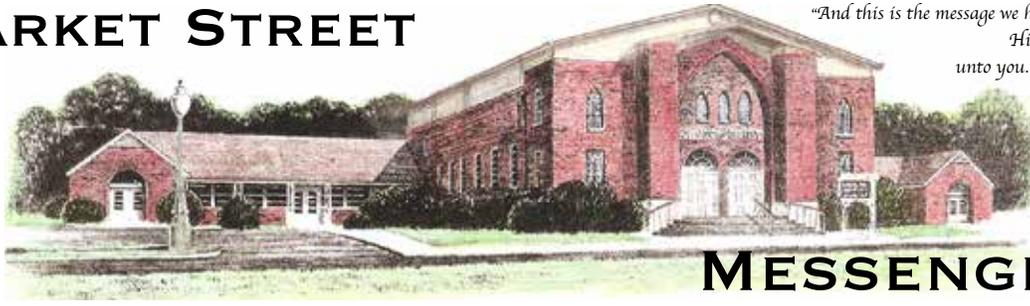


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"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)

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Sunday

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

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Three Ways You Can Get Rid of Negative Attitudes

Matthew H. Allen

What is the driving force that will determine whether or not you fail or succeed spiritually?

It's your attitude. *How do you approach your life?*

Do you mostly see difficulty in every opportunity? Or, do you see an opportunity in every difficulty?

Your attitude determines the approach you take in your spiritual life. Some people never reach their full potential because of a poor outlook on life. There are several factors that create this. Regarding this, what does God's word teach? What are three steps you can take to rid yourself of negative attitudes?

1. **Remember you are responsible for your view of life.** God has filled your spiritual life with infinite potential. If you battle your past, remember Paul. He overcame his past and chose to do life from an optimistic viewpoint. He made it his life's passion to lay hold of Jesus, Philippians 3:8-13. So must you. If your outlook on the present is not where it should be, remember it is possible to craft your attitude to fit every situation you face. Thomas Edison wrote, *there is much more opportunity than there are people to see it.*
2. **Remove yourself from negative people.** People with bad attitudes tend to gather together. It is, in these corners of negativity, where improper thinking is reinforced. Other people do influence your thoughts. Who are you around more? Those who encourage you and are committed to moving forward in faith? Or, those who relish negativity and are paralyzed by weak faith?
3. **Be patient with yourself.** The bad habits you resist did not form overnight. You will not handle everything perfectly. You will experience setbacks along the way. What is the overall trend of your life? Is it moving toward God? *And we all, ...are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit, 2 Corinthians 3:18.* Remember,

your faith is a journey - not a destination.

God has designed your spiritual life to be liberating. You have been freed from the weight of sin so you can lead a focused and purpose-filled life. An optimistic spirit is the natural result of a healthy relationship with Jesus. How strong is your relationship with Him?

~via *The Pathway Home*; Centerville, Ohio.

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Looking Like Him

Richie Jenkins

The purpose of revelation is not simply information but transformation. The gospel affects the heart of man. It touches him at his very core. It changes who he is. In repentance the old man is crucified. That man is buried in baptism and a new man with a new relationship to God is born. Don't stop there. That is the beginning. When that new man grows up, the aim is to look like Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). So what does that man look like?

First, transformation changes the character of the new man. God is love, so man seeks to become like God. Love does not describe what a man does but who the new man is. God is pure so man seeks to become pure as He is pure. God is righteous so man does not simply do right but he seeks to be righteous. God is who we seek to become. That is why a passage like 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 is so important. The passage describes the character of God. We want to be like Him.

Second, transformation changes how the new man behaves. There is a change in the way he treats people, even his enemies. Whereas before we might have exchanged evil for evil, now it is pray for, do good and speak well of even our enemies (Matthew 5:44-45). The new man no longer lies, now changed when he speaks, he tells the truth. When he works he labors to have to give to those who have need. He controls his anger. He is tenderhearted and forgiving (Ephesians 4: 25-32).

