



Life Lines

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As Long As We Have The Pattern

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When God wanted the Hebrews to build Him a house of worship, He provided them specific instructions on how it should be built. He specified even the kinds of materials to be used. The exact dimensions were given for the tent and the furnishings thereof. Nothing was left to the creative minds of the craftsmen. The wood was to be acacia, the cloth was to be linen. The metals used were gold, silver and brass, each used in the object specified. The details were written down for the workers and are preserved to this day in the book of Exodus, chapter 35-38. God strictly instructed Moses, and those who did the work, that they make the tent and fixtures “. . . **after their pattern, which hath been showed thee in the mount.**” (Exodus 25:40) They wrought according to the pattern, and God blessed and accepted their efforts. He placed His glorious shekinah in the most holy place of the tabernacle. (Exodus 40:34)

What if the tabernacle had been destroyed by fire, storm or war? What would the Hebrews have done? The answer is simple. So long as they had the Book of Exodus in their possession, they had the

pattern and could have rebuilt it just as it was in the beginning.

Christ built His church and recorded His will for us in His New Testament (Matthew 28:20). He specifically tells us it is to be regarded as His pattern for His disciples and His church (II Timothy 1:13). Borrowing the very words God spoke to Moses, the Holy Spirit led the writer of Hebrews to say. **“See that thou make all things according to the pattern that was showed thee . . .”** (Hebrews 8:5) By the third century, men were openly ignoring the Divine pattern for the church. One by one, over a period of time, virtually every doctrine and practice ordained by Moses was changed. Eventually, the Bible itself was effectively removed from the reach of common man. It was locked in a dead language (Latin), which none but clerics spoke. It was declared to be the exclusive property of the priesthood of the corrupted church of Rome. Penalties were attached for possessing a Bible. Men were forbidden to translate it into the vernacular of the people.

The great gift of the Protestant Reformation was that the power of the pope to keep the Bible from the masses of humanity was broken. In virtually every country of Europe, brave men set about to put the sacred book into the language of the people. Gutenberg's printing press made it

possible to produce Bibles in large numbers and at prices many people could afford. Although the church Christ built had long been corrupted and obscured, the people now had the Divine pattern in hand. By carefully studying it, they were able to rebuild that which had been lost.. Using a slightly different figure, the author of The Revelation was given **“. . . a reed like unto a rod: and one said, ‘Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar and them that worship therein . . .’”** Revelation 11:1) The Divine measuring rod was the Scripture. To be acceptable to God, the church must meet the Divine standard given in God's Word. Two centuries ago, with the heavenly pattern in hand, our fathers set about to restore the church, her faith and worship, as they were in the beginning. Today, we still possess the pattern. Those who want God's blessing will be diligent to see that all things are done according to the pattern. One last question: How do you think God would have dealt with Bezabel and Oholiab if the master craftsmen had taken it upon themselves to change various aspects of the tabernacle to make them more pleasing to themselves and the people?

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Jesus said, *“For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”* (Luke 18:25 NKJV)

Jesus said this to His disciples after the rich young ruler went away very sorrowful. The young ruler had asked Jesus. *“What shall I do to inherit eternal life?”*

Jesus went through some of the commandments; *“Do not commit adultery; Do not murder; Do not steal; Do not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.”* The young ruler told Jesus that he had obeyed all of these from his youth.

Then, hearing this, Jesus told him, *“You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”* (Luke 19:22 NKJV)

We know the story here. The young ruler undoubtedly thought more of his riches than he did his soul. His heart was not right with God.

Why did Jesus ask him to sell all he had and give to the poor? Jesus saw what was in his heart.

In the story about Zacchaeus, Jesus did not ask him to sell all he had and give to the poor. It says Zacchaeus was a rich man also. As Jesus was going to his house, many complained that He was going to be a guest of a sinner. Zacchaeus must have heard this because he says, *“Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore four-fold.”* (Luke 19:8)

At this proclamation Jesus told Zacchaeus, *“Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.”* (V 9)

The difference in the two rich men has to be what was felt in their heart toward their riches. Both had wealth. The young ruler had obeyed most of the commandments from his youth; the ones he liked. However, he failed to obey the second greatest commandment; *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Remember Our Sick

Carl Adkisson – defibrillator surgery, Wednesday, July 7th went well.

Judy Cox – no treatments, check-up good.

Mel Davis – more tests soon.

