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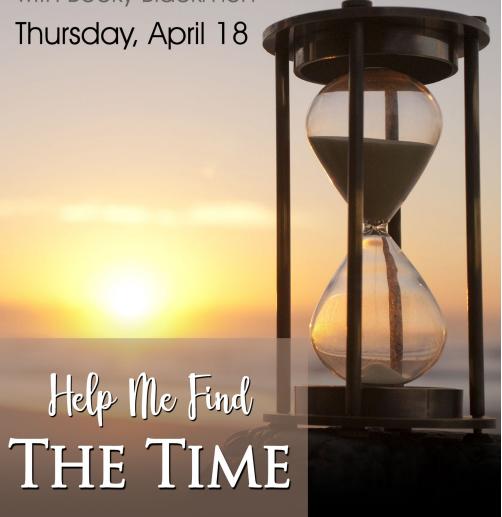
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37th Annual Ladies' Day

with Becky Blackmon

Thursday, April 18



By Dan Jenkins

Ever Feel Like You Are Outnumbered?

Life is never easy, but there are those times when we become so overwhelmed that we are filled with despair, feeling like we can never succeed. God, who supplies all our needs, has given us His words of truth to let us know just how wrong we are. Remember this. With the exception of two

times (one was in the Garden of Eden; see if you can think of the other) the number of the ungodly has always far surpassed those who are godly. Look at the following words of encouragement He has given us about how we will triumph because He is here with us. Pay special attention to the word "thousand."

There were millions of Jews who left Egypt and headed for the Promised Land, but before them lay the task of conquering that land. Some readily gave up saying, "The people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large...there we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak) and we were like grasshoppers in our sight" (Num. 13:28, 33). They gave up.

Forty years later, their children entered that land under the leadership of Joshua. His view was always different from the view of the former generation. "Hold fast to the Lord your God as you have done this day. For the Lord has driven out from before you the great and strong nations; but as for

you, now one has been able to stand against you to this day. One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the Lord your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you" (Josh. 23:8-10). One chase a thousand? If there were six million Jews who entered the Promised Land, they could have defeated 6,000,000,000 pagans. How do you like those odds! When you feel outnumbered, remember this story. It is God who fights our battles.

How many angels does God
use to help us in
the midst of our
trials?

Do not overlook that time when Shamgar killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad (Judg. 3:31);
Gideon's small army killed over 100,000 Midianites (Judg. 8:10); Samson killed a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey (Judg. 15:15); and the Jews' victory over 185,000 Assyrians without lifting a single weapon (2 Kgs. 19:35).

When you are discouraged because those living ungodly lives seem to be winning, read Psa. 38:17. "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands." He is among His people, and He and His heavenly army stand beside you. How many angels does He have? John said, "Then I looked and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne...and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Rev. 5:11). And the work of every one of them is to minister to us who are troubled (Heb. 1:14). Remember, you are not outnumbered!



By David Sproule

Seven Things That God Loves

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Proverbs 6:16-19 is a well-known passage that teaches seven things which the Lord hates. But, turn that around. What are some things that the Lord loves? To be more like Him and to be more pleasing to Him, I ought to learn to hate what He hates, and to love what He loves.

One way to determine what the Lord loves is to reverse the seven things in Proverbs 6 that He hates. Therefore, we find that God must love a humble heart, an honest tongue, hands that help the innocent, a heart that plans good things, feet that run to do good, a true witness, and one who sows peace and unity among brethren. But what are some other things that Scripture says the Lord loves?

God loves all people. Jesus said, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). If I'm going to be like Him, then I need to love all people, too.

God loves sinners. Paul wrote, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). God hates "wickedness/ lawlessness" (Psa. 45:7; Heb. 1:9), but He still loves the ones who commit such acts. If I'm going to be like Him, then I need to love those who do wrong, too.

God loves all Christians. John wrote, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us...God so loved us...we have known and believed the love that God has for us" (1 John 3:1; 4:11, 16). If I'm going to be like Him, then I need to love all Christians, too.

God loves those who do right. The psalmist said, "The Lord loves the righteous" (Psa. 146:8), and Solomon wrote that God "loves one who pursues righteousness" (Prov.

15:9). If I want to be loved by God, I need to love right and do right, even if no one else is!

God loves those who obey Him. David and Moses remind us that God's "steadfast love" is always "toward those who fear Him" (Psa. 103:11) and "keep His commandments" (Deut. 7:9). If I want to be loved by God, I need to respect His Word and obey it always!

