask of very costly oil and anointed Jesus' head with it (see also John 12:1-7). Some there, apparently led by Judas, were very upset at the waste of the oil. But Jesus defended her noble actions, saying that she had done a good work for Him in that she was anointing His body for burial. He also said that wherever the gospel is preached, what she had done will be told as a memorial to her; obviously it has been time and time again over the ages.

But the words that stick most in my mind concerning the actions of Mary are when our Savior said, *“She has done what she could”* (Mark 14:8). In those six short words, volumes are said about the attitude of Mary in serving and honoring the Christ. In fact, it is interesting to note that what she didn't do says just as much as what she did do. Notice, for example:

She didn't wait to be asked to do something. What a great example to us! She found a way to do what she could. Too many brethren don't do anything for the Lord because they are never asked. Follow Mary's example; find something to do and do it.

She didn't make excuses about her limitations. I'm sure there were a lot of things she did not have (ability, time, resources, etc.) to properly do for Jesus. But she didn't dwell on that; she sought out something that she could do. We can do a lot with even a little. Sadly, there are Christians today who make excuses for not doing for the Lord.

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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She didn't worry about criticism. And she was criticized, but she did it anyway. Which is more important, the praise of the Lord or the approval of men? We spend too much time worrying about what others will think or say. To gain the approval of the Lord, do what we can and don't worry about man.

She didn't fret over the cost. It was very costly, but that was unimportant as far as she was concerned – Jesus was worth it. There are a lot of things that some people consider too valuable to give up for the Lord. But for the true follower, nothing is too big of a sacrifice for the One who was sacrificed for them.

Look at it this way: Can we do it? Then do what we can.

***"And whatever you do, do it heartily,
as to the Lord and not to men"***

Colossians 3:23

Comparing

By Ron Adams

If we compare ourselves with someone who is smarter, more talented, or more physically attractive, we look inferior. If we compare ourselves with someone who is less intelligent, less talented and less attractive, we feel superior.

If we compare ourselves with ourselves, we feel good. Yet we are the same person in all of the comparisons.

If we want to have a true measure of ourselves, measure ourselves by the true standard: the Word of God.

"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by any human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord."

1 Corinthians 4:1-4

Turn It Around

By David Pharr

"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!" This challenge, made famous during the Kennedy presidency, suggests a like principle which should guide every Christian's attitude toward the church. We should be less concerned about what is being done for US and more attentive to what we are doing for others.

Ask not, therefore...

- whether this is a good congregation to be a member of, but ask whether I am a good member of the congregation.
- how much I am loved, but how much love have I shown.
- how many get well cards I received, but how many I have sent to others.
- who visited me, but who have I visited.
- how much I get out of classes, but how much I contribute to make the classes interesting and edifying.
- whether I was remembered in prayer, but whether I faithfully prayed for others.
- who did or did not speak to me, but how many others I greeted.
- whether my good work is recognized, but whether I have given honor to whom honor is due.
- how many of my prayer requests God has granted, but how grateful have I been for His innumerable blessings.
- to what extent my deeds have profited me now, but how my life will be remembered when I am gone.

"Look not every man on his own thing, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister"

Philippians 2:4-5; Matthew 20:28