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The Happy Life?

Wayne Goff

Life consists largely of the choices we make. Good choices lead to a good life; poor choices lead to a poor life. It sounds simple, but it is profoundly true. Just examine your life for a moment and see if the things that make you truly happy are not the result of good choices, and the things that make you truly sad are the result of bad choices.

Admittedly, life is also a matter of circumstances; many beyond our control. We don't choose where we were born, to whom we were born, nor the station in life in which we were born. Those things have a tremendous impact on our lives, but we have no control over them.

The happy life of which I refer now is the one that is made up of our own choices. Every young person should consider seriously some profound choices, because they will affect the rest of your life! For example, choosing to be a Christian, a good education, career, a life-long mate, to have children, and where you live — these are the most important decisions you will ever make, and they will determine whether or not you have a happy life.

We need to be aware of the power of choice! Too often we base our decisions on poor, or insufficient information. Too often we are mentally and emotionally immature when we make those choices.

Just one example will suffice to prove my point. Abraham's nephew, Lot, chose to live in the well-watered plain of the Jordan River, which would be a very wise choice for a herdsman like himself (Gen. 13:10-11). But this was a bad choice because of the society in which he found himself — Sodom and Gomorrah (vv. 12-13). The Bible says "the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord." Eventually, Lot lost his wife and children (except two daughters), when God rained down fire and brimstone upon those cities! The apostle Peter wrote of Lot: "(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)" (2 Peter 2:8). Lot thought he made a wise business choice (which he did), but a bad moral choice. His life was forever changed by his choice. □

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 5	NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY 12
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Steve Hagewood
Scripture Reading	Jim Ehl	Gene Preston
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Melvin Godette
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	W.D. Patrick
Closing Prayer	Marty Hunt	Ken Cavender
Wednesday PM	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 15
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Jared Jimison	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Charley Carter	Terry Childress
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY — MARCH 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Galatians
Gene Preston

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

New Testament Worship
Michael McLemore



2017 WEATHERLY HEIGHTS LECTURES

Mark you calendar
May 4th—7th, 2017

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

February	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Wes Caudle Dwight Ivey Ed Dill Ron Harmon ** Marty Hunt
** Overseer	Ron Holland Ryan Patrick Jerry Mitchell
Lord's Supper PM	Collis Terry ** John Stokes
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	Janice Schrimsher
Rear Door	Steve & Shelia Hagewood
Side Door	Charles & Penny Hill
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison/Roberts
Communion Prep	Phyllis Harmon & Janice Wray
Building Lockup	Ron Harmon

Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

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Michael W. McLemore	(256) 698-5941
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Weatherly's Deacons

Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry	Bobby Wright

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Assembly	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

TIME

It May Be Your Redemption

By Randy Blackaby

Do you find that you're often late for worship services? Do you feel like kicking yourself when, for the third week in a row, it's announced that Sister Smith remains ill; and you've not yet been to visit her? You intended to go, but just haven't found the time. What's the real problem?

Some folks say that life today is just so much busier, more hectic, more demanding than it was a generation or two ago. Is this why we're late for Bible study and worship and always falling short of accomplishing the things we "want" to do in God's service?

This probably is just an excuse. Oh, certainly, we have more diversions today than our grandparents had, but we still have the same 24-hour days they had. And remember that granddad had to get up before daylight to go to work and sometimes worked until dark, six days a week. Grandma was up by 4:30 a.m. to fix breakfast. There were no microwaves, dishwashers, frozen dinners, prepared foods, and such like.

They didn't have as many ballgames, TV programs, school events, camping trips, and barbecues to attend; but there were critical demands on their time. Yet, in many cases, our grandparents seemed to have "found more time" to visit with friends and relatives than we do, and many of them never missed, or were late for, a worship service. What is really the difference? More than likely, the difference has to do with our priorities and the ways we use our time.

If you are regularly late to worship, are you putting as much priority on worship as you do on work? If you don't know how to answer this question, here's a test. How often are you late for work?

If you regularly miss worship altogether, you may be like Felix (Acts 24:25) who was looking for a "convenient" time to do the Lord's will. Unless a person thinks serving God is of utmost importance, a convenient time seldom comes.

Time is the only irreplaceable possession that God has given us. It is brief, fleeting, and irrecoverable. We can sin many ways. Misusing our time is one of them. Procrastination is a form of this sin. It is root-

ed in worldliness. We put off doing certain things because they may be difficult or unpleasant, or because we want to do something more satisfying to please ourselves. Some of the tasks—such as confronting a sinner about his error, or correcting an erring brother—that Christians face will always be unpleasant and difficult.

