

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Beware Of The Temptation That Success Brings

By Mike Riley

In the Sinai wilderness, God’s people learned the habit of depending on Him because they had no choice in the matter — they needed His daily intervention just to eat and drink. However, when they finally stood on the banks of the Jordan River, they awaited a more difficult test of faith. After entering the land of plenty, would they soon forget God?

Having spent their lives in the desert, the Israelites knew little about the seductions of other cultures, thus Moses was more afraid of the coming prosperity than the rigors of the desert. The Israelites might forget God and credit themselves for their success (Deuteronomy 8:11 – NKJV; Deuteronomy 8:17 – NKJV).

The Israelites illustrate the fact that success does make it more difficult to depend on the Lord because they proved less faithful after they moved into the Promised Land, turning their hearts to other gods time and time again (Deuteronomy 29:26 – NKJV; Jeremiah 19:1-5 – NKJV; Jeremiah 44:1-5 – NKJV).

Let’s beware of the temptation that success brings. There is grave danger indeed in getting what we want instead of what we need (Deuteronomy 8:1-20 – NKJV; cf. Proverbs 30:8-9 – NKJV).



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

I Timothy
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Acts of the Apostles
7:00 PM

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What's the Going Price for Our Soul?

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a young man who was in need of some serious counseling because he was constantly getting into trouble. His probation officer told him to go and talk to a counselor. With an arrogant attitude and great reluctance, he went to see a counselor. When he arrived at the counselor's office, he stated in an arrogant tone of voice, "OK, counsel me." Undaunted, the wise counselor looked up from his thoughts and said to the young man, "I have but two questions for you."

"All right," said the young man. "I'm ready. Ask me anything you like." The counselor responded saying, "The two questions are suppositions. Suppose you would never be found out and no one would be harmed in a physical way. If these circumstances were guaranteed, would you tell a lie for \$1,000?"

The young man thought for a moment and then in a slow but confident voice answered, "Sure. For a thousand dollars and no one knows and no one gets hurt; yeah, I would tell a lie." The counselor nodded his head, and then asked the second question. "Would you tell such a lie for a dime?"

The young man became furious, and loudly retorted, "Of course not! What kind of fool do you think I am?" Again undaunted, the mature counselor replied in a quiet voice, "I already know what you are. I'm just trying to establish your price."

The price tags on the souls of men are often very different. For Judas, the price was thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-16). Achan's price was material possessions (Joshua 7:1). In John 12:42-43, we read that many of the religious leaders of the day believed in Jesus, but because of their fear of being ostracized, they sold their souls to the devil in exchange for "the praise of men" (John 12:43).

Jesus' view of the soul's worth and value, is exactly the same — it's worth more in price and value than the whole world (Matthew 16:24-26). However, even today, we find that many men and women are still making the same mistake that Judas, Achan, and the religious leaders of the first century made, by selling their eternal souls to the devil in exchange for the temporary rewards of wealth, power, and prestige.

If we find it easier to think of worldly matters, to talk of insignificant events, and to do purposeless tasks, then we can be sure that the devil will tempt our hearts to value material wealth, power, and the praise of men over any spiritual goals we may have.

Brethren and friends, the old devil knows that the above worldly influences will always be a problem in our lives, and though we may not surrender to him totally, if we waver in our commitment to the Lord in any way, our enemy will bargain and barter until he has found our price. Then we will become like the rich young ruler, who sadly left the presence of Jesus, because he could not give up the riches he thought were important (Matthew 19:16-22).

He willingly sold his soul to the devil because, to him, the cost of following Jesus was too great a price. As he walked away from the Lord, perhaps he thought, "Sell all of my possessions? No way! I'll die and go to hell first!" And it's very probable that he did.

What's the going price for our soul?

Announcements

- Happy Mother's Day!
- Fellowship Meal following Worship Service, May 29

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments

Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- May - Montgomery
- June - Thrash
- July - Potts

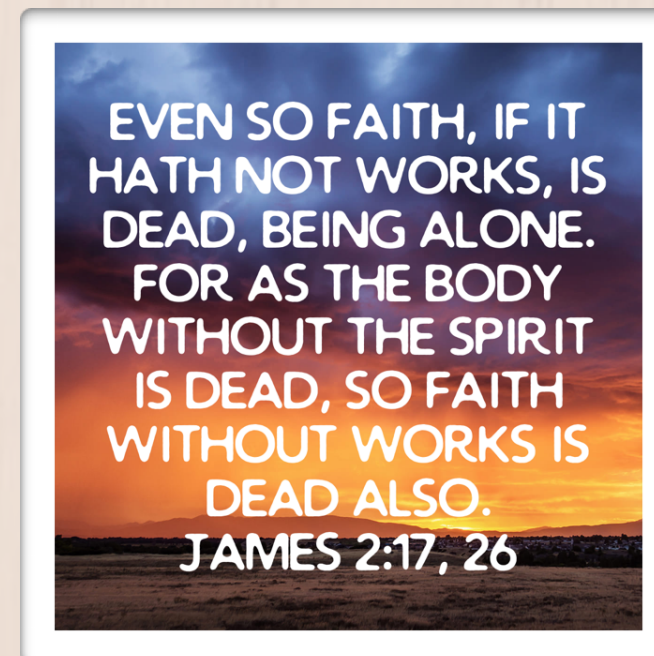
May Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Lauren Wooldridge - 7th • James Johnson - 19th
- Sandra Callens - 17th
- Larry and Connie Montgomery - 20th
- Tristan and Auburn Rowell - 23rd
- Shay and Robbie Cooper - 31st

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts
 Scripture Reading - James 2:17 - 26
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens
 Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20 - 29
 Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



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