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Danger in Offences

Michael W. McLemore

“Bearing false witness” is one of the grave sins against which God has spoken. The “liar” will spend eternity in hell, *Revelation 21:8*. Christians should be careful, regardless of the issue, to speak only the truth concerning others.

Our subject regards a secondary aspect of these situations. It has to do with “the one who is spoken against.” Some feed upon such offences, real and imagined, and become consumed by their own bitterness. The design of a lying enemy is to destroy his victim. The one thus attacked assists his enemy’s evil design when he cherishes such poisonous darts in his heart and feeds upon them until his whole being is poisoned.

Plutarch warned of “Dogs” who go about barking “at all persons indifferently.” Accusers resemble the barking dog who yelps into the darkness. In the same breath Plutarch cautioned the man so offended by the “lying barks” that

he becomes “filled with nothing but other men’s miscarriages.”

Even astute mental giants, beloved and respected by thousands, once subjected to virulent attacks by vicious men, can as time passes become consumed by incremental slights. If he entertains his injuries in his heart to feed upon them, the root of bitterness is given place. Added to this store of real offences are many imaginary offences until the whole being is poisoned. As Plutarch warned, the heart is filled with nothing but other “men’s miscarriages.”

Life is too short and eternity too long to spend life in contemplation only of the injuries inflicted by one’s enemies until the whole man is thus corrupted and made a fit subject for eternal condemnation. Be on guard. Reject the slights of the ignorant barking dog and move on! Allow the Lord to judge the lies of the false witness. □



LAURA JEAN CHEATHAM PHILLIPS, age 97 of Huntsville, Alabama passed away peacefully at Hospice Family Care October 31, 2022. She was born July 24, 1925 in Fort Deposit, Alabama and grew up in Bessemer, Alabama. After graduating from Bessemer High School in 1943, she went to business school and worked for Tennessee Coal and Iron in Birmingham. She went on to be homemaker, substitute teacher and community volunteer. She loved to sew and cook and was known for her cakes, pies and confections. Her hospitality was open to all and she enjoyed serving her guests. She was a long time faithful member of Hueytown Church of Christ from 1964 to 2019. Mrs. Phillips is survived by her children, Virginia “Jenny” Phillips (David) Jacks, and Jack Alton Phillips, Jr. (Heather); grandchildren, Andrea Jacks (Richard) Jernigan, Lauren Jacks Pell, and Stone Hogan Phillips; great grandchildren, Owen Joshua Pell, Anna Lauren Pell, and Ari Calvin Pell; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Phillips, Sr., parents, W.E. and Velma Cheatham, son, Ward Phillips and three brothers and two sisters. Services were held at Valhalla Funeral Home in Bessemer, Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Your prayers for this family are appreciated. □

Always Abounding

MICHAEL W. MCLEMORE

Paul said that we are to be “always abounding in the work of the Lord,” *1 Corinthians 15:58*. He is not demanding that we must be engaged each and every moment of our lives doing some item of Heaven’s work, rather that our efforts be constant, continual and steady. Consider three characteristics which should be reflected in our service.

WILLING SERVICE — The reason many fail at doing the Lord’s work is that they simply are uninterested. Peter said, “as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word,” *1 Peter 2:2*. In order for one to grow in the knowledge of God’s Word, he must first desire to know more. In the matter of personal growth, willingness must drive our ambition. Such is true of every aspect of service to God.

FERVENT SERVICE — The term “fervent” comes from a word which in the original language meant “heated as to boiling.” Paul exhorted the Romans to be “fervent in spirit,” *Romans 12:11*. Our activity in service to Christ is therefore encouraged to the fervency of briskly rolling boiling water. This fervency of spirit is often demonstrated in the service of the new-born Christian. We need to recapture it if we are to abound in the work of the Lord.

FIRST PLACE SERVICE — Christ said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,” *Matthew 6:33*. Service to Christ has first place in the lives of faithful Christians. His/her interests are not divided. Only when the Lord comes first and everything and everyone else comes later can we serve God acceptably.

