

ANNOUNCEMENTS**MAY 8, 2011****SICK LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

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May 10: Betty Honeycutt

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May 9: Tammy & Jon Whitfield

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

(Galatians 6:10)

I. “As we have therefore opportunity...”

- A. The word “have” can carry the idea of _____ something.
1. You are in possession of an _____ to do something.
 2. You may have one opportunity to _____ someone the gospel and one only.
 3. You may be in possession of one opportunity to _____ someone.
 4. That opportunity is a possession that we must use in order to be _____ to God.
- B. The other interesting word is “_____.”
1. This word means that when the opportunity is there then we are seize it whether it is at a _____ time or not.
 2. We can’t sit back and say, well I can’t right now so I’ll just get the next opportunity that comes by.

II. “Let us do good...”

- A. Those opportunities that we possess are for one _____: doing good.
- B. The little word “do” carries the idea of being _____ in something.
1. In other words, it is our _____ to do good.
 2. This is what the Lord did - He went about _____ good.
 3. The reason for such is that God is _____ and _____ when we are employed in this manner (Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 13:16).
- C. The word “good” implies that the things we do are to be benevolent, profitable and _____.
1. The things we do when these possessions become ours are to be _____ for others.
 2. They are done out of a benevolent _____.

III. “Unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

- A. In this phrase of the verse, we see who are the recipients of our good deeds - _____, especially Christians.
- B. There is no one who _____ to fall into this category.
1. We are to do good to our _____ when the opportunity presents itself, even if it is not convenient for us (Luke 6:27).
 2. We are no better than the world when we only help those that do _____ to us (Luke 6:33).
- C. The word “especially” carries the idea of “to the greatest _____.”
1. We are to never let a brother or sister in Christ do _____ or go uncared for in some way.
 2. We are to go as _____ as we can to help out brethren.

Righteous, godly mothers are most precious. Their value still has to be far above rubies (Proverbs 31:10). One is well blessed indeed who still has his mother. The world truly must be a different and somewhat strange place when one's mother no longer walks in it. David spoke of being bowed down heavily, as one that mourned for his mother (Psalm 35:14). The Lord commanded the wanderers to fear or reverence and respect their mothers (Leviticus 19:3). Paul encouraged the members of Ephesus to honor their mothers (Ephesians 6:2). Paul saluted a mother in Romans 16:13. Our Lord showed His love and respect for his precious mother on occasions such as Luke 12:49 and from the cross in John 19:27. Notice some things certainly involved in making precious mothers.

LEAVING. There is to be a leaving of father and mother and the making of a new priority (Genesis 2; Matthew 19; Ephesians 5). Parents have been most important, but now the mate is to have priority. There is the clinging, uniting, joining, cementing, or fastening firmly to the new mate. Then the proper setting of maturity is in place for motherhood.

LONGING. Psalm 113:9 speaks of the Lord giving the barren woman a home and making her a **JOYFUL** mother of children. The heart-felt longing for motherhood is seen in Genesis 30:1, where Rachel said, "Give me children, or else I die." Those who desire to be mothers are sure to make the better kind. Could there be a more worthy goal than to be a righteous, godly mother? This writer recently was privileged to be in the home of a young mother of nine children. A true joy of being a mother was so very evident.

LIVING. Good mothers set good examples. The Bible says Jesus began both to do and to teach (Acts 1:1). They never live the life condemned in Matthew 23, where folks were saying but not doing. When children have the kind of mothers they need, they can follow their mothers and be following the Lord at the same time (1 Corinthians 11:1). Mothers are challenged to so live that even after death a good example will continue to mould lives on earth (Revelation 14:13).

LOVING. God commands mothers to love their children (Titus 2:4). The love of mothers has made a many wayward child rethink the path of his steps. Mother's love has added depth to the old song, "Precious Memories." Love makes mothers special. Love carries and protects the unborn. Love sacrifices; love comforts; love patiently endures; love forgives and so on. Mothers and the traits of true love (1 Corinthians 13) go together.

LEARNING. Mothers have golden opportunities to teach precious truths to their children. Begin now. The years pass quickly. Mothers are truly precious. Mine is a hero to me. I hope yours is to you.