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Goals For 2021
Theme
 A Church with a Mind to Work
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Sermon and Bible Class videos now on our website

We are now in week #2 of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Barry Martin
 Ruth Butt: Vivian's mother
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas
 Ron Shively: bro.'s recent death

Mindful Prep: Dan 1:8, Ezra 7:10
 2 Cor. 8:5 . This month should be spent getting the "Mind To Work"

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Heb. 9:11-15

Scripture Reading
 AM: Philippians 4:7-9
 PM: Rom. 15:3-5

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 14
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 0

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Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

- How is Your Insulation?**
- I. How does insulation work?
 - II. How can GOD's word insulate you?
 A. Philippians 4:7-9
 - III. We have to insulate our children from the world:
 A. Psalm 127:3-5
 B. Ephesians 6:4
 - IV. We have to insulate our homes from the TV and Internet:
 A. 1 Corinthians 15:33
 - V. We have to insulate our marriages: Hebrews 13:4, Matthew 16:25-27
 - VI. How do we insulate ourselves?
 A. The Armor of GOD Ephesians 5:10-17
 B. GOD has provided the Insulation
 C. Take advantage of it and use it.

—Gerald Barr

Have you read your owners' manual?

I. What does an owner's manual prepare you for?

- A. How to use the device
- B. The purpose of the device
- C. Maintenance of the device
- D. Parts List
- E. Add On Features
- F. FAQ
- G. Trouble Shooting

II. The Bible prepares us for the journey of life!

- A. How important is the Bible to the World?
- B. Unfortunately, very few people read it, making very few people prepared. Matthew 7:13

III. What questions of life can the Bible prepare me for?

- A. Your Beginning Genesis 1:1
- B. Man's History and Relationship with GOD - Genesis and Exodus Romans 15:3-5
- C. What's important to GOD
- D. Marriage and Divorce: Matthew 19:3-6, Malachi 2:16
- E. Fear : Proverbs 28:1-3, 2 Cor 11, Acts 8:1-3, Revelation 21:5

IV. There is only one thing you should fear! Proverbs 1:7

V. What else could the owner's (Bible) manual prepare me for?

- A. How to treat people - Deut 11, Matthew 7:12
- B. The cost of salvation - Hebrews 10
- C. Jesus Memorial - 1 Cor 11
- D. How to be saved - Acts 2
- E. etc

VI. Why would life questions be any different?

- A. We have to get away from the "I thinks"
- B. The decisions we make about our spiritual life must be "I know"
- C. Because the Bible says so!

VII. Read your owner's manual : 2 Timothy 2:14-16, Acts 17:10-12

VIII. You don't want to find yourself here

- A. Not knowing Jesus - John 10
- B. Having a broken home
- C. Bad Marriage
- D. Unruly Children
- E. In Jail
- F. Not prepared for Judgment - Matthew 25:31-46

IX. GOD's word is all you need to be prepared!

X. Are you foolish and despise Wisdom?

- Gerald Barr

Staying Prepared in our Golden Years

So much of our time is focused on the youth of our society. We want to make sure they get the best of everything in life. Within our churches and congregations we seem to follow this same trend with our youth. We provide grade level classes, youth bible studies, and some parents even help to organize special events and camps. This is all done to teach our youth about GOD and to provide them with a Christian environment to be in, so hopefully they will become convicted and develop a strong foundation for the future. The assumption made is that youth is the most critical time in a person's life as it pertains to spirituality. Even though this may be, most biblical examples of righteous men and women who lost their faith is not in their teen or youth years, but rather as an adult, even as older adults.

Solomon, for example, as a young man had just become king and seemed to be following in his father, David's, footsteps. He loved God and kept His commandments.

1 Kings 3:3-5, 3 Now Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place; Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what you wish Me to give you."

When GOD asked Solomon what he wanted to be granted to him, his heart seemed to be in the right place. Solomon only asked for wisdom because he felt he was a youth with no experience (1 Kings 3:6-9). This was so impressive to GOD that He not only gave Solomon wisdom but also gave him riches and honor. Solomon, seemingly, "had it all." At this point, Solomon focused his time on building the temple for GOD to dwell and for the Jews to worship. He put all of the resources of Israel and surrounding nations to work building one of the most elaborate temples of its time. Solomon not only had it all but Israel was on top of the world as one of the greatest nations.

Solomon, though being wise, forgot one of the most crucial commands given by GOD to the Israelites: Do not associate nor intermarry with the other nations. (Joshua 23:6-13) The very first wife Solomon took was the King of Egypt, Pharaoh's, daughter. Solomon did not stop there. As he continued to grow older, he had over seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. Years of influence by these foreign women, ultimately, turned Solomon away from God when he was old. 1 Kings 11:1-11, 1: Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, 2 from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. 4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.9 Now the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, 10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the Lord had commanded. 11 So the Lord said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

Solomon fell away and served other gods, not in his youth, but in his "golden years." It is extremely important for us to learn from this lesson and not to think, "This can't happen to me." This happened to the wisest, smartest man to ever live; the man who "had it all." No matter what age or place we are in life (teen years, adult years, or "golden years") Satan wants us and does not discriminate according to our age.

1 Peter 5:8-9, 8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

Let's be all the more vigilant to not only lay a solid foundation in our youth but also to shore up that foundation into adulthood and our "golden years" so that we may be able to "Stand Firm!" not only in our youth, but for a lifetime (Ephesians 6:10-17).

-Gerald Barr