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FROM THE PASTOR

Understanding Real Service Unto The Lord.

Many people have a selfish view of service and fail to serve God wholly due to their perception of the work of others and their need to get help from others to serve God well. Consider Martha's view of her sister Mary's service as described in Luke chapter 10.

³⁸ Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she helps me. ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: ⁴² But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Luke 10:38-42

Martha, like many of us was worried about all the things that needed to be done and she wanted Jesus to use his authority and



pull Mary from the work that that was more important. Many people serve to be recognized or rewarded and lose sight of the more important

things of ministry. Here Jesus lets us know that regardless of where, how, or when we serve, nothing is more important than getting the word and nothing takes precedent over receiving the word. Some may think that some things that we do in the church can over shadow when a message is going forward. On the contrary, every opportunity to hear the word, share the word or deliver the word should take precedence over service.

What does this mean? We should always plan to hear the word. We should be sure to complete any service that is not contributing to the worship experience, at times outside of regular church service or bible study. This would even extend to VBS or other times that teaching or the message may be delivered.

While Martha's intentions to get things done and her desires were good, her timing was at odds with Jesus' teaching. So, she was missing out on the more "needful thing." Morning Star is growing and the vision for ministry is greater than many would understand. During this growth, our foundation must be strong and our service must be true. The more "needful thing" is to receive the word. Serve well, but don't let your service interfere with you receiving the word. It is needful to take a moment to recognize someone that has been the epitome of service and a true blessing to the church. We need to applaud the editor of our newsletter, Sis. Mary J. Horton, for her unwavering attention to putting our newsletter together every month and providing a service that many of us could only imagine the work needed to complete it. Thank you, Sis. Horton for your service in the background and all that you have done.

Yours in Christ
Dr. R. D. Anderson, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS

GET READY

VBS IS HERE

JULY 23-25, 2025

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

THEME: "GAME ON"

VOLENTEERS NEEDED

SERVE DAY

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

ALABAMA ADVENTURE

SIGN UP ASAP

TEE SHIRTS AVAILABLE

LISTEN FOR MORE DETAILS



Americans celebrate July 4th, also known as Independence Day, to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on the same date in 1776. This historic document declared the independence of the 13 American colonies from Great Britain and established the United States of America as a sovereign nation. The celebration marks America's birth and the principles of freedom, democracy and self-governance that it was founded upon.

PROTECTING YOURSELF IN THE HEAT

For many people, warm weather is a time for fun-filled outdoor activities. However, hot weather and outdoor activities don't always mix well, especially during periods of extreme heat—times when temperatures are substantially hotter and/or more humid than average for a location and date.

Extreme heat can cause people to suffer from heat-related illness, and even death. People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to properly cool themselves. Older adults, young children, and people with chronic medical conditions are at high risk for heat-related illness and death. More than 700 people die from extreme heat every year in the United States.

When temperatures are extremely high, take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones:

- Stay in an air-conditioned indoor location as much as you can.
- Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully.
 - Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing and sunscreen.
 - Pace yourself.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down
- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.
- Never leave children or pets in cars.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



July 1	Bro. Kia Washington
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July 8	Sis. London George
July 9	Sis. Tanaya Walker
July 14	Sis. Sherita Thornton
July 15	Sis. Yvonne Herbert
July 16	Sis. Jill Cook
July 18	Bro. Dominique Thomas
July 24	Sis. Bernice Kelley



♥🎂 Happy 6th Anniversary To The Pearson's ♥🎂
From The MSCC Couples Ministry

WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, 'This Is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are Received.' I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the

world. Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, 'This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them.' I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth. Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small section. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. 'This is the Acknowledgment Section,'

My angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed. 'How Is it that there is no work going on here?' I asked. 'So sad,' the angel sighed. 'After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments.' 'How does one acknowledge God's blessings?' I asked. 'Simple,' the angel answered. Just say, 'Thank you, Lord.' 'What blessings should they acknowledge?' I asked. 'If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.'

And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity.' Also, if you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day.' 'If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 700 million people in the world.' 'If you can attend a ceremony without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world' 'if your parents are still alive and still married ...you are very rare.' 'If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair.'

FOURTH OF JULY WORD SEARCH

FIND AND CIRCLE EACH WORD!



P	A	T	R	I	O	T	I	C
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July	Stripes	White	USA
Patriotic	Stars	Party	Freedom
Fireworks	Red	Blue	Fun

WOMAN FOLLOWS LITTLE BOY WHO TAKES LEFTOVERS FROM HER RESTAURANT EVERY DAY

Alice was suspicious that the boy who often collected leftovers from her restaurant was hiding something, so she decided to follow him one day. But what she discovered along the way astounded her. "You got lucky, kid. We have plenty of leftovers today, and you can take all of it home," said Steve. He was the head chef at Alice's restaurant and would frequently keep the leftovers for Christopher, the little child who often dropped by their restaurant for food.

"Oh really? Is it actually so much food? Do I have enough to share with my friends?" Christopher's eyes lit up. "Yes, Chris," Steve replied with a huge smile. "Just wait here; I'll get the packets for you." Christopher was delighted after receiving the food packets. He thanked Steve with a huge smile, waved goodbye, and walked away happily. Alice, on the other hand, had no idea this was common practice at her restaurant until she saw Christopher leave one night. However, she wasn't convinced that he was the type to eat leftovers to keep his stomach full. "I should find out what happened to this kid. After all, he doesn't look homeless," she thought to herself as she watched him walk away.

