

## SEEING GOOD DAYS

Jerry Joseph

"For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that the speak no guile" (1 Pet. 3:10).

Life is a precious gift from God. As such, we must live it each day in accordance with His Will. This is the only way that truly our days can be described as good even when there are disappointments and disagreements. To have such days, we must:

**Apologize** when we do wrong. The three words, "I am sorry," are difficult to say for those filled with pride. Think of the relationships, homes, and even congregations that have been destroyed because one who has committed sin will not humble himself to repent (Matt. 5:23-24; 18:15-17; Luke 17:3-4).

**Accept** good advice. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly...But his delight is in the law of the Lord..." (Psalm 1:1-2). "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that harkeneth unto counsel is wise" (Prov. 12:15). Certainly we must be able to distinguish between foolish and wise counsel.

**Avoid** conforming to the world. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed..." (Rom. 12:2). The world is out to mold and shape us into that which the Lord does not want. When one begins to "love" the world and "live" like the world there will not be "good days" spiritually (1 John 2:15-17).

**Act** only after thinking. Some of the problems we have in this life we have brought upon ourselves because we do not stop and think before we act or speak. We need to "taste" our words and "weigh" the consequences of our actions before we speak and respond in some way (Phil. 4:8; Eph. 4:29; Gal. 5:19-21).

**Adhere** to the Word of God. God has given us, through His Word, that which we need in this life (2 Pet. 1:3). It is the Scripture that provides for and is profitable for our spiritual well-being (2 Tim. 3:16-17). As we apply daily the Word of God to our lives then we are providing the means by which we can have "good days" and ultimately a home in Heaven.

**Appreciate** God. Without God in our lives it is impossible to "love life, and see good days" (1 Pet. 3:10) as He desires and demands. If we do appreciate and reverence God as we should then it will be seen in our life (Ecc. 12:13). Yes, we will be "seeing good days."

- The Beacon, Bellview Church of Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

*It takes a lot of horse sense to maintain a stable life.*

## News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Keith & Elaine McClung at the recent passing of Elaine's mother, Eva Sharp. God bless and comfort them at this time of sorrow.

**MEALS NEEDED:** For Ernie & Bill Robinson through August while Bill recuperates from his recent surgery. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SONG SERVICES:** Aug. 4th, 7:00 p.m. at Weirton Heights, and Aug. 18th, 7:00 p.m. at WV School of Preaching in Moundsville.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Next Saturday, Aug. 5th, 8:00 a.m. at Connie's Corner.

**FOX NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL:** Next Saturday, Aug. 5th at 2:30 p.m.

**SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY:** Bill Miller will be here in Bro. Rico's absence.

**COVERED DISH DINNER:** Next Sunday, Aug. 6th at about noon at the Fellowship Building. All are invited. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

**N. CENTRAL OHIO BIBLE LECTURES:** Lorain, OH, Aug. 6-9. Theme: *The Resurrection Revealed.* Multiple Speakers. Call Bob Eddy at 440-233-5489 or 440-477-1049.

**CORN ROAST:** Saturday, Aug. 19th, 2:00 p.m. at the DeLong's. All are invited.

**PANTRY:** Whole kernel corn.

**REMEMBER WITH PRAYER & CARDS:** **Ruth Wright** (Sharon Williams' sister), 1211 Mound St., Salem, OH 44460. **Margie Chisler** (Peggy Williams' sister), 1596 Daybrook Road, Fairview, WV 26570.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** Bill Robinson, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Lewis Call (Cindy Miskimen's dad), Tom Wells (ex-husband of Claudette Miller). **LIFELINE, WINTERSVILLE, OH:** Jim Smith. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## STARVING

We are told that a bird can go nine days without food, a dog 20 days, a turtle 500 days, a snake 800 days, a fish 1,000 days, and some insects 12,000 days. For man, three to six weeks is about the limit. Sooner or later nourishment is necessary for all God's creatures.

Have you noticed that we are not often asked to "read" the Word of God? Rather we are urged to study it, meditate upon it, and compare spiritual things with spiritual. In other words, God wants us to put in consecrated effort when we approach the Scriptures, for in this way we will more readily assimilate its sweet nourishment and good doctrine.

Many are starving to death spiritually, not because food is unavailable but simply because they will not eat of it. What home does not have a Bible or opportunity to attend worship? A Bible on the shelf is of no more value than food in the refrigerator.

Feed your soul!

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