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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:20 a.m.
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class (Sept. - May) 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

Though we meet some "bumps in the road" at times, our work continues to go forward. We do not take pride in the "bumps" and sometimes they are very disturbing. We realize that as long as we continue on earth we will not be perfect (no congregation is). And, if we do find a "perfect congregation," it will not be perfect when we imperfect people arrive. The Lord and all of the apostles met difficulties in their work, but they did not faint, and we must not either (II Cor. 4:16-18). With the Lord's help we can continue to carry out the work we are charged to accomplish. It is needful that every member take charge of their personal responsibility.

Lessons have been presented recently from the Lord's longest recorded sermon, found in Matthew 5-7. We promised a very brief outline of this sermon, and we trust you will keep it in your Bible. Hopefully, this will be of help to us all:

Matthew 5:1-12 — Be Happy.

13-16 — Be Influential.

17-48 — Be Righteous.

Matthew 6:1-18 — Be Sincere.

19-34 — Be Loyal.

Matthew 7:1-6 — Be Fair.

7-12 -- Be Diligent.

13-21 — Be Obedient.

What a wonderful sermon from "The Master Teacher!"

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

That Our Words Are Important?

The words that we speak are conveyors of our thoughts. The wise man Solomon wrote, "For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). Jesus said of those with filthy hearts, "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34). Though many today regularly use God's name in vain, the Old and New Testaments condemn those who do so! The Old Testament is not now our law, but is retained for our learning (Rom. 15:4). God says in the Old Testament, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain" (Ex. 20:7). In the New Testament Jesus says, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37). Many today speak to their own shame and condemnation! Can anyone think of one good reason for using slang, irreverent and vulgar language? It certainly will not:

1. Please God.
2. Please our Mother.

3. Show a fine mark of manliness or of being a lady.
4. Show that we have self-control over our tongue.
5. Show how clearly our mind operates.
6. Cause our speech to be pleasing to others.
7. Cause others to reflect on our good up-bringing.
8. Cause others to be impressed with our education.
9. Point out our culture and refinement as a person.
10. Make us desirable among godly women and children.
11. Commend us to respectable society.
12. Make others know of our reverence toward God.

Hopefully, these will strike a responsive chord in the hearts of the sensible. It is never a compliment to one to use foul language! Christians are taught to put off "filthy communication out of your mouth" (Col. 3:8). We should pray with the Psalmist, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psa. 10:14).

RON'S REMINDERS



One of my favorite publications that I receive regularly is *Think Magazine*, published by Focus Press. Among the features found in each issue is an article entitled "Great Chapters of the Bible, which examines selected chapters of God's Word. We have reprinted the article from the April issue, which looks at Matthew 26-27. —Ron Wallace

Matthew 26-27

No series on the great chapters of the Bible would be complete without a look at one of the crucifixion accounts. It was the greatest event in the history of the world, the center of mankind's entire history. While each of the accounts gives its own unique perspective, this article will take a look at Matthew's description.

They say character isn't developed in the toughest situations, but rather it is revealed by those tough situations. There is so much to be learned about the character possessed by Jesus Christ when we read about how He reacted in the most brutally unfair death the world has ever seen. In those moments, we saw the heart of our God who came to die for us.

We see Jesus' humanity. The early church was plagued with a heretical teaching that Jesus didn't really come in the flesh and that He didn't feel the pain of the scourging or the cross. While the Bible repeatedly makes it clear that He really did take on human flesh, that was never more clear than in these chapters. From the garden to the cross, His grief, His stress, His pain, and His utter loneliness as His closest friends continually fell asleep and when He expressed His feeling of abandonment towards God in 27:46 all show just how human He was. Though He was absolutely "God with us," that does not mean He didn't feel every bit of the pain any other human would feel. Just read through these chapters and see how deeply He felt pain of every kind, all with the reminder that He didn't have to.

We see Jesus' dedication. The opportunities were certainly there for Jesus to escape. As He prayed, His words show how strongly He wanted to avoid the pain of the cross. He asked that God let that cup pass from Him, but He submitted His request to God's will. And, knowing that there

was only one way to accomplish God's will, He remained dedicated to the purpose for which He was sent. He didn't let His human desires intervene. When one of His followers (identified as Peter in John's account) cut off a man's ear when the people came to arrest Jesus, our Lord resisted the pull to take up arms. Of course, He would have won any fight He chose to engage in, with the help of legions of angels (26:53). But He was dedicated. He didn't even put up a fight at the highly illegal trial He was put through, fulfilling Isaiah 53's prophecy that He would go like a lamb to the slaughter. All because He was dedicated to you and me.

We see Jesus' love. Yes, it's the most obvious takeaway from the accounts of Jesus' death. But may we never let this simple truth lose its power. We sing about it every week, and we remember it at the Lord's table, but so often the true depth of Jesus' love shown at the cross can fade out of our day to day consciousness when it should govern every single thing we do. Every interaction with others, every choice we make about how to spend our days, and every thought that crosses our mind should be transformed by our growing appreciation for the love that was shown for us. Read through these chapters again and see just how much He went through any time that message loses its pain in your mind. While we (mankind) sent Him to that cross, He simply endured it. While He was betrayed by one of His closest friends, denied by another, and abandoned by most of the rest, He endured it. While He was sent to die over a notorious criminal, He endured it. All because He loved us.

—Jack Wilkie