

ATTENTION

Business Meeting: next Sunday, January 12, 2:30 pm

It's time to bid 2024 goodbye and ring in the start of 2025! Here's a reminder to possibly motivate us as we begin the new year!

Thought for the Day

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him."

Psalms 28:7

January Birthdays

None

January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

Regular Meeting Times

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

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

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*"Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding."*

Proverb 3:5

- *"Fight the good fight"*
- *"Keep the faith"*
- *"Finish the course"*

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NOTE:

This is the first issue of the 36th year of this weekly bulletin started by Bill Brown, Sr...little different layout but still the "Indio Informer" The article for today, by John Buttrey contains excellent reminders for us all as we begin a new year! **Enjoy!**

DAILY

By John M. Buttrey II

Someone once said, "The thing about life is that it is so daily." How true! Life is a daily adventure! It has rightly been called the *daily grind*. The experiences of the day might be exciting and joyful, while other days bring challenges and disappointments. Since there is no way to stop or even slow the day from arriving, we must be prepared for whatever experiences, good or bad, it will bring. Jesus said it well: *"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* (Matthew 6:34).

In other words, don't miss or waste the blessings of each day by stressing so much on the next day or even yesterday. Enjoying or enduring what the day may bring can be difficult, if not impossible, if one is constantly living in the future or in the past.

When it comes to the daily grind of life, it is important to remember that the Christian life is to be a daily experience. It is not something that only occurs on Sunday. Unfortunately, I am not sure some of us really understand this. So much of our focus is on the weekly assembly. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of our day-to-day life, the idea of a daily walk of faithful obedience may slip our notice. Jesus said, *“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny Himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”* (cf. Luke 9:23). Taking up our cross daily means daily sacrifices, daily obedience, daily prayer, and daily attention to the Word of God.

Jesus taught us to pray with a positive, daily perspective focused on God. Remember? *“Give us this day our daily bread”* (Matthew 6:11). Daily, we should rise from our beds with the attitude of the psalmist who wrote: *“This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”* (Psalms 118:24 Emp. Mine).

God has blessed us with the day, so make the most of whatever it brings! Seek the blessings that God has prepared for us to enjoy this day. With this kind of daily approach to life, we can say with David, *“Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.”* (Psalms 145:2 Emp. Mine). In another Psalm, David writes: *“Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who is our salvation.”* (Psalms 68:19 Emp. Mine).

How comforting to know that God is with us on a daily basis! Even in those times when we mess up and have a bad day, Jeremiah tells us: *“The Lord’s loving kindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. **They are new every morning;** Great is Your faithfulness.”* (Lamentations 3:22-23 Emp. Mine).

There are plenty of examples in the Bible of God’s children serving Him, and no another, on a daily basis. In book of Nehemiah, we read of what Ezra did daily. *He read from the book of the law of God daily.* (Nehemiah 8:18a Emp. Mine). The apostle Paul wrote regarding some of his daily concerns: *“Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.”* (2 Corinthians 11:28 Emphasis Mine)

In the Gospels we find descriptions of the daily activities of Jesus: *“And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him.”* (Luke 19:47 Emp. Mine). *“While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours.”* (Luke 22:53 Emp. Mine).

When Jesus was in Jerusalem, He was teaching daily in the temple. When He was not in Jerusalem, He was daily teaching His disciples. Prayer was also part of His daily activities (cf. Mark 1:35; 6:45-46; Luke 6:12). Each day brought opportunities, and Jesus seized the moments. In the book of Acts, we can read of the daily activities of the early church: *“Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.”* (Acts 2:46-47 Emp. Mine). *“Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.”* (Acts 6:1 Emp. Mine).

“Now these were more noble- minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.” (Acts 17:11 Emp. Mine). The early church was busy on a daily basis in the Lord's work. What a wonderful and challenging example for us! As the Lord's church today, we must not allow the daily chores and activities of life to take us away from the daily responsibilities and opportunities we have as Christians.

So, what are our plans for today?

Speaker for Today
Thank you, Alexis Brown