

# Northside Church of Christ

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



## Six Words Worth Heeding

By Mike Riley

In looking at Scripture, I've often wondered how King Solomon might have summed up his life in six words. As a young man, he could have written: "God has given me great wisdom" (1 Kings 4:29-34). But in his later years, he might have said: "Should have practiced what I preached" (1 Kings 11:1-8).

During his kingly reign, distinguished by peace and prosperity, Solomon developed spiritual heart problems. When he was old, "his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David" (1 Kings 11:4).

The result was God's displeasure and a sad end to a previously exemplary life (1 Kings 11:9-10).

The many times that Solomon uses the word "vanity" [empty or meaningless] in Ecclesiastes, may indicate his disillusionment about life and its many challenges.

This once-wise king who had it all, pondered it all and lost it all, ended the book with these six words:

"Fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Brethren and friends, now these are six words worth heeding!

### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
4 Square  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Hebrews  
9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Romans  
7:00 PM



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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

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## Having A Will To Change

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After the tragedy of September 11, 2001, the thinking was that more people would turn to religion. And perhaps they did — at least momentarily — to that brand of religion that offers gentle homilies and smooth platitudes while demanding no true conversion or spiritual growth.

That effect, like the effect of all self-centered and materially based religions, fades quickly, like water evaporating off the hood of a car after its been washed in summer. This writer hasn't seen much evidence that more people are seeking genuine truth as God's word presents it, or that people have been motivated to significantly change their approach to spiritual things. Basically, we remain as shallow and superficial a people as we ever were. Which is really sad.

Human beings are remarkably reluctant to change. We manifest an uncanny resistance against doing or becoming anything different from what we've always done or been. Even the most horrific events in the world around us rarely improve us for very long. And even the sternest warnings of possible disaster fail to cause us to redirect our behavior.

Jesus once told His disciples that as the destruction of Jerusalem approached:

“[5] For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. [6] And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. [7] For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. [8] All these are the beginning of sorrows.” (Matthew 24:5-8).

Did the Lord's warning change the conduct of the citizens of Jerusalem? Did it turn them back to their God in great numbers? No, not at all — not any more than the warnings of Noah changed the people of the antediluvian world — and people today are no different. (Matthew 24:37-42)

“[37] But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [38] For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, [39] And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [40] Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. [41] Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. [42] Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.”

As Americans, we have the desire to always seek the silver lining in dark clouds and the happy outcome of every tragic event. This is why we want to believe that the evil perpetrated on September 11, 2001 has made us a better country. We'd like to hope that out of such bitter catastrophe, some good might have come.

However, for that to happen, we as a people would have to be willing to change our mindset — to turn from our worldly ways and become a truly God-fearing people (cf. Joshua 24:1-31).

Unfortunately, that's one aspect of our national character that seems to always remain the same.

### Announcements

- Holiday Meal at Diamond Jim's Meridian Dec. 20 @ 6pm
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### Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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### Communion Preparation

- November - Callens
- December - Rowell
- 2023 Sign up sheet is in foyer

### November Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Laila McKenzie - 5th
- Cindy Littrell - 14th
- Marilyn Potts - 15th
- Ryan Joiner - 26th
- Margie Wooldridge - 30th

Every Sunday Morning  
@ 8:00 AM  
on WTOK-TV



LOOK NOT EVERY MAN ON HIS OWN THINGS, BUT EVERY MAN ALSO ON THE THINGS OF OTHERS.  
PHILIPPIANS 2:4

### Sermon Notes

### Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts  
Scripture Reading - Philippians 2:5 - 9  
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery  
Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson  
Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29  
Closing Prayer - Dwight Callens



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