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"I Can Do All Things..."
Philippians 4:13



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By Dan Jenkins

“That’s Not in My Bible”

I once heard of a Christian having a Bible study with a friend about what one must do to be saved. He opened his Bible and urged the friend to read several passages which clearly revealed God’s plan of salvation. The friend’s reply was, “There are none of these verses in my Bible.” She went and got her Bible, and she was exactly right. She had literally cut out every one of the verses from her own Bible and thrown away those which she did not like.

As strange as it might seem, this was not the first time this ever happened. Less than 20 years before Jerusalem was destroyed and taken into Babylon, Jeremiah was pleading for all men, even the king, to change and return to God. A copy of the book of Jeremiah was brought to King Jehoiakim and read in his presence. “And it happened when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe’s knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire” (Jer. 36:23). His view was that if you do not like what God says just cut it out of the Bible.

Human nature does not change that much. While no one is actually cutting verses out of the Bible, their actions show that their hearts are so much like Jehoiakim. There are several ways to “cut verses out of the Bible.”

Honestly look at the His image, and God will change you into that image!

There are some who, knowing that God would not approve of what they are doing, simply just never read the Bible. When encouraged by others to come to worship, they are adamant in the way they respond. They just cut God out of their lives.

There are also those who read the Bible trying to find verses which justify what they have decided is right. The Bible talks of those who read the Bible and then twist it to suit their own ideas (2 Pet. 3:16). While they do not literally have the scribe’s knife in their hands, they have one in their hearts.

Do you want to know His will for your life? Come to His word and “...hunger and thirst after righteousness” (Matt. 5:6). Remember His promise, “You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13). Jesus said it this way, “If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine” (John 7:17).

Our hearts must be so different than the heart of Jehoiakim. Paul speaks of that person who, with an open heart, comes to the Bible and reads about Jesus. As he looks at the image of Jesus, he is changed into that very same image by the Holy Spirit of God (2 Cor. 3:18). Do you want God to change you? Then open your Bible and honestly seek Him, but make sure you do not have a scribe’s pen in your hand!



By David Sproule

Keep It in Perspective

Have you ever had a bad day as a Christian? Have you ever suffered some slight, some insult, some mild form of persecution because of your faith? (“Mild” in comparison to what we read of New Testament Christians suffering.) Have you ever allowed that experience to be magnified out of proportion to the point that it became “the worst thing ever” or a “faith-debilitating attack”?

May I suggest that we keep things in perspective? First of all, contrast what we endure as Christians with what the apostle Paul endured. He was “afflicted in every way...persecuted...struck down...in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often” (2 Cor. 4:8-9; 11:23; cf. v. 24-27). What we endure is not worthy to be compared with what the faithful of old endured!

More importantly than a contrast with Paul, we need to keep things in the same perspective as Paul did. Regardless of what he suffered, Paul announced, “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16). What determination! What contentment! Two verses later, he continued, “While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are

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seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (4:18). Now that’s keeping things in perspective!

But, I want you to consider the verse in between these two verses. Notice carefully the outlook that Paul kept in the midst of all that he endured. “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

Paul referred to his excessive persecution as affliction which was (1) momentary and (2) light. We wouldn’t think of it that way, but Paul did! Momentary (i.e., for a limited and short time) and light (i.e., easy to bear)! We need to adopt that mentality!

Then, he said that these afflictions were not working against him but they were working for him! They were producing something far greater than could even be described! Rather than focus on the “affliction,” Paul focused his attention on the “glory” awaiting—a “glory” that was (note the sharp contrast) (1) eternal (not momentary) and (2) weighty (not light)! Paul uses a double expression to emphasize that this glory is “beyond all measure and proportion.” There was no human way for him to describe the magnitude of the glory!

So, the next time that we have a bad day as a Christian, let’s put it into perspective and focus our attention on the awaiting glory that is “exceeding exceedingly” glorious!



By Josh Blackmer

Understanding God’s Message

The story is told of a man who liked to just open his Bible and read the first verse that came to him as though it were a message of God directly to him. The first verse he happened to turn to was Matthew 27:5, which says Judas “went away and hanged himself.” Since he was not sure how this verse applied to himself, he flipped to another passage and the Bible fell open to Luke 10:37, “Then said Jesus to him, ‘Go, and do the same.’” The man was quite upset, and he did not know how he could ever obey that, so he decided to turn to one more place. Again, he opened the Bible at random and to his horror his finger fell upon John 13:27, “Therefore said Jesus to him, ‘What you do, do quickly.’”

