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Recognizing His Treasure

Michael W. McLemore

Several years ago the AP carried a story of a Texas man who bought a 1,905 carat sapphire at a jewelry show for \$10.00. Purposefully he went to an area where the amateur dealers displayed their merchandise. He knew professional dealers charged hefty prices for their gems. At one vendor's booth he found the stone in a box of rocks priced at \$15.00. He realized that the rock was valuable and inquired about it. The dealer cut the price to \$10.00 and the purchase was made. The sapphire was later appraised at \$2.28 million!

The same uncut sapphire had probably passed through the hands of many people before someone recognized its value. Everyone would love to have an opportunity to purchase a sapphire for a fraction of its worth. The problem? Many would not recognize it, even if we held it.

Since the Gospel was first proclaimed more than two millennia ago a treasure far more valuable than sapphires has not been recognized

for its value. It is well within their grasp, yet they do not realize its worth. The treasure? Eternal life in an eternal kingdom, the kingdom of heaven!

Jesus told his contemporaries that "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field... which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it," *Matthew 13:44-46*.

The kingdom came at a tremendous price, the death of the only begotten of God. Jesus, the Son of God. He purchased the kingdom, the church with His own blood. He purchased the kingdom (the church) with His own blood, *Acts 20:28*. This treasure of being a part of a glorious, eternal kingdom is available to all who will submit to the King. Yet, so many miss this "treasure" because they do not recognize its worth. Don't make that mistake! ❑

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Who Selects Your Ties?

James W. Adams

Several years ago, a British magazine, *Tailor and Cutter*, suggested the following guide to be used in tie buying so as to match the tie to the personality of the wearer:

"Neat patterns are chosen by men modest and careful in thought and action. Stripes are selected by men overwhelmingly conscious of fashion, decisive in action and reluctant to take 'no' for an answer. A single motif is chosen by those who are studious, attentive to detail and efficient. Knitted ties are for the flamboyant, with the eye to color. A plain or single color indicates one who is upright, conservative and careful with money. The bow tie is for the extrovert. However, when women buy the ties instead of men, you can throw out the guide. Women are more likely to buy something that peals to them regardless of the personality of the man who is going to wear the tie. If someone else picks out ties for you, the ties may not reflect your personality at all. Worse than that, they may misrepresent you."

When I read this, it occurred to me that there is an important analogy which is suggested by it. The pattern of the lives of some does not always represent what they really are. Their pattern of life (called today, "Life-style") often misrepresents them. The reason for this is: they allow the views of others to determine their choices in life. Faith and conscience, in the eyes of God are intimately personal things. The faith of another will not suffice for me. My faith must represent my personal conviction relative to that which is true and right. The conscience of another person cannot be substituted for my conscience, even though there are many fanatical brethren who seem to think that their consciences should be the consciences of every member of the congregation in which they hold membership. Even

"public conscience" — the norm of behavior that is the consensus of society in general — sometimes called, "social conscience," will not do. Conscience must be based upon an absolute personal conviction concerning what is right and what is wrong.

All of us like to please our peers, hence we often allow peer pressure to determine the course of our lives. In other words, we are letting somebody else select our spiritual ties. Therefore, our actions do not truly represent our basic convictions. This is a species of hypocrisy in reverse, and it emanates from cowardice. Christians must "dare to be different." They must make their own choices. They must stand on their own convictions. No other course will meet the approval of God. Paul says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin," *Romans 14:23*. The faith to which he refers is one's personal faith in the rightness or wrongness of any act the Christian performs. A life lived in conformity to what one honestly believes to be wrong will damn his soul whether it is wrong or not. The following poem well expresses what the Christian should do in life:

Paddle Your Own Canoe

Voyager upon life's sea,
to yourself be true;
And where'er your lot may be,
paddle your own canoe.
Would you crush the tyrant,
Wrong, in the world's fierce fight?
With a spirit brave and strong,
battle for the Right;
And to break the chains that bind
the many to the few —
To enfranchise the slavish mind,
Paddle your own canoe.