God loves those who treat others fairly. David reveals that "the Lord loves justice" (Psa. 37:28). He is just (Deut. 32:4) and expects His people to be just. If I want to be loved by God, I need to be impartial and fair toward others!

God loves a cheerful giver. Paul tells us that "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). If I want to be loved by God, I need to give to Him with (and from) a cheerful heart!

Amos said, "Hate evil, love good" (5:15). Do you?

By Josh Blackmer

House to Home

In its most basic form, a house is a shelter. Its sturdy walls and impermeable roof supply the boundaries of refuge from the elements. It is a place of warmth, protection, solace and rest. It is carefully constructed to have its imprint on the landscape for generations. They are planned, drawn, con-

structed, regulated, bought and settled. They are an investment of time and money. Most of us will never possess anything of greater monetary value. For this
reason, they are insured, cared for and protected. As
the house goes, so should the home.

A home is built

A home is less about the place and more about the people in it. Whether those that reside there are biologically familial or woven together by life's circumstances, they still stand together. They are united in the place where they seek refuge from the world at large. Some days it's a battle and others are a breeze, but at the end of each day, the home is the place that is sought after. While a house can be imagined, drawn and constructed, often very little planning or purpose is put into making the house a home. Once shelter is achieved what are we doing to provide a barrier to those worldly elements? Our homes can be places of refuge, or they can be a continuation of the storm.

For the sake of all its residents, the home needs to be

a place of escape and protection. In the ideal setting God laid the plans for the home. Time and effort need to be made to follow the plan and protect what is so valuable to us. It is the husband that should make sure that his bride is safe and secure (Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet. 3:7). Both husband and wife are to treat each other with respect and mutual care (Eph. 5:21-22; Luke 6:31). In doing this, husband and wife are examples of a more excellent way (1 Cor. 12:31b; 13:4-7). Children

are to be raised, not just kept alive. This responsibility was laid at the feet of the father (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21). It is he that should keep the monsters at bay and be a safeguard from the world until the time comes that the children are trained to fight their own monsters and stand in the dark of the world outside.

Like many before us, we have made mistakes. Things happened outside of our control that throw our home into disarray and chaos. Everything is not ideal, but nothing is impossible. A home is rebuilt much like a house ravaged by a storm or destruction—brick by brick and one nail at a time. Things can be mended. It will take time, great effort and a change of habits. What are we doing to insure it against trouble? Houses come in all shapes and sizes, but a home, with Christ as the foundation, is a mighty fortress. What are we doing to maintain our homes as much as we do our houses? Is our home a refuge? What habits can I change to secure what is lacking in the home?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

for the Day

Nose-blind

Have you ever thought about being "nose-blind"? What is that? Being "nose-blind" is one way of describing individuals whose nose and brain have adapted to (i.e., become blind to) smells in their environment. Have you ever been around a person with bad body odor, or in someone's home that had a "funny smell to it," or in a neighborhood near a smelly factory, and you thought, "How can they live with this

and you thought, "How can they live with this smell?" Reason: They're nose-blind! They are not affected by the smell because the odor receptors in their brain have dismissed those smells as inconsequential.

What does that have to do with you as a Christian? Have we become "nose-blind" to the putrid stench of immorality all around us? At first, things like fornication, adultery, homosexuality, abortion, foul language, hatred, offensive speech, etc. may repulse our "holy" sense of smell, but after being around it for a while, can we become nose-blind to it? Read Ephesians 4:17-24. Let us refresh our "learning of Christ" and revive "the new man" in "true righteousness and holiness"! Go get some fresh air in God's Word, then "see" how smelly the world is! - DS

Repay no one evil for evil

Has someone ever done you wrong? Or, should I ask, how recent was the last time someone did you wrong? It's happened to all of us—even Jesus! While we cannot control how others treat us, God has put it 100% within our control how we respond. Thus, He commands us, "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone" (Rom. 12:17). Think about that word "never" and

that word "anyone." Wow! Jesus instructs us to not have "an eye for an eye" mentality, "But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also" (Matt. 5:38-39).

There is always someone who responds to this and says, "Yeah, but...You don't know what he

did! Yeah, but...You don't know what she said!" Brother and sister in Christ, Jesus didn't leave ANY room for a "yeah, but"! He said, "Never" (Rom. 12:17). He said, "Anyone" (Rom. 12:17). He said, "Whoever" (Matt. 5:39).