While this may be a humorous story, there are some who are coming to the Bible this way looking to find a message from God and are leaving more confused. Not because God was not communicating, but rather they did not know how to read the message. Have you ever thought, “How can there be so many different ideas about the same book?” Two groups can study the Bible and come away with contradicting claims of God’s truth. When Jesus was asked a question by a lawyer, His response was, “What does the Law say? How do you read it?” (Luke 10:26). Jesus spoke well in asking how the lawyer read the law. Everyone is reading the same book,

“What does the Law say? How do you read it?”

but not all are reading it the same way. There are some basic things that we can keep in mind when reading that will help us understand the message.

Is it in the old covenant or new covenant? The old covenant is no longer binding today (Heb. 8:13). While the information is important, it is not binding on us today as an ecumenical code. What is the immediate context of the verse? You would find that information by reading the chapter. Then, you will need to find the context of the book that it is in. You will need to read that book and see how that verse fits in the overall message. See if you can put what you have learned into the context of the overall message of the Bible. You will also need to determine what form of writing is being used. Is it poetry? Is it narrative? Is it figurative? Is it prophetic? All of these will be read differently.

Finally, direct commands, examples and inference play a part in ascertaining God’s will. Direct commands are the “thou shalt and thou shalt not” type. Examples are taken as authoritative as we seek to mimic the “form of doctrine” that was originally taught and practiced (Rom. 6:17). Inference is that which is implied. God so loved the world, and I am in the world, therefore God so loved me.

All of these play a part in us understanding God’s will. Properly used, they will keep us from hanging ourselves.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The Confusing World of ‘Isms

When it comes to religion today, we live a confusing world that is characterized by schisms. Think about how many isms surround us—Denominationalism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Pentecostalism, Adventism, Mormonism, Calvinism, Arminianism, Premillennialism, Materialism, etc., etc. The pervasive division leaves many people feeling puzzled, some even hopeless, and many are just “done” with religion, all because of the rampant isms that abound to ad nauseam.

Here’s a simple, profound but challenging question/proposal. What if we put aside all isms? What if we put aside all man-made doctrines and man-made churches? What if we came to the Bible without ANY prejudices of what others have believed or what others have taught, and what if we were to only speak where the Bible speaks and to remain silent where the Bible is silent? What if we were to simply call Bible things by Bible names and do Bible things in Bible ways? What if we restored New Testament Christianity precisely as it was designed, established and revealed to us in our New Testaments? Wouldn’t that be beautiful! – DS



Having nothing but possessing everything

Are you poor, or are you rich? Do you feel poor, or do you feel rich? When we think of the terms “poor” and “rich,” we have a hard time thinking of them in any context other than financial, but it is interesting how the Bible often will use those words in a personal and spiritual sense.

As Paul detailed the dichotomy of experiences, circumstances and conditions that he had faced in his ministry, he lists this one as the final one: “...as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things” (2 Cor. 6:10). Materially, Paul was poor and often relied on the help of others for his substance.

However, his economic depravity did not prevent him from leading others to spiritual prosperity. And, in reality, while he recognized that he had “nothing” from man’s viewpoint, he also rejoiced that he possessed “all things” that really matter.

What about you? It is possible to be a rich poor man! But it is also possible to be a poor rich man! May God help us to be rich toward Him and enjoy His riches (Luke 12:21; Rom. 2:4)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	dealing with severe hip and leg pain
Pete Brown	difficulty recovering from knee surgery
Sharon Feeney	awaiting lumbar spine surgery
Eddie Gooden	undergoing tests for health issues
Jason Halas	now at home, hit by a truck but doing well
Shirley Hopkins	recovering from surgery to repair her broken elbow
Deidra Miley	awaiting kidney surgery
Silas Moses	in ICU at VA Hospital
Jermaine Smith	recovering at home from neck surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Annie Faison	suffering with chronic pain
Janet Hickerson	chronic health problems
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Patricia Buonadonna	Ed Buonadonna's mother, heart & respiratory problems
Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, numerous health issues
Betty Hay	Samantha Eutsey's grandmother, upcoming knee surgery
Jean Honore	Justilien Honore's brother, hospital, heart problems
Frankie Lyons	Gwen Lyons' mother, recovering at home from a virus
Richard Matter	Don Matter's son, recovering from quadruple bypass surg.
Ennis Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, stage 4 cancer
Gail Livergood	Steven Livergood's mother, recovering from cancer surg.
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, cancer surgery on October 11

