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By Dan Jenkins

Some “Lesser” Commandments Are Easily Kept

The words of Jesus just hours before His death had to be so startling to His listeners. Their religious leaders had taught them the importance of giving tithes (10%) of all that the Lord had given to them. The leaders went beyond the obvious gifts like giving the tithe of crops they had planted and harvested. Based on Leviticus 27:30, they devoted the principle to the spices that were part of their lives.

Jesus said, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe of mint and dill and cummin...” (Matt. 23:23). All of these were used in cooking, and cummin was also used as a medicine. While wheat and barley involved large sections of the land, the spices were grown in a far smaller place. Think about the spices that you have to use in your cooking, and you will see how devoted these leaders were in tithing. Imagine counting out all of these “seeds” and giving every tenth one to God.

Before looking at the rest of what Jesus said, do not make the mistake some have in applying these verses today. We hear individuals talking about “majoring in minors,” and in the application they conclude the only thing God is concerned about is the “weightier” aspects of what God says and concluding that the “lesser” matters really do not matter at all.

The greatest commandment involves all of our heart and soul

Jesus did not minimize the tithing of spices. In fact, He said that you should not ignore them, you should do them. However, He then addressed the ignoring of the “weightier” matters and called these leaders, “Hypocrites.” They substituted attention to the “lesser” items and gave the appearance that they were far more religious than others. He said that the motivation to *all* their works were done to be seen by men (Matt. 23:5). This is a classic illustration of hypocrisy.

Look at the “weightier” matters which the leaders had neglected. Jesus said that they had “...neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith.” They had devoted all their energies to lesser aspects of what God said (it was easier for a hypocrite to do this), while at the same time ignoring what God said.

The tithe of these spices was external and far easier to do. These “weightier” matters were internal and had to do with the heart and soul of the servant of God. They are not “seed” items because they are “soul” items.

That first commandment, the greatest commandment, involves loving God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Take time to see how this has such great application in our walk with the Lord in the new covenant. Service given to God that is only external is far removed from the greatest commandment. Think about this!



By David Sproule

It’s All a Matter of Authority (Part 5)

Jesus Christ has ALL authority (Matt. 28:18), and that authority resides in His Word (John 12:48), which was given by the Holy Spirit to inspired penmen, who wrote those words in inspired documents. Those inspired, written documents (66 of them in total) are called “Scripture,” and we can have confidence that when we pick our Bibles that is exactly what we are reading—the inspired, all-authoritative Word of God! Let’s note one more thing about Scripture, and then, in the concluding article next week, we will consider our responsibility to His authoritative Word.

We learn in 2 Timothy 3:16 that “All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God.” All of it! Then, in the next verse, we are informed that God gave us “all Scripture” so “that” (the Greek word here denotes the *purpose*) “the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (3:17). Without “all Scripture,” man is NOT complete and is NOT thoroughly equipped. But, having “all Scripture” makes man “complete.” If we are “complete” (with the inspired 66 books), what’s missing? What additional revelation is needed or could be given? The answer is that we are missing nothing and no additional revelation will be given, lest this verse itself be proven a lie.

Peter teaches us this same truth: “...through the

knowledge of Him” which we have revealed to us by the Holy Spirit in our inspired Bibles (2 Pet. 1:20-21), God “has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness” (1:3). Did you see how much we have? All! We have all that we need for “life and godliness”? So, how much is missing? How much will be or could be added later? The answer to both questions is “Nothing!” “ALL” Scripture is given to us by God, we have “ALL” that God said we would need. If I need something more or something outside of the 66 books of the Bible, then both of these verses are proven false.

The ALL-inspired, ALL-sufficient, for ALL-time delivered Word is in our Bibles!

Then, to top it ALL off, the Lord reveals to us that “the faith...was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). “The faith” is the “the gospel” (Gal. 1:11+23)—the universal, “one” body of truth (Eph. 4:5), given to mankind in God’s inspired Word. The adverb “once for all” means “pertaining to a single occurrence and decisively unique, of what is of perpetual validity, not requiring repetition.” The same word is used for the sacrifice of Christ for our sins—“once for all” (Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 3:18). Just as Christ’s sacrifice has perpetual validity, not requiring repetition or amendment, the same is true of Scripture. There is NOTHING more to be delivered; it is final!

These three keys passages all emphasize the word “ALL.” The ALL-inspired, ALL-sufficient, for ALL-time delivered Word is in our Bibles! What a thought! Let’s finish next week.