“Be ye steadfast and unmovable in faith” said Paul. Put forward the unceasing and constant effort to produce the kind of service described in God’s word. Then, indeed, we can all abound in His work! □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

Laura Jean Phillips, mother of **Jenny Jacks**, was laid to rest on Thursday afternoon near her home in Bessemer, Alabama. We are saddened by her loss to this world but rejoice in her hope. Please continue to remember this good family to the Lord as you pray.

Last week was Chemo week for **Becky Hill**. She is doing as well as could be expected. It was so good to see her at services last Lord's day morning. Your prayers for her and for **Tommy** are cherished.

Charlotte Hagewood has recently transitioned from home to **Regency Retirement Village, 2004 Max Luther Drive, Huntsville**. We will relay more specifics about visitation, room number, etc. Say sister Hagewood's name to the Lord as you pray each day.

Riley Monroe is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Tuesday morning at Crestwood Hospital on Airport Road. His daughter intends to "move in with him" following surgery as he recovers. Remember Riley to the Lord in your prayers. He is in Mississippi today.

Please keep **Glenda & Ken Cavender** in your prayers. They have both pressed through adversity when it comes to health.

Terry Childress relayed that his mom, **Sandra Ivey**, is doing much better since her pacemaker was installed. Also, he wanted us to know that **Peggy** "is doing great." We are thrilled to hear this good news.

We are happy to report that **Bruce Jansen** is better after his recent procedure. He's back

to work. We are thankful for the Lord's continued care of our brother as he serves.

Lorraine Tizola, wife of **Jabulani**, continues to improve. We are grateful for her recovery and continue to pray for the Tizola's in the loss of their baby. Unfortunately the medical bills associated with her care are substantial. The elders intend to aid them in meeting this obligation. If you would like to participate in this benevolent effort, please give your portion to either Tommy or Will today.

Pray earnestly for **Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, as she continues her cancer treatments.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, remains in our daily prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Charlotte Hagewood & Betty Dubose.**

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** is continuing his study "What Can I Do?" from the book of Acts. This is a great study. Come be a part.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike** will continue his series on "Living." Today Mike will discuss "The Life of Victory" from **Romans 8:31-39.**

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotional. Let's all attend.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike McLemore** will continue our study of **The Compassionate Christ.** ☐

Failure

Wilson Adams

"Lord, save me!" — Peter.

Q: Did Peter fail?

Seems so. Let's check.

Did he become afraid?

Check

Did his faith waver?

Check

Did he take his eyes off the Lord?

Check

Did he sink?

Check

Did he scream, "Lord, save me?"

Check

Yep he failed. The checks prove it. End of story. I see it differently. The story of failure is not Peter as much as it The Eleven who sat in the safety of the boat. They failed quietly. They failed privately. We don't talk about them.

The only one who bears the brunt of public criticism happens to be the only one who dared to get out of the boat.

Our worst life failure is not the fear of sinking because we dare walk by faith. Our worst failure? To stay in the boat.

Maybe it's time for you to take God by the hand and go for a walk. Will you be criticized? Oh yeah. But if you notice, the criticism usually comes from those who stay in the boat.

Status quo or walk on the water? You choose. ☐



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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am

Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am

Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 pm

Wednesday Classes 7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher **David Jacks**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, November 6

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **Collis Terry**
Lord's Table Lead: **Ed Dill**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Romans 8:31-39
The Life of Victory
Closing Prayer: **Adam Hagewood**

Sunday, November 13

Will Starks
David Jacks
Bill Thompson
Tommy Hill

Matthew 25:1-13
Mike McLemore
The Midnight Cry
Will Starks

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
David Jacks
Phil Shaver
Tommy Hill

Wednesday, November 9

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Tommy Hill**

Wednesday, November 16

Phil Furlough
Mike McLemore
Wes Caudle

2022 Lectures Cancelled

Quarterly Adult Classes

October – December 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

"What Can I Do?"

Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Compassionate Christ

Mike McLemore

Serving in November

Serving on the Lord's
Table AM & PM
** Overseer

** **Ed Dill (11-6), Tommy Hill (11-13),
Steve Hagewood (11-20), Marty Hunt (11-27)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

TBA

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



11-8	Julie Singleton	11-12	Madelyn Thompson
11-20	Riley Monroe	11-21	Miles Hagewood
11-25	Debbie Harbin	11-25	Amanda Stovall

WEEKLY WALK

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