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AM - BEN WRIGHT - AND WE HOLD OUR PEACE

PM - BEN WRIGHT - LESSONS FROM A LAWNMOWER

WBS TEACHERS MEETING AFTER SERVICES TONIGHT

BOPEL MEETING AT CURRY MAY 1-4

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- 2 KINGS 23-25; MON- 1 CHRONICLES 1-2; TUE- 3- ; WED- 6-7; THUR- 8-10; FRI- 11-13; SAT- 14-16; SUN- 17-20

BIRTHDAYS:

Apr 24: Brandi Richardson & Stephen Phillips

25: Carl Myers

28: Libby Tucker

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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AND WE HOLD OUR PEACE

(2 Kings 7:8-11)

The lepers _____ (vs. 8a).

- A. They delighted in their _____.
 - 1. They began to eat as if there was no _____.
 - 2. We are spiritually _____ daily with more than we can ever use while there are those around us lost in sin.
- B. They delighted in their _____.
 - 1. They were dirt poor a few _____ before this, having nothing and being outcasts of society.
 - 2. Christians are given the riches of spiritual _____ in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).
- C. They delighted in their _____.
 - 1. They were normally dressed in _____, wearing what they had when they were pronounced leprous.
 - 2. Before our conversion we were in _____ rags (Isaiah 64:6), but now we have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27).

I. The lepers _____ (vs. 8b-9).

- A. Notice their _____ - they had been so caught up in their new found riches that they had forgotten about the peoples suffering.
 - 1. The blessings we have from God are not for our happiness _____ but also for the whole world (1 John 2:1-2).
 - 2. We do not well when we _____ up all of God's blessings to ourselves.
- B. Notice their _____ - this was a day of glad tidings!
 - 1. There are people all around us who _____ what we have.
 - 2. It would be a wonderful thing if Christians would realize that others need the _____ we have to tell.
- C. Notice their _____ - they decided to go and tell the city what they had found.

II. The lepers _____ (vs. 10-11).

- A. Their decision involved _____ because they were outcasts of society who had to approach the people at the gates.
 - 1. They stood the chance of being put to _____ or just completely ignored.
 - 2. It takes courage to share the _____ with a world that is steeped in sin.
- B. Their decision involved _____ for people who had none for them just a day earlier.
- C. Their decision resulted in _____.
 - 1. When it was finally believed, their message resulted in the _____ of a city.
 - 2. We don't know how it will turn out when we _____ someone the gospel.

Farming and Evangelism

Bud Lambert

Farming is a process, not just an event. Part of that process is preparing the soil. Successful farmers know that preparing the soil is a prerequisite to reaping a healthy harvest. Good farming requires fertilizing, etc., and then planting the seed. Seed planted in unprepared soil will very likely be choked out and die.

Evangelism is also a process, not just an event. There's more to evangelism than planting the Seed (the Word of God). Successful evangelism involves preparing the soil as well as planting the Seed. The evangelist prepares his soil, the hearts of man, by working to rid the heart of "moral filth and evil" (James 1:21). These interfere with the reception and growth of the Seed. The tool used for cleaning evil from a person's heart is "GOOD." Paul says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). Jesus says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). When we as Christians do good to one who is not a Christian, we are evangelizing, because we are preparing their heart to receive God's Word.

We can try to force the Word of God into people's hearts. But usually people who have the Word forced on them and who are intimidated into being baptized, because their heart is not prepared, only lasts a short while before the evil chokes out the Seed, and they die spiritually. As evangelists let's make sure we do our best to plant the Word of God into hearts which are prepared to receive it. When we find a heart unprepared, let's be patient and take the time necessary to prepare it by taking advantage of every opportunity to do good into that person.