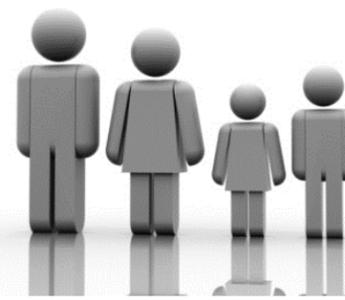
Many of us don't have time because we waste time. We waste time by using it for what suits us at the moment, or by trying to find satisfaction in work, money, and earthly pleasures. Time, like money, must be managed, or it slips away from us, and we get no lasting good from it.

The Bible speaks of this when Colossians 4:5 and Ephesians 5:16 instruct us to "redeem the time." Redeeming something requires "buying it back," as the Lord did when he used his own life as the purchase price for our redemption and salvation. Redeeming time means buying up our opportunities. We redeem time by paying for it through the sacrifice of other things for which we could have used the time.

It's just like any other purchase. You trade the value of one commodity for another. You sacrifice one thing for another, whether you trade some of your green beans for another person's corn, or give a vendor \$15 for a shirt.

We must manage time, or it begins to manage us. If time manages us, now becomes never as we procrastinate and waste our time. Some "windows of opportunity" only open once. The Lord, for example, doesn't offer us umpteen chances to hear the gospel and obey it. Likewise, we've all faced life or death decisions that we had only seconds to make. Procrastination could have meant death.

Sadly, some of us will waste our minutes, hours, and days until we squander away an entire lifetime. One day, time will cease. God's great judgment will come, and we'll each give account of how we've used our time. You see, time is just another way of describing life. When you don't manage your time, when you waste your time, you're really mismanaging or wasting your LIFE! ☐



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Glenda Cavender has not been doing well. She has been in unbearable pain for the last few weeks. Only after going to the ER last week did she finally get a bit of relief that would allow her to sleep. *Glenda* is scheduled to see an orthopedist on Tuesday. Please pray for her and for answers to the cause of her discomfort.

Ann Summers remains an inpatient at Signature Health, 105 Teakwood, Room 100. She is doing very well and is beginning to plan for going home. We are thankful to our gracious Lord who has watched over her these last few weeks. *Ann* will have some limits that will not be easy for her, but she is glad to be feeling so much better. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

We are glad to see that *Becky Hill* is moving around faster every day. She will be back to 100% very soon. Remember her to the Lord.

Mike Gore is home doing well considering. It will take a bit of time to get a handle on how they will proceed with his newly diagnosed cancer. Please continue to pray for *Sandra, Aaron* and for *Mike*.

Steve Gittings, Joanne Abernathy's bother-in-law, remains on our prayer list. *Steve* is being treated for cancer. Pray for the benefit of his treatments.

Several of our folks have been



Weatherly Birthdays

2-11	Aaron Gore	2-13	Julie Guice
2-15	Glenda Cavender	2-15	Hilda Wright
2-27	Penny Hill		

suffering from various winter illnesses. Our prayer is that everyone will quickly rebound.

We are sad to report the passing of *Garrett Weatherbee*, grandson of former Weatherly members, *Judy & Jim Weatherbee. Doris DeCelles, Garrett's* aunt, traveled to Northern Virginia over the weekend to attend a memorial service to be held tomorrow. Please pray for the *Weatherbees* in this time of profound sorrow.

Elders & Deacons Meeting

An Elders & Deacons meeting will be held following evening service on Sunday, February 12. We trust you will each make yourselves available for this first meeting of 2017.

Spring Study Series

Our Spring Sunday Night Study Series begins March 19th. Make your plans to be here each Sunday.

Sunday Night Devotion

Devotion will be held this evening at the home of *Mike & Gwyn McLemore*. We hope everyone will come.

Group One Meets

Group 1, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will meet today for a covered dish and group meeting at *the Coward's* home. We hope you can attend. ☐

On "Letting Our Lights So Shine That Others May See"

James W. Adams

Years ago on the coast of Florida sat a lighthouse. One of the panes of glass accidentally was broken. Night was coming on. It was too late to get it replaced. The winds blew. To keep it from blowing the light out, the keeper put a piece of tin in the place of the glass. The lights shone over the sea except where that piece of tin cast a dark shadow, widening as it danced upon the distant sea until it covered many a mile. Vessels in the shadow saw no light where one would have been. Several ships were wrecked upon the rocks and lost, for, while the light was burning as brightly as ever, it did not shine where it should. So, a single fault or bad habit often hides some of the Christian's light. Men are lost because they live in that shadow and he does not let his light shine on them.

(From the *Waukesha Workman, Waukesha, Wisconsin*. Gordon G. Pennock, editor.) ☐

— Gospel Visitor

Weekly Walk!