

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30
Morning Assembly 10:30
Evening Assembly 5:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Class 6:30

RADIO PROGRAM

The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
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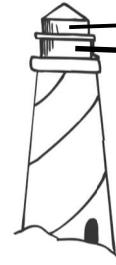
Brushing up on your
Bible helps prevent
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FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.
Sick: Gary Fletcher, Tony Tolbert, Rai Starr, Diane Willis, Js Swim, Tricia Deen
Shut-ins: Betty Jo Young, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, Mary Lou Lewis
Military: Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins, Sean Potter

NEW ADDRESS UPDATE – Sean Potter (Air Force) can be reached at:
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SINGING NIGHT TONIGHT – Tonight is our monthly singing night.
Song leaders: come prepared to lead. Others: come prepared to sing!

I have often heard (and preached) that it is usually not a lack of knowledge that gets in the way of doing right as much as it is a lack of the will. Adam and Eve **knew** what God expected – they just didn't have the will to do it.

Well, recently I ran across a similar truism: *'People do not lack the strength as much as they lack the will'*. And in light of God's promise that we will not be tempted beyond our ability to bear (1 Co 10:13), I believe the adage is accurate. A&E had the **strength** to resist; they simply chose not to.

By contrast, the will of Jesus was to do the will of His Father (Jn 5:30) – and the will of Jesus was perfect in this regard. He never waived from His will to please Him. This, as much as His innate knowledge or strength, accounts for His success.

And our will must be focused on the same thing – to please our Father (Jn 7:17). It is our **will**, as much as our knowledge or spiritual strength, that will account for our success – or failure – in overcoming the temptations of life. So, do you have the **will** to do His will? - *WKing*

PSALM 51 –

David did not try to minimize the seriousness of his sin. Sin weighed on him heavily. He knew his need for cleansing and restoration with God. He asked God not to cast him away. He realized that visible grand gestures, like sacrifices, are empty without sincerity of heart. The real sacrifice to God is contrition and a broken heart. Prior to that, actions amount to hypocrisy.

When we want restoration without sacrifice (at no cost), we do not understand the seriousness of sin and what it does. If our major concern is avoiding the fall out – the uncomfortable conflict – that comes from admitting sin, we really are hedging. We want the comfort of confession without the cost. That doesn't really work. Sure, none of us desires conflict and problems, and we can certainly hope those around us will show grace like the Lord Himself shows. But when I come confessing sin, I am in no place to demand specific reactions from others. My primary goal needs to be fixing my own heart and behavior, and restoring the brokenness I have caused in relationships with others and God. No doubt this requires trust in God and His plan for man's sinfulness. This requires loving the glory that comes from God more than the glory that comes from man (John 12:43). David understood that what God wants is a living sacrifice – man giving his life to God, no matter the cost.

"But we never can prove
the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for those who will trust and obey."

- Brent Moody

Another Perspective

High Maintenance

A term that is used to describe some people is 'high maintenance.' It refers to the amount of attention they demand. It can even describe those who are Christians. The term is usually not a compliment.

However, 'high maintenance' is not always a negative thing. For example, babes in Christ can be high maintenance Christians. As a human child is dependent upon others for its sustenance and care, the babe in Christ must depend upon others for protection and guidance. This is normal and understandable (1 Pe 2:2).

Another example is a Christian who is suffering hardship. We are to comfort and protect these, especially while they remain in such a vulnerable position (1 Co 12:24-26). When we help the weak or fainthearted, we express our love to them and fulfill the law of love (1 Th 5:14).

However, some Christians are high maintenance not because of circumstance, but because of sloth or worldliness. Their lack of spiritual development is of their own making, and is not only unfortunate, but also unacceptable to God (He 5:12, Ga 1:6-7, Mt 26:36-46).

The 'high maintenance' Christian can often impact the welfare and growth of a congregation, as more serious needs are left unmet. Rather than being a 'high maintenance' Christian, we should all strive to be among the strong, zealous, and fruit bearing.

- Stan Cox (edited for space)