Keep turning the cheek! Don't repay evil, but "overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks upcoming medical tests

Jimmie Banks undergoing medical testing (April 12)

Jackie Creary recovering from injections for back pain

Terri Hahn now home from the hospital

Joe Holland hospitalized last week, now back at home at Brookdale

Lynne Jorgensen undergoing medical tests

Mary Reeves dealing with severe hip pain

Kay Richardson undergoing testing on her heart

Betty Sanders receiving daily treatments for an infection

Dorothy Savage dealing with multiple health issues

Jackie Stout awaiting results from medical tests

Linda Studer undergoing monthly chemo treatments



Mattie Cox, upon the passing of her mother (and one of our shut-ins), Cora Lee Dennis, on Monday, April 8. The funeral is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Joe Holland chronic health issues

Charles Norton dialysis treatments

Patricia Ventress dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames Daniel Johnson

Hattie Daniels Don & Betty Matter

Sandra Daniels Deidra Miley

Josie Dawson Harriet Morris

Annie Faison Godfrey Pratt

Margie Hardin Leigh Puckett

Janet Hickerson Ricky Smedley

Loretta Holaday

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Mikki Dean Hollie Crotts' sister, pregnant and on bed rest

Tim Deem Allison Roman's brother, port inserted for an infection

Evelyn Ellis Mike Ellis' mother, in ICU with heart and breathing issues

Stacy Hall Rick & Peggy Hall's daughter, recovering from elbow surg.

Beverly Michaelian Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from a fall

Lila Santana Jon & Jenny Jordan's granddaughter, recovering from surg

Ben Smith Mary Brown's brother, in Rehab Ctr of the Palm Beaches

Ulysses Smith Mary Brown's brother, now on dialysis



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Thursday, April 18

 Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes at 6:00 p.m. Becky Blackmon will be speaking on "Help Me Find the Time."

Saturday, April 20

 PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome.

Sunday, April 21

 House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling after evening worship in the Family Room.

Tuesday, April 23

• Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Debi Watson.

Friday-Sunday, April 26-28

 Father/Son Retreat at CFBC. This year's theme is "Forging Closer Relationships." Cost is \$40. Josh Blackmer is the retreat coordinator. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, April 28

Wedding Shower for Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon, Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Saturday, May 4

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All men are encouraged to come for 15-minute power lessons, fellowship and lunch.

Sunday, May 6

Mount Dora Supply & Coin Can Deadline. A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk. They can also use gift cards to Sam's Club, Wal-Mart or Publix.



Friday, April 19

 Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Tuesday, May 7

 Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Luann McLeod.

Friday, May 10

 Young Adult Devo at 7:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, May 17

• Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, May 18

 Young Adult Escape Room Night. See Ivan Villard for details.



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Saturday, April 20

- Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High Youth from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Grades 5 & under, please meet in the Lobby. Jr. High should arrive at the building at 8:45 a.m. Bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate in eggs; it will melt).
- Youth Rally hosted by West Broward for the Jr. High & Sr. High. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

The Work Ethic

by Wayne Jackson

We are living in a time when the "work ethic" is suffering enormously. More and more people want to do less and less for higher pay. Thousands of ablebodied people are living on welfare. Many could work, but some just don't want to. At least they don't want to work at a real "work" job; if they could find a "position," that might be acceptable.

Employers and those in management are having to deal with personnel who do not want to do a reasonable day's work for fair wages. They take sick leave when they're not sick. They feign injuries to get "down" time. It's a management nightmare out there. Ask someone who knows.



There were times when things were different. Let me tell you an interesting true story.

Ted Williams was one of the greatest baseball players of all time. In 1941 his batting average was .406. He won six American League batting titles. When he retired from baseball in 1960, his lifetime batting average was .344.

When Williams was forty years old, and his career with the Boston Red Sox was drawing towards a close, he suffered a pinched nerve in his neck. He would later say: "The thing was so bad that I could hardly turn my head to look at the pitcher." For the first time in his career he batted under .300. That year he hit just .254 with ten home runs. And yet, he was the highest salaried player in sports that year, making \$125,000. The following year the Red Sox sent him the same contract. Williams later revealed:

When I got it, I sent it back with a note. I told them I wouldn't sign it until they gave me the full pay-cut allowed. I think it was 25 percent. My feeling was that I was always treated fairly by the Red Sox when it came to contracts. I never had any problem with them about money. Now they were offering me a contract I didn't deserve. And I only wanted what I deserved.

