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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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God’s Law of Order

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Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

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Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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God’s law of order is set forth in 1 Corinthians 11:1-3. It reads: “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered then to you. But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man: and the head of Christ is God.” His ordinance is simple, direct, and very effective. God’s law of order is God, Christ, Man, Woman.

The failure of our culture to take note of that law and make it work has resulted in chaos and confusion about marriage and how it works.

First of all, God is over all. It is by His rule and authority that everything exists. It all starts and ends with Him. He “giveth to all life, and breath, and all things,” and “in Him we live, and move, and have our very being” (Acts 17:25, 28). It is right and proper that God should be first and over all. In Him is not only our life, but the authority by which it is controlled. After all, our Creator ought to know best how He wanted what He created to be and how He wanted it to act.

If marriage doesn’t start with God and His laws, it is likely destined for failure.

Christ is the head of man. Jesus is the Son of God (Matt. 16:17). He is the force by which God, the Father, created all things. “The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made” (John 1:2-3). Furthermore, He is before all things, and by Him all things consist” (Col. 1:17). Common sense demands that whatever He says should be of not only interest to us, but of vital concern. He is not only the force of creation; He came and lived as a man, thus becoming our great example for how man should live. He “was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15) and He “suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps, Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth” (1 Peter 2:21-22). “He the great example is, and pattern for me.”

Marriage is so close to the heart of God that we are told that “husbands should love their wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for it” (Ephesians 5:25) Marriage and the church are the two institutions of our God.

Man is next in line. He is said to be “the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church” (Eph. 5:23). Man is the spiritual head of the wife. While the fact doesn’t set well with today’s society, that in no way alters the reality and necessity of it. As the spiritual head of the family, the man has certain sober responsibilities, one of which is to bring up his children “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). Man’s abdication of his role as the spiritual head has been the cause of many marital difficulties, one of which is that the woman, in many instances, is left with duties and responsibilities to which she was not originally suited.

The failure of men to accept the obligation in God’s law of order had done much damage to marriage in the age.

The woman is to be the “help meet” for the man. She never functions at a better level of love and efficiency than when she was designed – helping man to become all that he can be. “Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.” It has always been God’s design: “For in this manner in the old time, the holy woman also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands” (1 Peter 3:5). The failure of wives to respect this fact and “to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands,” has brought disaster to many homes in our age. Being a “keeper at home” doesn’t argue that a woman can’t work outside the home (see Proverbs 31:10f), but if she cannot do so and still be a keeper at home, she would do well to quit her job rather than quitting God’s order. Untold amount of damage has been done to homes because of a neglect to follow God’s law of order.

And please let it be carefully observed that it no more demeans the value and praiseworthiness of the woman when she is to be in subjection to the husband than it does for Christ who deliberately placed Himself in subjection to God, the Father, in God’s law of order.

The home cannot and will not be all that it should be without proper respect for God’s law of order.

~via *Westview Bulletin*, Hamilton, Ohio.

Can A Rich Man Be Saved?

Benjamin Shropshire

When a young ruler chose to continue trusting in his riches rather than to have everlasting life, Jesus, noticing the sorrow of the young man as he walked away, observed: “How hard is it for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God” (Luke 18:18-25).

You’ve heard these verses explained by reference to a small gate in the wall of Jerusalem that was called “The Needle’s Eye”, through which a camel could pass only with great difficulty. So it would be as hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven as it would be for a camel to go through the small gate. There is no reason to believe that such a small gate was called “The Needle’s Eye” in Jesus’ day. In fact the gate probably received its name in later days from these words of Jesus. Also, the explanation misses the point of what Jesus was saying.

Jesus was referring not to a small gate in Jerusalem’s wall, but to the eye of literal sewing needle, and he meant for his hearers to understand that it would be as hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven as it would be for a camel to go through the eye of a sewing needle. That is, it would be impossible!

Jesus should not be understood to be saying, however, that it is impossible for all rich men (and women) to enter the kingdom of heaven; only those, like the young ruler, who trust in their riches. Mark records Jesus as having said: “Children, how hard is it for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of heaven” (Mark 10:24). The man who trusts in his riches can’t bring himself to trust in Jesus Christ for eternal life, and so he can’t be saved.

A rich man, however, who does not trust in his riches (1 Timothy 6:17) can be saved with no more difficulty than anyone else. He must, of course, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (which involves trusting in Him), and be obedient to the gospel just like everyone else (John 20:30, 31; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Also, like everyone else, the rich man must be rich in good works, willing to share, and thereby lay up for himself

treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21).