By Josh Blackmer

You Are My Portion

Among the people of the earth, the Israelites had a special relationship with God. Even among those in the tribe of Levi had a special service which drew them into a closer relationship with God than their brothers. The descendants of Aaron were to be the priests and the rest of the tribe were to serve and participate in taking care of the tabernacle (Num. 18:1-2). God provided for them since they were exclusively working in His service. Chapter eighteen of Numbers talks at length about how God was going to provide for the Levites. In it He makes this statement, "Then the LORD said to Aaron, 'You shall have no inheritance in their land nor own any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel'" (Num. 18:20). This emphasis that God was to be our portion or sustenance is something that is repeated in the Old Testament.

In the Psalms, we see this theme. "My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Psa. 73:26). "I cried out to You, O LORD; I said, 'You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living'" (Psa. 142:5). Even in the book of Lamentations, "'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I have hope in Him'" (Lam. 3:24). This passage was the majority of the text for the song, "The Steadfast Love of the Lord." The word "portion" is con-

nected with the concept of an inheritance or payment. The sentiment that is being communicated is a complete trust in God and in His provision.

This ability to completely trust in God is central to Paul's secret of being content. "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:11-13). He can do all things through Him who provides our portion. This is what Jesus was trying to teach on the mountain. "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?" (Matt. 6:26). Nature teaches us that God is the provider. Every morning we have a reminder of His provision in the sun, which, if it or we stopped spinning, we would all die. Yet, we are not worrying about it because God is faithful.

We are children of a faithful provider.

We are children of a faithful provider. We need to live with the words, "God is my portion," on our lips. How much of what we worry or get anxious about would be dissolved? The secret of contentment is trust in God, the provider.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Access denied

Have you ever had your password declined and you could not access a computer, or a website, or an app? Have you ever, perhaps, even forgotten a password and tried several different passwords that you thought might work, but without success? That can be rather frustrating!

Can you imagine if prayer worked like that? What if you forgot the "password" for prayer and your access to God was denied? How horrible would that be!

Here's the "key" to prayer. God's "ears are open" to the "prayers" of the "righteous" (1 Pet. 3:12), who "keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22). God's children have "confidence" that "He hears us" when we pray (1 John 5:14-15). But, here is when the access is denied: "One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination" (Prov. 28:9). What a blessing to have direct access granted to our Father in heaven whenever we pray! Let's take advantage of that every day! – DS



It "keeps on being" this way

It is fun to run across gems in studying the Bible, and when one finds a statement of Jesus tucked away deep inside the book of Acts, it ought to make one pause and process it. Paul gave us this quote from Jesus in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The word "blessed" is the same word found in the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, and the Greek word (*makarios*) simply means "happy." "It is more happy to give than to receive." Do you believe that? Wouldn't you like the world to believe it? But Jesus said more than that.

There are three verbs in that sentence, and they are all in the Greek present tense, which denotes an ongoing, habitual practice. The verse literally says, "It keeps on being more happy to keep on giving than to keep on receiving." This is not a one-time thing—this is a lifestyle thing. It ought to make us "ongoing happy" to be an "ongoing giver." There are, no doubt, many reasons for that, but at the top of the list is being like our Lord (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16; Eph. 5:2)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Coombs	dealing with health issues, undergoing tests
Eva Fulton	dealing with high blood pressure issues
Trudie Holland	blood pressure issues, undergoing medical tests
Ophelia Holmes	has a nodule and fluid in one of her lungs
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
Dan Johnson	discharged from the hospital, long recovery ahead
Robin Landen	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
Robert Mariano	dealing with the shingles
Owen Miley	back surgery postponed until October 26
Cheryl Milton	undergoing radiation treatments
Joel Ramirez	still in ICU at Gardens Medical Center
Maurine Reed	JFK Medical Center, surgery complications and infection
Benny Rodgers	knee replacement surgery and severe sciatica pain
Betty Sanders	at home but having more tests
Yolanda Stewart	recovering from surgery
Jettie Sweetenburg	awaiting test results on the spot on her lung
Bereather Williams	now at home and doing better
Eugene Williams	dealing with a lot of pain
Teresa Williams	recovering from laser eye surgery

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Peggy Simpkins	chemo, rare cancer
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Inell Ingram
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	



Josie Dawson, upon the passing of Glen on Monday, October 17. Glen was an active part of PBL for almost 20 years.

Andy Fernandez, upon the passing of his brother, Jose Leocadio Fernandez, on Thursday, October 13.