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday	Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley

Remember
Our Mission Works

Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 9

- ♦ **Teacher Training Class for Cradle Roll & Toddler Classes** at 4:30 p.m. We need more teachers.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, October 10

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, October 11

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 13

- ♦ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Inell Ingram.

Friday-Sunday, October 14-16

- ♦ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend.** Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bus on the bulletin board in the Lobby and fill out a registration form. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Tuesday, October 18

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Friday, October 21

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Saturday, October 22

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.
- ♦ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. RSVP by Wednesday, October 19 to Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard.

Tuesday, October 25

- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Quigley.

Sunday, October 30

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated** after morning services or before evening services in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday-Sunday, October 14-16

- ♦ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend.** Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bus on the bulletin board in the Lobby and fill out a registration form. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Friday, October 28

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, October 29

- ♦ **Young Adult Costume Party.** Location TBD.

Sunday, October 30

- ♦ **Young Adult Morning Worship at Belle Glade** followed by a fellowship meal. Shea Brown will be preaching. Please bring a dish to share. See Shea to carpool or for more details.

Monday, November 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. See Rachel Fuller for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, October 9

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, October 22

- ♦ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. RSVP by Wednesday, October 19 to Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard.
- ♦ **Young Families' Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks. Bring finger foods and a bag of candy. All families with children in 5th grade and under are invited. See Melinda Price or Stephanie Weeks for more details.

Sunday, October 23

- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Friday, October 28

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m.

Equipping & Edifying Families



10 Ways to Keep Your Kids From Doing Dumb Things

Children, to put it mildly, can do the dumbest things and, even a thirty-second lack in judgment can haunt our children for a lifetime. Here are a few helpful ideas to keep your kids from doing dumb things and, hopefully, ease your pain.

- 1. Online Dangers.** The whole world is on the Internet. The good, bad, and the dangerous. A child can get in serious trouble in a hurry. By all means, be aware of your child's online activity. Some filters can be helpful, but they can't block everything. There is no room for you to bury your head in the sand on this one. Talk to your kids openly about the dangers they could encounter. Then follow that up with eyes like a hawk at all times. Start with making them do their online surfing in the living room, not their bedroom.
- 2. The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Tree.** We inherit much from our parents. This includes tendencies. Plenty of bad ideas you once came up with as a kid will be attempted by your child as well. The best way to catch a criminal is to think like one, right? Same thing applies here. Try to remember the world through the eyes of a 12-year-old. It will be very beneficial in preventing things before they ever occur.
- 3. The Famous Money Tree.** We all wish it existed. Of course, it does not. Children, especially teenagers, tend to treat money like it can never run out. Sadly, many adults do as well. Teach your children the importance of money management. Give them an allowance that is earned by designated chores. Money falling from trees is never going to happen.
- 4. Loose Lips Sink Ships.** Everyone has said things in their life they would like to take back. Mom was right. *If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.* Being honest and straight forward is great. However, tactfulness and politeness are equally important. Teach your children to control their tongues. This one trait can take a person far in life. It's called not burning bridges.
- 5. The Cell Phone Blues.** The mobile phone has become a permanent part of our being. It's like an extra limb. Yes, they are helpful and awesome in many ways. They are also a great way to get into a lot of trouble for your children. "Sexting" has become a major problem among teens. It is very important you discuss and monitor the cell phone use of your kids.
- 6. Thinking a Couple Moves Ahead.** Teach your children how to think through the consequences of their actions. Walk them through progressions in their minds by asking questions, such as, "What will happen if you do 'X'? How will people react? What will you do then?" Play strategy games together that train their brains to think a couple moves ahead.
- 7. The Importance of Choosing Friends.** The people your kids spend their time with have a great deal of influence on them. Have the discussion about friend selection with your children. It's best to have that talk before you are rushing them to the hospital or receiving a call from the school.
- 8. Teach Them Manners.** "Don't talk with your mouth full." "Inside voices!" "The proper term is, 'Yes, sir!'" Manners are somewhat of a lost art in our society. It seems there are so many battles to fight that this one gets shoved aside. Then it rears its ugly head at a neighborhood dinner party. You are mortified at the behavior of your kids. A horrible feeling for a parent. Enforce the most basic of manners in your household at all times. Teach them the meaning of respect.
- 9. Safeguard Your Home.** We can't shelter our kids from all dangers, but we can prevent a lot of unnecessary accidents. If you own guns, make sure they are locked up. Keep medicine, household cleaning products, and pointy things out of their reach. They all have their place and it's not in the hands of an unknowing child. Safeguard your home.
- 10. Lying In The Bed You Made.** The surefire way to prevent your kids from doing dumb things is by allowing them to experience the consequences of their actions. "You made your bed, now lie in it." It is imperative that you discipline your children, however difficult and sometimes heartbreaking to do. Disciplining a child is a great act of love by a parent.