Sarah K. Bolton

Represent yourself as you are. Select your own ties. ❑

Watch LIVE!



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Additions to Your Directory

Sarah Wilbourn was baptized July 19th. Please take note of her contact information.

13610 Clay Court
Huntsville, Alabama 35803

Leo Drake has made his desire to be identified with us here at Weatherly known. Help us welcome him. His contact information follows:

2018 Polk Drive NE
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Family Updates

Prayers:

Ron Harmon continues to progress with daily Rehab at Regency Rehabilitation. He has a long way to go. Some days are better than others. We are continuing to pray for him and are amazed by his resiliency. We are praying that he will be able to return home soon. Also, remember **Phyllis** to the Lord as you pray.

Wes's mom, **Louise Caudle**, remains on our prayer list and she continues her intensive daily radiation treatments. Your prayers are

appreciated.

Bill McCord's knee replacement surgery will happen at some point. His doctor wants him to do some rehab before the surgery to make it easier for him to do necessary rehab afterward. Pray for Bill.

Please remember **Silvia Henderson's** sister-in-law, **Ann Henderson**, as you pray.

Susan Watson's mother, **Janie Cheatham** remains on our prayer list. Also, remember Susan and her sister as they attend to her needs.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister continues to have an interest in our prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Maragem Harbin, Betty Dubose & Harold Smith.**

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Tommy Hill** is continuing his study, **Building Strong Homes**. Please see Mike McLemore if you have not picked up your book.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike** postponed his series "When God is Silent" for one week. Today's lesson, **Faithful God**, is taken from **Nehemiah 9**.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotion. We hope you will plan to gather with us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** will continue his verse by verse study of the **Gospel of Mark**. See you then. ☐

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



7-06	Leo Drake	7-31	Phillip Dill
8-02	Wanda Castleman	8-10	Clark Boles
8-10	Natalie Frazier	8-11	Phyllis Harmon
8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher

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Mighty Man

Adapted

Not only was King David a great warrior himself, but he was also surrounded with other valiant men, some of whom we know. One is named, *2 Samuel 23:9-10*: Eleazar, son of Dodo the Ahoite. The feat attributed to him is a battle against the Philistines that he waged so furiously that "his hand was weary and clung to the sword."

Have you ever worked so hard and so long with a tool that you had to pry it out of your own hand? That is what we see with Eleazar in this text. He was so focused on his task that he forgot how NOT to perform it!

Christians are given a weapon for the war against Satan -- the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). If we wield it as consistently and as fervently as Eleazar did his carnal weapon, we too will find ourselves unable to put it down. God's word should not be a dusty relic on a bookshelf, or a storage place for family records, or even a prop that accompanies us to the church building a few times a week. It should be a tool used constantly to thwart the cause of Satan in our lives and in the lives of others. And the more we use it, the easier we find it to use.

Certainly there is a time and place for practice with this weapon—but only if we are practicing with the intent of taking the weapon into battle. Let's not be satisfied with simply knowing as much as possible about God's word; let us endeavor to use it effectively and frequently in our struggles with the enemy. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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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Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood
Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, July 30th

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**
Nehemiah 9
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Faithful God
Closing Prayer: **Wes Caudle**

Sunday, August 6th

Will Starks
David Jacks
Ed Dill
Collis Terry
Revelation 8:1-6
Mike McLemore
Silence in Heaven
Doyle Wray

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Shaver**
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
David Jacks
Jim Ehl
WD Patrick

Wednesday, August 2nd

Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Wednesday, August 9th

Mel Ambrose
Mike McLemore
Bill Thompson

Weatherly Heights Singing August 11th

Tim Stevens, Jim Deason
Lane Alexander

Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2023

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Building Strong Homes
Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Gospel of Mark
Mike McLemore

Serving in August

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM **** Collis Terry (8-6), Phil Shaver (8-13), Marty Hunt (8-20), Phil Furlough (8-27)**
**** Overseer**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Collis Terry