Leigh & Amber Puckett, upon the passing of Joyce Barnhouse, on Saturday, October 15. Joyce had been a faithful member at PBL since 1987.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, stroke in May, declining health
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Lamatron Gadson	Freddie Gadson's sister, under Hospice Care
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, awaiting biopsy results

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 23

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Sunday-Wednesday, October 23-26

- ◆ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Mon-Wed). This year's theme is *"Growing Stronger: Finding Joy and Strength You Need for Life."* Phil Robertson (Tampa, FL) and Berry Kercheville (Nashville, TN) will be the guest speakers.

Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

Saturday, October 29 (cont.)

- ◆ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

Sunday, October 30

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.
- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Wednesday, November 2

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 3-6

- ◆ **26th Annual South Florida Lectureship.** This year's theme is *"Questions Surrounding the Second Coming."*

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do!

Monday, November 7

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Saturday, November 19

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Brandon Widner. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Thursday, December 1

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Please bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Monday, December 5

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 23

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna. Please bring drinks and desserts. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, October 28

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Fall Fest** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. Please bring drinks and a pumpkin to carve. This is not a costume event. There will be activities and prizes. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, November 12

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** at the church building. We will be putting together holiday gift baskets. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Sunday, November 13

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for lunch.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 ☆ No Midweek Services b Trish Clark b Michelle Frank b Isolyn Sinclair	3	4 b Richard Lerro b Phil Porter	5 b Brent Leslie b Maxine McCoy
26th Annual South Florida Lectureship (3rd-6th)						
6 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Ends ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying b Flo Aristy b Trudie Holland	7 ☆ Men's Meet b Peggy DeLaney b Idara Ikon	8	9	10	11 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting	12 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project b Dee Catanzaro
13 ☆ Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying a Lance & Brenda Collier	14	15 b Lovella Rogers b Alexis Smith	16 b Katie Goodale	17 b Kelly Sproule	18 b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves	19 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Buzz & Kathy Nelson
20 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Leonard Williams	21	22 b Elizabeth Carter b Rosemarie Joseph b Rose Walker	23 ☆ Congregational Singing a Dick & Marcia Kelley	24	25 a Kevin & Leesa Schenk b Sue Hoelzer	26 b Orlando Lolo
27 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying a Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly	b Mike Damron b Aaron Ross	29 a Aaron & Jennifer Walker b Regina Paul	30 a Brad & Krystian Dubuisson b Andres Fernandez			

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 16

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Ms. Crystal Burroughs; Ms. Nikki Hahn; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Malou Hammock; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Sylvester Jackson; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. & Mrs. John & Corinn Miller; Mrs. Liz Otero; Ms. Lonna Pate; Mr. & Mrs. Manoel & Marli Ribeiro; Mrs. Susan Shelt; and Ms. Cecilia Tipton.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. William Gossett, Casa Grande, AZ; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Astrid Menendez, CA; Mrs. Yvonne Mobley, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Gordon & Corinne Porter, Crestview, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, October 23rd
Millie Ames

Wednesday, October 26th
Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.)
Samantha Eutsey

Monday, October 24th
b Lydia Quinn

Thursday, October 27th
Traci Sproule

Tuesday, October 25th
Ekaette Ikon



His Kids Class
Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

For Age 3 & up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.

Those to Serve

*If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at 9:50 a.m.
If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.*

Sunday Morning, October 23

Sermon
Singing..... Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reading..... Lawrence Williams
Singing
Lord's Supper Kirk Crews
Contribution
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Kameron Heitler
Gorman Ericksen	Hunter Hinton
Mike Erickson	Islay Rodriguez
Jeff Goodale	Jim Rogers
James Green	Joseph Snyder

Sunday Evening, October 23

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading John Hoelzer
Singing
Lord's Supper Mike Ellis
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Serve at Table:

Jim Davis	Connor Goodale
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Wednesday Evening, October 26

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Dion Hayes
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 16	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	174	177
Sun. AM Worship	264	264
Sun. PM Worship	150	126
Wed. Bible Study	134	140
Contribution	\$15,932	\$16,831

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$49,837

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

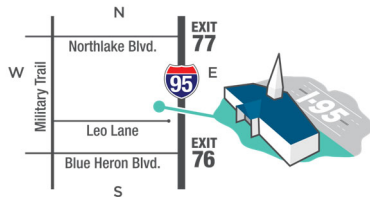
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



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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.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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