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)



Sunday,
October 2

Alice Nelson was baptized on Sunday, October 2 after evening worship. She is listed in the directory with her family.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Susan Crosswhite; Mr. & Mrs. Randall Deem, Lexie & Cameron; Ms. Aisha Fernandez; Lamatron Gadson; Tom Garrison; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Johnston; Ms. Jennifer King; John Loftis; Mrs. Sharon Mann; Ms. Janie Murphy; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Sink; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; and Ms. Marcia Walker.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mike Barrios, Collierville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Carter, Bradenton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Tyrone Carter, Indian Harbour Beach, FL; Ms. Judy Chancey, Belle Glade, FL; Mr. & Mrs. George Flynn, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Greg Morris, Cordova, TN; Ms. Dorothy Noeman, Kingston, Jamaica; and Peter Williams, Oviedo, FL.



Directory Changes

Shantal Martin moved to Fayetteville, NC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (Oct. 9th)

David Jaress
Monica Morando
Lawrence Williams

Monday (Oct. 10th)

Eldra & Grace Judge (Ann.)
Dirk Summerlot

Tuesday (Oct. 11th)

Harrison Carter
Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Scott Studer

Thursday (Oct. 13th)

Fran Campbell

Friday (Oct. 14th)

Patricia Harrington
Amy Rosado

Saturday (Oct. 15th)

Stahia Banks
Joe Holland
Meagan Metzkes



Thank you so much for all of your encouragement, prayers, cards, food, flowers; and phone calls during this difficult time of the loss of my mother, **Dianne Judd**. The loving sympathy you have shown during this tremendously difficult time is so greatly appreciated. We are deeply grateful.

Edward and Ellen Gager

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at 9:45 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:45 p.m.

Sunday Morning, October 9

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer David Lord
Scripture Reading Chuck Clark
Presiding at Table Joe Maloney
Serve at Table:
Doug Carrick Jacade Reynolds
Tim Cox Vincent Rogers
Josue Charles Nahum Villard
E. Gower-Winter Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Bob Higbee Phil Porter
Closing Prayer Stephen Beliech

Sunday Evening, October 9

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Ken Tipton
Presiding at Table D. Lequernaqué
Tim Mahlbacher
Jim Rogers
Simon Tyson
Closing Prayer Richard Watson
Wednesday Evening, October 12
Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation Dan McLeod
Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 2	Sep. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	251	262
Sun. A.M. Worship	356	352
Sun. P.M. Worship	160	184
Wed. Bible Study	190	214
Contribution	\$16,028	\$15,114

2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +26,120

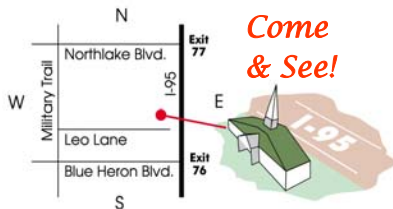
Ushers for week of **Oct. 9** Head Usher: Rick Hall; Namdidie Ikon & Clayton Trujillo



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Come & See!

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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Penelope Terry & Caleb Beliech



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
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DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).