For the next few days, she waited for him to come back, and when he did the third day, she met him at the restaurant. "Hi, there. Are you here for the leftovers?" she asked him gently. "Yes!" Chris replied cheerfully. "Can you please call the cook? He must have kept those packets for me." Alice gave him a warm smile. "Well, there's no need for that. I've prepared some fresh food for you so that you don't eat the leftovers. By the way, what's your name?" "Oh, that's really sweet of you, thank you," Christopher replied. "My full name is Christopher, but you may call me Chris." "So, why don't you eat at home, Chris?" Alice asked. "Is your mom sick?" Christopher's expression changed. "Well, actually I live at an orphanage, and they don't feed me well. Every time I come here, your employees help me. I'm grateful to you for that. Anyway, I'll leave now," he said and hurried away.

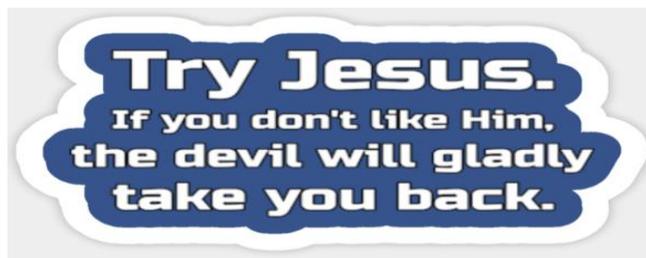
Alice had a sneaking suspicion that the boy had been hiding something all along. So that day, she decided to follow him. And what she saw next left her stunned. Instead of stopping at an orphanage, Chris went to a house, left the bag of food on the porch, and ran away. Soon, an older woman came out; she looked around in puzzlement, took the bag, and went back inside. Alice was about to knock on the door and ask that lady who she was and how she knew Christopher, but before she could, she got an urgent call from the restaurant and had to leave. The next day when Christopher came to the restaurant again, she was already waiting

for him. "There's something you need to explain to me, Chris. I know you've been taking the food for somebody else. Be honest, who is she?" "I'm sorry, I lied to you," Chris instantly admitted. "But I've been taking food for my granny. She's the only family I have now."

Alice was stunned. "Then why do you stay in an orphanage?" Chris frowned. "When my parents passed away, my grandmother didn't get custody because she wasn't financially stable. She can't even afford food, so every day, I collect food from here and drop it off at her house." Alice was proud of how Chris was looking after his old grandmother, but at the same time, she felt terrible for their situation. So that day, she went to his grandmother and told her everything. Christopher's grandmother, Edith, was taken aback when she realized it was her grandson who had been placing food packs on her doorstep all along. "Is it really my grandson?" Edith almost broke into tears. "Oh, my God. I miss him terribly! I'm sorry I couldn't be of assistance to him."

"Don't worry, ma'am," Alice assured her. "There's a way I can help you and your grandson." That day, Alice went to the orphanage where Christopher stayed and applied for the boy's custody. Fortunately, the formalities were quickly completed, and Christopher was able to return to his grandmother's home. "I don't know how to repay you for what you've done Alice," Edith thanked her. "I've always wanted to be with my grandson, but the circumstances were such that—" Edith began crying. "There's no need to thank me, ma'am," Alice replied. "I was more than happy to help. Since I lost both of my parents when I was young, I understand the value of being surrounded by loved ones." Edith took Alice's hands in hers. "I can't make up for it, but you're welcome to come to see us whenever you want. After all, you're like family to us." "That's sweet of you, ma'am," Alice said, almost tear-eyed. "I would love to do that. I already like Chris a lot. He's a nice boy." "Oh yes, he is," Edith agreed. "Now, I just need the means to support him."

"Oh, in that case, I have something to offer you." Edith had thought that Alice would offer her a job at the restaurant, but when she heard what it was, she burst into tears again. "I know it might be a bit too much to ask for, but ever since I lost my parents, I have had no one to look after me," Alice said. "So, I'm looking for someone who will love me like a mother. I'm hoping you'll accept the position. As far as Chris' education is concerned, it's my responsibility because I'm his guardian." "Of course, honey," Edith replied as he embraced her. "I'll never be able to repay your generosity. You literally appeared in our lives like an angel." "You don't need to thank me," Alice said "I have a family now because of you, and I think that's the greatest wealth I can ever have."



CONVERSATION BETWEEN JESUS AND SATAN

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!" "What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked. Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and

smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!" "And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, you don't want those people, they ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you!! You don't want those people!!!" "How much?!" He asked again. Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your tears, and all your blood." Jesus said, "DONE!!" Then Jesus stretched out his arms and died on the cross - He paid the price.

Isn't it funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell? Isn't it funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says? Isn't it funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything the Bible says? Or is it scary? Isn't it funny how someone can say "I believe in God" but still follow Satan (who, by the way, also "believes" in God)

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**IT WAS
 NOT NAILS THAT
 HELD JESUS
 TO THE CROSS.
 IT WAS
 LOVE FOR YOU**



Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we flipped through it several time a day?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go.... hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing, unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities?' And no dropped calls!

Author Unknown

SECRET SERVICE



A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend said, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service!"

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