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Worship.....5:00 p.m.

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

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ON THE HOME FRONT

October 17th is just around the corner. I hope that all of you are just as excited as I am. The Spiritual Sword Lectureship is always a highlight of the year, and this iteration will be no exception. We have a good mix of familiar faces, as well as some newcomers to the lectureship program. Every single one of these lessons will be outstanding, so please do everything you can to invite your friends and neighbors to this great event. While we wish that everyone would be able to be here during the day, we understand that some have work obligations. However, please do everything you can to be here at least in the evenings to hear some outstanding sermons delivered by outstanding Gospel preachers.

While we are on the topic of the lectureship, if you can volunteer to assist us during the week, your help will be greatly appreciated. We will need help cleaning beforehand, arranging tables, assisting in the kitchen, and so many other areas. Please, if you are able, give us a hand during that week. If you would like more information about what all needs to be done, please talk to Ron, and he can help fill you in.

I wholeheartedly believe that this lectureship can be the best one yet. We know that God will bless us, and there is some work that needs to be done. This is always the most exciting time of the year, and I hope that everyone is willing to help and make this program the best that it can be.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

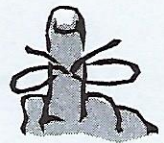
Football or the Father?

If you asked some people what their favorite season is, some might say summer or winter, but others would say “football season.” Yes, especially in the South, the changing of the leaves signifies a time to enjoy football, unless you are a fan of the Tennessee Volunteers. Men, women, and children all over the country will spend countless hours each week on the couch or in stadiums watching their favorite high school, college, and pro teams on the field, but how much time will be devoted to the Lord each week?

Please do not misunderstand, I am not against football. I love to watch football. On most Saturdays, I will be parked on the couch watching my Kentucky Wildcats. The issue arises when I value things of this world over the things of God’s kingdom (Mat. 6:33, 1 John 2:15-17, Col. 3:1-5). People do not find it difficult to watch a three-hour long football game but cannot find 30 minutes or an hour each day for Bible study (2 Tim. 2:15). People will pay \$150 for tickets, \$20 for parking, \$25 for food and drink in the stadium, but asking for an increase in giving to help orphans and widows is too much to ask (2 Cor. 9:7-8, James 1:27).

We must have our priorities in the right order. Some would even skip services to watch their favorite team play! There is nothing wrong with football, but we cannot let it take our eyes off Heaven (Heb. 12:2).

RON'S REMINDERS



Goals That Glorify God

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One of the central tasks of active Christian living is setting the right goals. To make sure we have set the right goals, we must keep a distinctively Christian frame of reference.

The goals we set should be informed by the reality of the law of God as revealed in Scripture and embodied in Christ. Following the will of God, we will be able to glorify God in the goals we set. All should be done for God's glory.

WE SHOULD SET GOALS TO SHARE OUR FAITH

Spreading the good news of Jesus Christ is one goal we can set to glorify God. What is the most significant work God has ever done? His work in Jesus Christ. If we want to have goals that glorify God, we should have goals of sharing that good news.

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:15, "As grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God" (ESV).

The more people who are led to make the good confession, the more God is glorified. As they become His sons and daughters in the waters of baptism, God is given glory. If we want goals that will glorify God, we should aspire to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

WE SHOULD SET GOALS TO SERVE OTHERS

Evangelization is a central work of the church, but the church is also involved in Christian service. We are to be good people and productive in every good work. And in doing this in the name of Jesus Christ, God receives the glory. As Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Our good works are to glorify God.

WE SHOULD SET GOALS TO WORSHIP EFFECTIVELY

To ascribe glory to God is central to worship. Psalm 29:2 says, "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness." This is an aspirational commandment. How much glory do you think God's name deserves? How much is He due? He is due more glory than we could ever, ever ascribe. All of eternity is not long enough for us to recount all the glory of the name of God, but it is our aspiration, and our worship should give Him glory.

We should have goals to keep our worship a priority, not an afterthought, not merely something on the schedule we have to do, but rather something we embrace to give glory to God. Worship is something that glorifies God. We should set goals to enhance our worship.

KEEPING THE FAITH

In all our goals, we need the focus that comes through faith. The promises of God are deep and rich, and they are empowering. And when our goals are in alignment with the promises God has made, we know that He will bless us and that He will be glorified.