Earl Kennedy – Sinus surgery successful..

Iva Lay – diagnosed with leukemia..

Michael Tindall – soon to have skin-grafting on his feet.

Patsy Wisbrock – knee surgery June 30th, home recovering, doing better.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Evelyn Burton
Bob Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin
Helen Brown
Alma Burris
Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: Louise Killer
Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Shirlye Chadwick, Robert/Vickie Cox, Troy/Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, David/Mary Franke, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Rose Lee, Mario Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Julie Moss, Beverly Myers, Earl Stamps, Don/BJ Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Gary/Dorene Shinn, Tanya Smith, Juanita Townsend, and Judy Will,

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

Expectant Mothers: Andrea Henson.

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

Poverty ‘Eliminated’ in US

Poverty as it has historically been defined no longer exists in the United States, according to an analysis of official statistics cited by noted economist Walter Williams.

The poverty line as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services last year was \$22,000.00 for an urban family of four. Therefore, 15 percent of Americans, about 40 million people, were classified as poor.

“But there’s something unique about those ‘poor’ people not seen anywhere else in the world.” Williams, an economics professor at George Mason University and a syndicated columnist, writes in the Jewish Daily Review. He points to Robert Rector, a researcher at Heritage Foundation who collected data from several government sources for a report titled *“How Poor Are America’s Poor?”* Among his findings:

43 percent of all poor households own their own homes, the average home having three bedrooms, one-and-a-half baths, a garage and a porch or patio.

Two-thirds of poor households have more than two rooms per person, and the typical poor American has more living space than the average, not necessarily poor, individual living in Paris.

80 percent of poor households have air-conditioning, nearly three-quarters own a car and 31 percent own two or more cars.

97 percent of poor households own a color TV, more than half own two or more color TV’s and 62 percent have cable or satellite TV reception.

89 percent own a microwave oven and more than a third have an automatic dishwasher.

Williams adds that what is defined as poverty is misleading because official counts of poor households look only at cash income, and ignore such additional sources of support as the earned-income credit.

Lower income households are “poor” only in relation to the rest of the population, he asserts.

“Material poverty can be measured relatively or absolutely,” William observes.

“An absolute measure would consist of some minimum quantity of goods and services deemed adequate for a baseline level of survival. Achieving that level means that poverty has been eliminated.

Sent in by Sid Womack

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

Church Lawn Duty

Saturday, July 24th
Larry Mahan
Jamie Churchill

Camp Caudle

July 25th thru July 31st
Teen Week
(Ages 13 by October 1st)
Includes High School
Directors:
Brain Baker &
Neil Reynolds

Camp Caudle Summer Camp

They need All kinds of
canned drinks. These can be
delivered to the Dover
Church of Christ office, the
director will pick them up.
Camp ends July 31st.

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Vacation Bible School

August 2nd thru 6th.
Registration: 5:30 PM
VBS 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Classes Four-years
thru 6th Grade
Also Adult Classes
Theme: "Jungle Journey-
Exploring the
Nature of God"
For more info see:
The Dianas'

Pleasant Grove Church of Christ

July 26th thru 30th
Vacation Bible School
Registration 5:30 PM
VBS 6:00 to 8:30 PM
Theme: "Footprints
of Jesus"

Soul Lift

St. Louis, Mo
For more info:
Dover Youth see
Lee Henson

Dover Youth Devo

Following evening
Services, August 1st
Host: Tommy/Carla
Oakes

July Birthdays

16 Chris Ramirez
Diane C. Walters
17 Kim Statler
Rex McDaniel
23 William Robbins
Emily Walker
Earl Whitted
25 Becky Miller
26 Valentina Penno
30 James Chadwick
31 Wyatt Henson
Kim Miller

Beatrice McDaniel will
be 90 years young on
July 20, 2020!!

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

Or
Mack Lyon
Phil Sanders
Weekly Lesson can
be heard and seen on
KARK, Channel 4
Sunday, 7:30 AM

THOSE TO SERVE

July 25, 2010

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters

Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Michael Robbins

Marion Helton

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper

Serve: Rex McDaniel

Rick Hollis

Sid Womack

Steve Pennington

Scripture Reading

Lee Henson

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Larry Mahan

Joe Miller

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Billy and Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Earl Whitted

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional July 28, 2010

Lee Henson

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.

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Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Chris Loper

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Church: Pat McAlister

Kaeli Miller

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