Williams had cut his own salary by \$31,250! Where is that sort of integrity today?

In the book of Ephesians the apostle Paul gives some inspired direction to those who labor for others. He was actually addressing the servant/master relationship, but to you and me the application is to the employee/employer status. Here's the instruction, both in the ancient and modern motif:

Servants [employees], be obedient unto them that according to the flesh are your masters [employers], with fear and trembling [reverence and awe] in singleness [sincerity] of heart, as unto Christ [as if you were working for Christ himself]; not in the way of eyeservice [just when they are watching you], as men-pleasers [trying just to get by]; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart (Ephesians 6:5-6).

A Christian should have the sort of work ethic that makes his peers sit up and take notice. He arrives on time and works his full shift. He does not ask someone else to clock out for him! He does not sit around on company time. The child of God takes great pride in his work; he does the very best job he can. And he doesn't pilfer from his employer. I recently read about a receptionist who would never use company stamps to pay for personal postage; if it was a matter of only a few cents, she put the money in the till. Her conduct was so unusual that other office personnel talked about it. Some "higher ups" took notice and before long she was offered a much more responsible position.

A Christian should be so conscientious that he is never called into question. He should go the second mile to be a good worker.

Finally, we should be happy employees! We should not continually gripe about our pay, the conditions under which we work, etc. If one cannot abide his work environment, he should let it be known in a firm but courteous fashion. If intolerant conditions persist, and he is unhappy, he should seek employment elsewhere. Ideally, the Christian should be such a hard-working, honest, cheerful employee that the company does not want to lose him. But, in the final analysis, one should not make his work associates miserable with constant bickering.

One of the most valuable contributions a parent can make to the future welfare of his child is to teach him how to work early in life. Reward him for good work. Demonstrate to him that it pays to work hard, to work well, and to accomplish his chores on time. In so doing, you will be inoculating him against a lot of grief in years to come.

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



Sunday, April 7

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Donna Bleau; Mr. Jean Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Carmen Dussard; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Bruni Gonzalez; Miss Maxine Griggs; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Nancy Light; Mr. Stacey Mickens; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Michael & Shirley Edwards, Sutton, Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Glennett Fowler, Freeport, Bahamas; Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Hope Gilmore, Decatur, AL; Ms. Jennifer Herrera; Dorchester, MA; Mr. Scott Kelly, Jacob, & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mr. Roger Leonhardt, Imperial, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Joan Long, Belleville, MI; Savannah McKinney, Freeport, Bahamas; Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Shirlenn O'Brien, Endwell, NY; and Mr. Josh Robinson, Imperial, MO.



I would like to thank the congregation for their calls, cards, and encouraging words during the many deaths at the end of last year and this year that have happened to my family. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

In love,

Linda Coe and family



Monday (April 15th)
Aaron & Squadeina Ross (Ann.)

<u>Thursday (April 18th)</u> Jerry & Shirley Hopkins (Ann.) Loni Fuller

Wednesday (April 17th) Joseph Charles

Friday (April 19th) Katie Summerlot

Those to Serve

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

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u>

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, April 14

Lead Singing	Jerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer	Cam Crotts
Scripture Reading	Willie Smith
Presiding at Table	David Brown
Serve at Table:	
Jordan Beasley	Tim Mahlbacher
Edward Gager	John Patrick
Namdidie Ikon	Gary Seames
Jeff Leslie	Daniel Wagner
Alternates:	
Lance Collier	Paul Metzkes
Closing Prayer	David Holaday

Sunday Evening, April 14

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Lead Singing	Stephen Beliech	
Opening Prayer	Mike Ellis	
Scripture Reading	Jim Rogers	
Presiding at Table	Joe Maloney	
David Bound		
Graysen Hayes		
Nick Pietro		
Closing Prayer	Victor Colage	
Wednesday Evening, April 17		
Lead Singing	Max Fonrose	
Invitation	Harrison Crotts	

Family PrayerTim Fry

Ushers for this week: Chris Thompson (Head Usher); Henry Bass & Jim Davis

 $\underline{\sf Safety\ Team}$ for this week: Jerry Pittman & Shaun Tyson

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 7</u>	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	229	239
Sun. A.M. Worship	340	374
Sun. P.M. Worship	166	195
Wed. Bible Study	179	185
Contribution	\$15,528	\$15,066

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$-104



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Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes...... 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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