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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.

WEDNESDAY

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

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Gospel Meeting

June 7 - 10, 2020

7:00 PM Nightly

Ray Peters

Sunday B.S.: Probing Providence

Sunday A.M. Worship: Problem of Suffering and Pain

Sunday P.M. Worship: Trusting in the Lord

Monday: What a friend we have in Jesus

Tuesday: Perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord

Wednesday: Caring for the church.

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Pondering the Path of the Wicked

In Proverbs 4:14-15, we read this, "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." There are certainly those in the world who we could classify as "wicked." These are those who would be interested in the works of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:19-23). The ways of the wicked will ultimately be brought to nothing (Psa. 37:1-2). Since these paths are unfruitful, they should be avoided. Why is it important? How can I avoid the paths of the wicked?

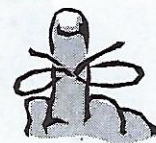
"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:13). The men who choose to be wicked will only become increasingly more wicked as time goes by. Look how quickly the number of murdered babies has multiplied. In 1970, three years before Roe V. Wade, 193,491 abortions were performed in the United States. Fast forward to 1990, seventeen years after that awful decision, almost 1.5 million abortions took place. Yes, evil men wax worse and worse. This is just one of the many avenues that illustrate that one should not enter into the paths of the wicked. The path of the wicked leads to eternal destruction (Mat. 7:21-23, Rev. 20:12-15).

How can I avoid the paths of the wicked? Referring back to 2nd Timothy, let's just follow what Timothy was told.

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:14-17).

Rather than wandering the ways of the wicked, we should stay planted solidly on God's Word. Notice the attributes of God's Word: given by inspiration of God, profitable for doctrine (teaching), profitable for reproof (what's wrong), profitable for correction (how to fix it), profitable for instruction in righteousness, furnishing man for all good works. The path of the wicked cannot claim this. These descriptions only fit God's Word. Rather than walking in the paths of the wicked, let us delight in God's Word (Psa. 1:1-2).

RON'S REMINDERS



Got Sanitizer?!

It is shocking and inconceivable to grasp the number of blatant, unsavory money--siphoning plots and schemes that have been spawned and subsequently unleashed upon the American populace during national emergencies and/or natural disasters. It pierces the heart to know that a specific group of people live for these moments-to profit from the pain/suffering of others. This was recently reinforced to me when I read about two quasi-entrepreneurs (their names are irrelevant) who deliberately purchased **thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer** in Tennessee and neighboring states and took their enterprise online to resell these items for outlandish prices, \$7 to \$80 per bottle-hoping to gain a substantial return on their investment. And the sad part in all of this is they cooked up this scheme while our Country is in the throes of an unstable, unnerving, unpredictable pandemic! And guess what most folks can't put their hands on (no pun intended) to address the ever-present hand-washing requirement? You guessed it--**hand sanitizer!** Oh I know that shelves are being replenished and restocked but 17,700 bottles of hand sanitizer are "missing in action!" When officials at Amazon found out about this behavior, they suspended the online privileges of the budding entrepreneurs and **now they are stuck with 17,700 bottles of hand sanitizer and no way to sell them!**

This scheme is one for the ages! But you have to wonder what made them do it? Was it greed? Was it a "get-rich-quick-scheme" that back-fired? Was it a "fly-by-the-pants" operation with high risk, high-reward ramifications? Perhaps it was a 100%, fool-proof, 'rags-to riches' story, destined for the big screen! Well, the only ones who can truthfully, respond to the reason and rationale are the two who orchestrated the plot! Who knows, they may be exonerated after public blistering, shaming, and condemnation or they may have to sit with state authorities and explain their actions. Whatever the outcome, I am sure they have learned their lesson! But the real question is what can be gleaned and applied from this cautionary tale? Here are three observations that quickly come to mind:

*If a strategy/plot/scheme seems just too good to be true ... **it probably is!**

*Measure twice--and saw once!

*There is no such thing as "Get rich quick" scheme!

And, an even deeper, sobering concern that emerges for us is: **Are we Helpers or Hoarders?** Can you imagine what could have happened with this failed venture if more thought and reflection had gone into helping others rather than themselves?

*What if they had **donated** two bottles to homeless shelters and nursing homes for every bottle they sold at a reasonable price?

*What if they had used technology and a sense of humor to make the *Guinness Book of World Records* for "sanitizing the most hands on the planet?"

*What if they had focused on helping others and not hoarding for personal gain?

It is so easy to cast aspersion on their behavior and, fail to see the shortcomings in our own lives. As we examine our hearts in the light of God's Word, can we honestly say that we are helping others see and respond to the Gospel of Christ rather than hoarding/keeping the precious message to ourselves? Are we lovingly and intentionally open and honest about the tremendous blessings we have in Christ--or, have we amassed **17,700 blessings**--and locked them away for ourselves and no one else? Yes, this is why we need to examine ourselves and make absolutely certain that we have not fallen into the trap of self-centered hoarding.

The upshot to this ordeal is that these brothers have "seen the light" and are looking for ways to donate their cache of hand sanitizer. I have no doubt that they will be successful in this new endeavor! Our world is in desperate need of the sanitizing, cleansing Blood of Christ. The parting question: **Do you have sanitizer to help or to hoard?** I pray it is the former, not the latter!

Bon appetit!

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