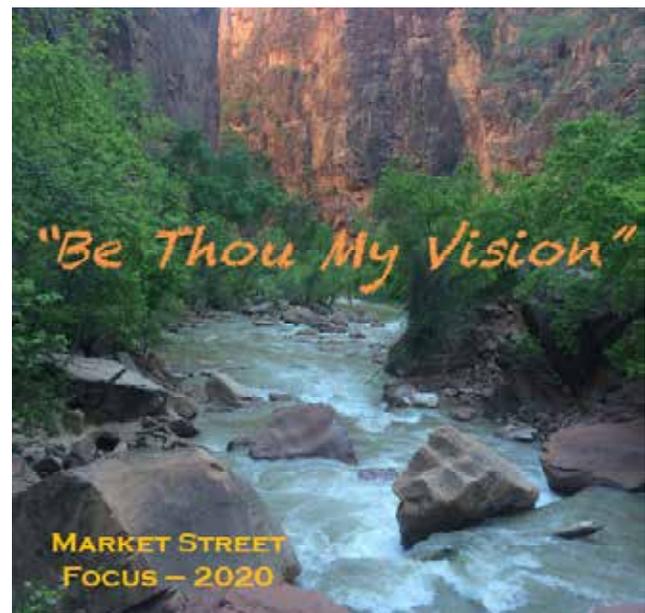
What is the net result? If the gospel changes the heart of man so that he looks like God and acts like God how that would help us in local churches? Aren't most

problems because of carnality? Don't most problems come because the old man raises his head again? Aren't those problems at their heart problems of character? Why would people who are trying to become like God mess with sin or even things questionable? Where is the debate on those things? Things like drinking, dancing, gambling? How do those things make me like God? When I love like He loves where is envy, hatred and strife? Transformation is not simple but it simply solves the sins of carnality that destroy us. He loves what is right and hates what is wrong (1 Corinthians 13:6).

What would be the net result in our homes? If husbands are being transformed to love their wives as Christ loved the church where is the problem of submission? If husbands sacrifice themselves for the good of their wives where is the problem with respectful obedience? If husbands are growing to look like God where is the failure to provide for his family? If wives are being transformed to look like Him where is the nagging? Where is the complaining? Where is the self-centeredness? If parents are being transformed to be like God where is the provoking the child to wrath? For children, how could there be failure to honor mother and father? Where is there room for a grudge for either a parent or a child?

Maybe this is an oversimplification but haven't we given Satan enough time and place in our hearts and lives? Can't we see the dead end of following him? A suggestion; give God and His way a fervent try. Then there will be joy and peace that passes understanding. That will produce peaceable fruits of righteousness.

~via *Focus Magazine*; June 3, 2020.



Eager To Be Saved

David Holder

There is a tendency on the part of us all to be absorbed in things that pertain to this life. These things we can see, touch, and feel, and thus they tend to preoccupy us. Sometimes these things preoccupy us to the exclusion of spiritual things and concern for our souls. So, Jesus instructed, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasure upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19-20). We need to spend our lives on earth absorbed in serving God and preparing for the life that has no end. Take note of the following Scripture references that set forth this truth:

- Matthew 24:42 – "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming."
- Philippians 3:13-14 – "I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet, but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
- 2 Timothy 4:8 – "...in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."
- Hebrews 9:28 – "so Christ also... shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him."

We need to recognize that we are "strangers and exiles on earth" and "desire a better country, that is a heavenly one" (Hebrews 11:13-16). This would cause us to have our hearts set upon and to be absorbed in the right things. The above passages teach us to be watchful, to press forward, to love the appearing of Jesus, and to wait eagerly for Him. Think about your own life. Is there an eagerness in your heart to be saved?

~via *The Russellville Reminder*; Russellville, Alabama.

Remember Our Study Period

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Barbara Carter	Mitzi Carruth
JoAnn Gilbert	Loretta Warner
Bobbie Adcock	Doris Lovell
Ann Bush	Larry Morris
Judy Whitt	Kelli Gordon
Kennedy Pepper	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Ross Melvin	Donna Wright
Freddie Mae Elmore	Nikki Ogles
Anita Wheeler	Lona Jackson
Judy Vaughn	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Cornelia Pepper
Ella Melvin	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Kenneth Fisher
Al Pollard	Charles Burns
David Collier	Phillip Harwell
Una King Currier	Joan Carpenter
Gene Carpenter	Lloyd Adams
Carrie Warner	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Luke Davis; - Denver, Colorado
Sharon Simmons; St. Thomas Rehab. Nashville
Norman Hamm; Millenium - Huntsville