I have known several very wealthy Christians, of whose salvation I would be just as confident as I am of others with no wealth at all. Whether a person is saved or lost depends not so much on how much money he has as it does on his attitude toward what he has, whether little or much! Some poor folks won't be able to get through the eye of the needle either.

-via *Words of Life*; Decatur, Alabama.



Making Others Wealthy

Robert F. Turner

As a small boy, knowing nothing of context, I read 1 Corinthians 10:24 and was puzzled. "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." Further reading convinced me that Paul was saying, "Be concerned for the good of others." And now, after years of reading, this unselfish attitude is recognized as a principle of Christianity, and universally needed.

In chapter eight the man who knew all about liberty in Christ was told, "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth." "Take heed lest...this liberty... becomes a stumbling block to them that are weak." ("Make my brother to offend" – v.13 – does not refer to hurting his feelings, but cause him to act contrary to conscience and therefore to sin against God.)

In chapter nine Paul applies "seeking the good of others" to preaching. He defends the "rights" of an apostle to material support, but says God's "right" over him is greater. "A dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me" (vs.15-18), so that I must preach, whether supported or not. His dedication was to God and to others.

"For though I be free from all men yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more" (vv.19-23). So, he adapted himself (within bounds of his obligation to God) "that I might by all means save

some." He likened this rigorous self-denial to athletic training for a race (vv.24-27), and warned that those who are faithful to the end will win (10:1-14). We must not eat and drink of God's blessings, and then "rise up to play" – content with self-interest.

Paul points out that a thing right within itself (eating meat) may have a sinful connotation or significance. Bread and fruit of the vine may become means of fellowship with Christ. Partaking of the Jewish altar signified fellowship therewith; and to the pagan, the same was true with reference to meat offered to his gods. So, when significance is attached (v.28) it is better to forego your "right" to eat, than to cause another to sin.

How different the world – even the "church" – would be if we were "—not seeking mine own profit but the profit of many, that they may be saved,"

-via *Light*; Birmingham, Alabama

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Benton Ball	Mot Beasley
Fay Ferguson	Marty Will Johnston
Betty Hastings	Gwen Bullock
Wynell Casteel	Abby Gilbert
Michael Vaughn	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Will Carl Sullivan
Charles White	Matt Poff
Jerry Taylor	Robin Legg
Ava Brooke Cambell	Charles Burns
Barbara Piper	

In The Hospital:

Elizabeth Kate Miller, St. Jude's Hospital; – Memphis

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Beulah Pope, rm. 100	Matty Murray, rm. 60
Harvey Pope, rm. 18	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B
Albert Norton, rm. 36	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Rosella Pugh, rm. 74	

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 11

Limestone Manor:

Jack Cannon, rm. 82

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home

Lola Colwell, at home

Mary Ruth Gardner, at home

David Rice, Mobile, Alabama

Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Beulah church* near Goodsprings will begin its meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Jason Shackelford* will be the speaker.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the book of "Proverbs". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Minnie Carter* in the passing of her sister and brother-in-law, Charles and Trudy Mae Carter. They passed away on Thursday morning after long illnesses. The visitation will be tonight at Limestone Chapel from 6:00 to 9:00. The funeral will be on Monday at 2:00p.m.

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember *Mitzi Carruth's* son-in-law, *Joel Smith*, who is in Afghanistan serving the U. S. military. Keep him in your prayers.

WORK GROUPS: **Work Group Two** will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group two, remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance for Week of July 21st

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	125
	Morning Worship	180
	Evening Worship.....	108
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	100

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, July 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Todd Williams
Prayer	Steve Bradley
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Keith Hinkle
Assisting	Marion Mitchell
Serving	Bart Brown..... Brandon Griswold
.....	Landon Adams..... Will Chumbley
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	Todd Williams
Prayer	Marty Adams
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer	Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, July 28th:

Usher	Paul Hasting
Work Sound System	Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, July 31st:

Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Bible Reading.....	Mark 3:22-35
.....	Russ Wulfekuhl
Prayer	Dan Reed
Invitation	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Terry Andrews

Sunday, August 4th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Kenneth Smith
Song Leader	Stefan Fudge
Prayer	Keith Hinkle
Preaching	Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Tommy Coblentz
Assisting	Dan Lovell
Serving	Paul Hasting..... Steve Bradley
.....	Delmer Carter..... Keenon Currier
Closing Prayer	Terry Andrews

Evening Worship

Announcements	Kenneth Smith
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching	Kasey Harbin
Lord's Supper	Tommy Coblentz
Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, August 4th:

Usher	Norman Brown
Work Sound System	Marty Adams