



Life Lines

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Ten Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year

1. What single thing that you do this year will matter most in ten years? In twenty years? In eternity?
2. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
3. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
4. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
5. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
6. For whom will you pray most fervently this year?
7. In what area of your life do you want to make the most progress this year, and what will you do about it?
8. What is the most helpful new way you can help other's this year?
9. What area of your life most needs simplifying and what's one way you could accomplish it?

10. What single blessing from God do you want to seek most earnestly this year?

The value of many of these questions is primarily to bring an issue or commitment into focus. It is very easy for most people to drift into complacency. It has been correctly stated that a person may not have twenty year's experience; they only have one year's experience twenty times.

Sometimes habits or ruts prevents people from accomplishing a higher level of living.

It has been pointed out that if you do the same thing the same way, you're probably going to get the same results. Likewise, unless you make changes in your life and in your thinking, you will never grow.

This is clearly pointed out where God's people were still on milk when they should have been on meat.

It is so easy for the people of God to become careless in their relationship with Him. During the reign of Darius, God's people were living in paneled houses while the temple still lay in ruins. The prophet Haggai said in Haggai 1:5, "*Consider*

your ways" The people had forgotten what the primary focus of their lives should be. As a result, it says, ". . . *you have sown much and bring in little, you eat, but you do not have enough, you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.*"

2010 would be a great time for all of us to examine our focus in life. Putting God first frequently resulted in accomplishing all the other desires of mankind. Putting Him last always resulted in the removal of His blessings. If you find yourself running faster and seemingly accomplishing less, it could be that your money bag is full of holes. Having the right priorities will be the thread to sew up the holes.

*Don Helms
From Vision
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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“If you are willing to admit you are wrong when you are wrong, you are all right.”

Author Unknown

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV)

The Bible reading above offers the metaphor of a runner in a race. A good runner will be certain not to carry extra weight, but to shed anything that might slow him or her down. Sometimes, we get slowed down. Things go wrong, and we wonder what to do.

Perhaps you remember the problems a few airlines had during the snow storms a few winters ago. One of the airlines affected in the worst way was Jet Blue. Passengers had to endure sitting on the plane on the tarmac for longer than it takes to fly from Chicago to Hong Kong. People were upset.

If you were the CEO of this company, how would you handle it? David Neeleman went public and said he was “humbled and mortified.” He proposed a “Customer Bill of Rights.” He took out a full-page ad in *USA Today* in which he said, “We are sorry and embarrassed. But most of all, we are deeply sorry.”

It’s hard to run a race or to move on with our lives or to simply get through the day if we are not willing to say, “I’m sorry” when the occasion merits it, or to say, “I was wrong, please forgive me.”

Most people will readily forgive!

To receive forgiveness is a great blessing, and it is a load lifted from our souls, allowing us to run, to soar, to resume living in the spirit of freedom. This is not to suggest that you need to say, “I’m sorry” today, or to ask for someone’s forgiveness. This is simply a gentle reminder to tuck away for future reference:

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Remember Our Sick

Alec Barkley –ultra sound Children’s Hosp., Denver, Tuesday, February 2nd, for shortness of breath.

Sandra Drittler – eye surgery to be scheduled soon.

Karen Jones – Diane Shinn’s sister, facing possible colon cancer surgery.

Janette Litch – battling cancer.

Beverly Myers – eye problems, good report.

Margaret (Marty) Robbins – cancer, Chemo treatments.

W. T. Williams – serious health problems

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Evelyn Burton
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Joyce Austin
Helen Brown
Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Melvin Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, David/Mary Franke, Larry/Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Jeff Myers, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Reedie Smith, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend and Judy Will.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

Expectant Mothers: Kelley Chance, Andrea Henson.

Our Military: prayers for D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

Best Poem In The World

Author Unknown

**I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven’s door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its décor.**

**But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp –
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.**

**There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.**

**Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, Looking
incredibly well.**

**I nudged Jesus, ‘What’s the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How’d all these sinners get up here?
God must’ve made a mistake.**

**‘And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber – give me a clue.’
‘Hush child,’ He said, ‘they’re all in shock.
No one thought they’d be seeing you.’**

JUDGE NOT!

*Remember . . . just going to church doesn’t
make you a Christian any more than standing
in your garage makes you a car.*

**Every saint has a PAST . . .
Every sinner has a FUTURE!**

*Sent in by: B. J. Sheeran
St. Louis, Missouri*

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Saying “I’m sorry” or “I was wrong” is sometimes the right thing - the only thing – to do!

Prayer: O God, may I never be so stubborn as to not see when I am in the wrong and when my actions have caused hurt and harm to others. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Author Unknown, Home Touch

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Leaders & Leaderettes
Will Meet Every Sunday,
4PM,
Dover Church of Christ
Song Leading, Bible Bowl
Practice & Bible Reading.

SWEET HEART
BREAKFAST
Saturday,
February 13th,
Festivities start 9 AM
(the men cook)

CHRISTEENS
February 26th – 28th
West Side Church of Christ

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Men's Devo
February, 11th,
7 PM, Thursday
Host: Donny Forehand

Dover Ladies Night
February 18th,
Thursday, 7 PM
Hostess:
Pat McAlister

2010 Lads to Leaders
& Leaderettes
Convention
April 2nd Thru 4th
Theme:
"FAITH is the VICTORY"
BIBLE BOWL: Hebrews
PEARLS: Standing on the
Promises

DOVER LADIES'
DAY!!!
Saturday, April 24th
(Now's the time to get this on
your calendar.)
More information to follow.

Young Adult Get Together
February 27th, 4 PM
Eugene/Loredana Qualls
Italian Potluck

February Birthdays

03 Mildred Turner
Jon David Vance
08 Mary McAlister
09 Juanita Whitted
11 Keri Letson
Kristen Nordin
12 Tommy Oakes
15 Zachary Shelton
16 Rachel Curtis
19 Carolyn Bennett
20 Kaci Statler
22 Eugene Davis
23 Pat McAlister
Linda Phillips
24 Earl Kennedy
25 Bobbie Robbins
27 Caleb Chance
28 Theresa Motley

If we missed your birth-
day, *Please* let us know
so it won't happen again.

"In Search of the
Lord's Way"
The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on website
www.searchtv.org
Mack Lyon or
Phil Sanders
Weekly Lesson can
be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

THOSE TO SERVE

February 14, 2010

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Sid Womack
Steve Pennington

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand
Serve: Lee Henson
Michael Robbins
Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel

Scripture Reading

Allen Veasman

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Rex McDaniel
Randall Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Communion to Shut-Ins

Donny Forehand

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional February 17, 2010

Sid Womack

Meeting Times
Sunday Morning Bible Classes 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Ladies Tuesday Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes 6:30 P.M.
Minister: Micah Williams
Church Office: 479-331-3428
Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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