Athens Health & Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Elease Barksdale, rm. 22A
Brenda Wilson, rm. 77	Connie Brock, rm. 62
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	

Limestone Health Facility:

Bettye Harrison, rm. 59	Alice Roberson, rm. 49
Jerry Hinkle, rm. 58	

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Deanie Britton, Limestone Lodge
Marci Bassett, Limestone Manor
Frances Bowers, Limestone Manor
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Irene Inman, at home
Stan Stanford, at home
William Thomas, Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales, Limestone Manor

Updates:

Lona Jackson is doing better with the medication and

hopes to be back soon...*Ross Melvin* is at home and has not been doing well...*Barbara Carter* is in her apartment at Traditions. She is in Apt. 101...*Sue Thomas' sister, Sharon Simmons*, has been moved to St. Thomas rehabilitation in Nashville...*Meredith Parks uncle, Bob Goodwin*, has been diagnosed with the virus...*Kelli Gordon, Nancy Abernathy's niece-in-law*, has been diagnosed with cancer...*Keith Hinkle's father and Casey Curry's grandfather, Jerry Hinkle*, is in rehab at Limestone Health Facility...*Ross & Louise Melvin's grandson, Luke Davis*, is scheduled for surgery in Colorado on Friday of this past week.

ARVID K. MCGUIRE (1935 – 2020): It is with sadness that we note the passing of Arvid McGuire. Arvid passed away on Tuesday evening at his home. Arvid loved the Lord and the church. He spent countless hours studying and teaching the word in his life. He preached in Florida, Missouri, Texas and Alabama. He preached for the Market Street church from May 1979 to May 1992. Arvid's health declined greatly in the later years, but he made great efforts to be at the assemblies. We will miss his presence among us. The memorial service for Arvid was held at the Market Street building yesterday. There will be a private burial at a later date. May the Lord bless Doris and all the family at this time.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to...*Betty Bolton & Peggy Mitchell* in the passing of their brother, *Phillip Barker*. Phillip passed way on Tuesday morning. There will be a private burial at a later date. May the Lord bless Betty, Peggy and all the family at this time... We want to express our sympathy to the family of *Glenn Isbell*. *Glenn* and his wife *Shelby* were members of the church here. They moved to Smyrna, Tennessee several years ago.. *Glenn* passed away last Saturday and his visitation and graveside service was on Wednesday afternoon. May the Lord bless *Shelby* and all the family at this time.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Coblenz's: Tommy and Marcella* are in Birmingham this weekend with their family... *The Ashes: Harold & Barb* are in Indiana this week... *The Stiles: Chuck and Benita* are in Vicksburg, Mississippi... *Opal Conn* is in Vicksburg, Mississippi... *Christian Usery* is in Montgomery working.

THE RECORD: Attendance for week of September 6th:
 Sunday: Bible Classes
 Morning Worship 130
 Evening Worship 70
 Wednesday: Bible Classes 53

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 13th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Larry Tucker
 Song Leader Tommy Burns
 Prayer..... Landon Adams
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
 Assisting Keith Hinkle
 Serving Harold Davis Roger Hammonds
 Kenneth Adams... Matthew Vaughn
 Closing Prayer Marcus Morris

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Larry Tucker
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Tony Thomas
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Adams

Other Assignments for the week of September 13th:

Ushers..... Danny Johnson/Steve Usery
 Work Sound System..... Marty Adams

Wednesday, September 16th:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
 Bible Reading Larry Holt
 James 1:16-27
 Prayer..... Tony Thomas
 Invitation Marty Adams
 Closing Prayer Danny Holt

Sunday, September 20th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Albert Haraway
 Prayer..... Marcus Morris
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper
 Presiding..... Larry Holt
 Assisting Hunter Cox
 Serving Danny Holt Sam Gregory
 Heath Dollar Charles Vaughn
 Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Keith Hinkle
 Song Leader Tony Thomas
 Prayer..... Dan Reed
 Preaching..... David Cox
 Lord's Supper Larry Holt
 Closing Prayer Clayton Hamm

Other Assignments for the week of September 20th:

Ushers..... Marcus Morris/Danny Johnson
 Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams