

FROM THE DESK OF:

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# **ACCOUNTING DAY**



Introduction: One of the most convicting thoughts in my mind is that there is coming a day that I must give an account for what I have done with my life.

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Il Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

It is an appointment that must be kept. "... we must all appear ..." There is no getting out of it. There will be no concealing or hiding anything.

It is an appointment to give account. "... judgment seat ..." The word seat is the Greek word 'bema.' Every three years the Corinthians had physical games known as, "The Isthmian Games." They lasted several weeks. Those entering the games had to certify that they had been in training for the last 12 months and had followed every rule. If a contestant won an event, he was not declared the winner until the judges agreed that all the rules had been followed. If a contestant was a winner, they were taken to an area known as the Bema and there the winner was given a crown, which was just a wreath that lasted for a short time.

et me share with you just a few things we must give an account for.

#### FIRST: FOR WHO WE ARE.

JOHN 3:1-8

Nicodemus was a very religious man that had a good reputation and knew the meaning of hard work. But he had a major problem, Nicodemus was religious, but

The new birth was taught to Nicodemus by Jesus Himself. Jesus told him that no matter who you are, in order to be a child of God, you had to be born again.

Naturally—John 3:4, "... of your mother ... "

Supernaturally—John 3:6, "... by the spirit of God ... "

But remember, it was Nicodemus' personal responsibility to make sure he was saved and right with God.

#### SECOND: FOR WHAT WE SAY.

**MATTHEW 12:36-37** 

"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Illustration: Almost every week of my life as I am sharing the Gospel with someone, that person will say, "I am already a Christian." Then I will ask them, "If you died today, do you know for sure you are saved and would go to Heaven?" They will reply,

Dr. Jack Hyles

#### The King James Bible

A marriage cannot be built without the Word of God. A home cannot be built without the Word of God. A public school cannot be built by kicking out the Word of God. A business cannot be built without the Word of God. A church cannot be built without the Word of God. A college cannot be built without the Word of God. And we will not build a great nation without the Word of God.

Charismatic, you can have your word of knowledge; I'll take the Word of God. You can have your charismatic messages that supposedly come from Heaven; I'll take the Book that came from Heaven and has been preserved word for word all these years. You can have your visions; give me the Word of God. You can have your possibility thinking; give me the Word of God. You can have your American Standard Version; give me the Word of God. You can have your New American Standard Version; give me the Word of God. You can

have your New International Version; give me the Old King James preserved Word of God. You can have your New King James Version; give me the Word of God. You can have your Reader's Digest Condensed Version; give me the Word of God. You can have your New Scofield Version; give me the Word of God. You can have your Philip's Translation; give me the Word of God. You can have your Goodspeed Translation; give me the Word of God. You can have your Moffatt's Bible; give me the Word of God. You can have the Book of Mormon; give me the Word of God. You can have the Book of Mormon; give me the Word of God. You can have the Koran; just give me God's eternal words!

Give me that indestructible, all-powerful, eternal, unconquerable, inexhaustible, verbally inspired Word of God. Not one word has failed, and not even one tittle or accent shall pass away.

### I ONCE KNEW A ONE-ARMED FISHERMAN. HE HAD A TERRIBLE TIME TELLING YOU THE SIZE OF THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY.

### **Lest We Forget**



Army Staff Sgt. David Bellavia, who became the first living Medal of Honor recipient for the Iraq War at a White House ceremony on June 25, 15 years after his heroic actions during the Second Battle of Fallujah in 2004. As a member of Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Bellavia saved his entire squad after being pinned down by enemy fire coming from a block of houses. The award is an upgrade from the Silver Star he previously received for his actions.

THE CUSTOMER SETTLED HIMSELF AND LET THE BARBER PUT A TOWEL AROUND HIS NECK. "BEFORE WE START," HE SAID, "I KNOW THE WEATHER'S AWFUL, I DON'T CARE WHO WINS THE NEXT BIG FIGHT, AND I KNOW I'M GETTING THIN ON TOP, BUT I DON'T MIND. NOW GET ON WITH IT."

"WELL, SIR," SAID THE BARBER, "I'LL BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE MORE IF YOU DON'T TALK SO MUCH."



Heritage Highlanders August 2019 Schedule

Saturday August 3
Attitudes
Saturday August 10
Cleanliness: Inward and Outward

Saturday August 17
Cooking: Healthy Snacks
Saturday August 24
Back To School
Saturday August 31
I John 5:13

You Say You're A Christian

You say you're a Christian, but don't 'feel it's necessary' to attend church?

Can a person be saved and not attend church?

Yes, but to be a 'Christian' means to be 'Christ-like', and Christ DIED for the CHURCH!

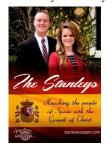
A Christian out of church is like...

- a student who will not attend classes;
- a soldier who doesn't obey orders;
- a citizen who doesn't pay his taxes;
- a salesman who has no customers;
- an author without readers;
- a parent without a family'
- a bee without a hive.

Rules don't cause rebellion...they expose it!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Wednesday, August 14th, 2019, 7:30 PM Jason Stanley and Family

Soulwinning



Missionaries To Spain



"ALL I'VE EVER WANTED WAS AN HONEST WEEK'S PAY FOR AN HONEST DAY'S WORK."

WHAT KIND OF EXERCISE DO LAZY PEOPLE DO? DIDDLY-SQUATS. "No one can know that for sure." Their words just condemned them. Why? Because the Bible says, "These things have I written unto you ... that ye may know ... "I John 5:13 If a person says they are a Christian, but begins to curse God: "... by thy words ... "

#### THIRD: FOR HOW WE LIVE.

**TITUS 2:12** 

"Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

The world thinks you are crazy for denying yourself wicked things, and believing in that which is eternal. Have you ever heard of a preacher by the name of D. L. Moody? He was called "Crazy Moody" by the drunks, politicians, and the elite of Chicago. In their eyes, he was crazy to invest his life in the eternal. Today you could not name one of those that called him "Crazy Moody", but I know that you have heard of Dwight Lyman Moody.

### FOURTH: FOR THAT WHICH WE KNOW.

HOSEA 4:6

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

We as Americans have such a rich history. Yet most of those who profess to be an American know very little about the foundation this nation was built upon.

Historians are proving more each day that the Bible, God's Word, has played a greater role in founding and establishing this nation more than the Constitution.

It is historically proven that our forefathers quoted the Bible four times more often than any other reference, yet now the Bible is mocked and ridiculed and referred to as, "a racist book."

The first law books in America were William Blackstone's <u>Commentaries on the Law.</u> Each law would reveal its origin in the Word of God. But today it is unconstitutional to have the Ten Commandments displayed in a public school because it might cause the student to meditate upon them, and then base their decisions upon what they teach.

<u>Conclusion:</u> What we view as progressive in America today and in our churches is not progressive but digressive: a departure from the absolute truth. This is why we see such a rise in sexual perversion, crime, shootings, and suicide. We need to get back to God. We need to once again realized that there is coming a day that each of us will be called upon to give an account. Today place your trust in Christ, and then live for that which is eternal.

### **Prayer of Salvation**

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven? If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.' (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



### **Prayer of Service**

'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' (Acts 9:6)



Lips

"He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction." Proverbs 13:3

Have you ever overheard a conversation that made you shiver? I was waiting for a flight in the San Jose, California airport when a nearby couple got into an argument. "Why don't you man up for a change?" the woman said with a tone that sounded like she was speaking to an enemy in combat.

Mrs. Francie Taylor "Mutter mumble." The man's words were low and inaudible as if he wanted her to hear him and no one else.

"What did you just say? What did you just say?" The woman was now making sure that everyone in the gate area heard her, while the man just gathered his things, turned and

walked away.

The children followed. Yes, there were children with them. I don't know if this was a married couple or not, but they were all together like a group stuck on a really bad field trip. And whether they realized it or not, they were training the children in commando style mouth-combat.

It really doesn't matter who has the big mouth whether it's man, woman or child. Words that are thrown like hand grenades are going to land and explode all over the soul of someone.

Are we able to control ourselves enough to keep our mouths shut when our irritation level is high? Even though it's popular today to be a person with "no filter," there is nothing Christlike about having a sharp tongue and a loud voice.

# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last fourteen (14) years in a row! Wow!

- 2. The buses are still rolling!
- 3. For our "Old-Time Religion" Conference.
- 4. A Clear Title—We have paid off our church property!



#### From Our Church Prayer List

- 1. Judy Kurpan
- 2. Ed Hosey
- 3. Paul Snyder
- 4. Anita Miller
- 5 Michelle Lemons
- 6. Kevin McClain
- 7. Harold Cooper
- 8. Ruth Robinson

AN OLD WOMAN WENT TO HER DOCTOR AND SAID, "DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU TOLD ME TO AVOID GOING UP AND DOWN STAIRS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE?"

"YES," THE DOCTOR NODDED, "WE AGREED ON THAT AFTER THE LATEST X-RAYS.

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS SUCH A GREAT RECOMMENDATION. ALL THE CLIMBING UP AND DOWN THE RAIN GUTTER IS EXHAUSTING!"





# From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth IT'S STILL THE SAME

Recently I was thinking about some of the problems that women face in life. Now I am sure men probably deal with these as well, but I know for a fact, since I am woman and have talked with many women through the years, that these situations exist.

Let's go back, for a moment, to the beginning of time when Satan came to Eve and twisted God's Word and implanted thoughts in Eve's head that God was holding out on her. (Genesis chapter 3)

It's no different today. The devil tries to implant wrong thoughts in our mind to twist our thinking and get us to go down the wrong path. Let's look at three common pitfalls.

- I am smart. I can handle this. -Your day should always be guided by prayer and Bible reading. These left undone leaves an open door for the devil to mess. Counsel should always be sought when making major decisions. "Where no counsel is, the people fall..." Proverbs 14:9a. "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end." Proverbs 19:20
- No one understands me. -The devil wants us to think our fellow Christian brothers and sisters don't understand. He wants you to go down this path so you will turn to the world! It is the devil's lie! "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts..." I Chronicles 28:9
- She's not talking to me/she's giving me "a look"-oh how common this is with women when their hormones are out of whack. Stop! Know your body and realize that hormonal imbalances can mess with you physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually! Hormonal changes can range from slight to severe in women. It's real, and it can be a danger to your thinking.

Satan's methods are still the same. Let's hide God's Word in our hearts and ask the Lord to direct our steps and our thoughts.

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

II Corinthians 10:5 Philippians 2:5

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

### **Soul Winning**



Dr. Bob Gray

If you want to have an aggressive, soul winning church, you must learn to answer the critics' questions before they are asked. The critics will say, "Sure, you baptized 300 this year, but where are they?" Or, they will ask, "Did he get really saved?" or "What do you do if they lie to you?" or "Why hasn't your attendance grown?" You need to learn the answers to these questions.

The Bible does not say, "Go into all the world and put everyone in one room." We cannot win the world to Christ and then keep everyone in our church. Pastors who hold onto their preacher boys will not be able to reach the world with the Gospel. During the last three years, over seventy couples came through this ministry who are not here now. Where are they? They are serving the Lord somewhere else.

My dear friend, we have a world to reach. If you preach the Bible, people are going to get offended; when people get offended, they are going to leave the church. They will find a preacher who is just as backslidden as they are, and then they will feel comfortable.

You cannot say, as some have said, "Well, I tried soul winning, and it just did not work." What do you mean by "it?" If you are saying, "I don't have thousands coming to hear me preach," you have the wrong "it." If you are saying, "Well, my offerings haven't gone up," then you have the wrong "it." Here is what God's "it" is: winning someone to Christ, baptizing your converts, and teaching those who want to be taught.

Unfortunately, when someone receives Christ as his Saviour, he does not automatically receive character. You have your work cut out for you, so no matter what the response or results, determine you are going to obey God and do what is right.

#### A Prayer For Secular Education

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks. They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible. To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King. It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong, We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls, Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess, When chaos reigns the school's a mess. So, Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot; My soul please take!

#### **Our Church Ministries**

- 1. Fishermens' Club
- 2. Phoster Club
- 3. Bus Ministry
- 4. Sunday School
- Welcome Wagon
- 6. Bookstore
- 7. Music Ministry
- 8. Counseling Ministry
- 9. Grounds and Maintenance
- 10. Heritage Baptist Academy
- 11. Nursery
- 12. Boys Bible Club
- 13. Girls Highlander Club
- 14. Cleaning Ministry
- 15. Teen Club
- 16. Junior Church
- 17. Ladies' WMS Ministry
- 18. Ushers
- 19. Altar Workers
- 20. Greeters

#### What I Saw At Heritage



I'm on my flight home, and I just wanted to take a moment to tell you how impressed and thrilled I was with Heritage Baptist Church. It's been almost 10 years since I left for school. Things are a little different each time I come home. Improvements are made and growth is noticeable, but this time especially I noticed so many fruits of the ministry. My friends who were teenagers when I left are now the young people of the church, carrying on what they've been taught. I saw a generation coming up that's giving their lives to the Lord. I saw them raise their hands in class and tell about the souls they'd led to the Lord. I saw Evelyn carrying Charlotte the way I used to carry Evelyn! I went

soulwinning with Christie and she told me about her soulwinning experiences so far this year. I saw teens serving where their parents had served when I was growing up. Girls who were babies or hadn't been born when I left are now in the Highlanders class, being trained to get to the next step.

I watched and listened to choir members sing who had been singing in that same choir since before I was born, and alongside those members were members who are still new Christians, serving with the joy of the Lord on their faces! I saw new faces in the congregation and new cars in a FULL parking lot. Not only is the church quickly becoming a THIRD generation church, but new members are being added and visitors are still coming, and souls are still being saved! What an accomplishment.

I'm so thrilled and grateful that you and Mrs. Collingsworth have stayed faithful to the Lord, the church, and the ministry through these years.

I love you and Mrs. C so very much.

In Christ, Libby

# Some food for thought ...or...

# Seed From The Silol

#### President Obama Set the Anti-America Tone for His Party

The anti-America rhetoric and tone of today's Democrat Party was set by President Obama. He was constantly apologetic about America while on overseas trips.

He famously described the U.S. Constitution as having "deep flaws" and added that America's Founding Fathers had "an enormous blind spot" when they wrote the Constitution. Obama said our Constitution "reflected the fundamental flaw of this country that continues to this day."

So we actually had a President in Barack Obama who openly attacked the U.S. even though he took an oath as President to follow and protect the Constitution. In fact, Obama told us he was out to "fundamentally transform" America.

How can you love your country if your goal is to "fundamentally transform" it? If you told your spouse you are out to "fundamentally transform" him or her, would your spouse take that as a compliment?

Today's Democrat leaders have followed Obama's lead and have pushed their anti-Americanism even further.

Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer and Hillary Clinton all supported the SECURE FENCE ACT of 2006 and all talked about the need for border security. Today, every liberal leader opposes any barrier along America's porous southern border. Today's liberal leaders demonize our brave ICE agents and border patrol - some even comparing them to Nazis.

They have created sanctuary cities. California is now a sanctuary state. They are telling illegal aliens: "Come on in! We will protect you from deportation."

Americans (including our border patrol agents and police officers) are being killed regularly by dangerous criminals who have come across our border illegally. But today's liberal leaders don't care. They just want anyone to be able to walk right into our country so they can create millions of brand new voters for socialism.

It's no longer that liberals just have some different policy ideas. They have moved hard left and literally seem to want to destroy America. Some liberals are now calling open borders a "human right."

So the stakes in 2020 could not be bigger. 2020 will be a choice between having a country and having no country.

### Today's Leaders on the Left Openly Campaign as the Anti-America Party

"We're not going to make America great again. It was never that great."

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D), August 15, 2018

"I don't believe in borders." Keith Ellison Deputy Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Attorney General of Minnesota

"For the first time in my adult life I am proud of my country."

Michelle Obama, on February 18, 2008, after her husband won the lowa Caucus on the way to winning the Presidency

"I was amazed. I really was. I didn't say anything to anybody. I just watched. The Republicans were out there – they were having a great time. They were laughing. They were waving the American flag ... I thought that was outrageous behavior. I really did."

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA)

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?



"HERE'S ANOTHER DIET BOOK YOU CAN SHELVE UNDER 'FICTION'.

A THIEF TRIED TO STEAL THE PAINTINGS AT THE LOUVRE IN PARIS. HE WAS CAUGHT TWO BLOCKS AWAY WHEN HE RAN OUT OF GAS. "I HAD NO MONET TO BUY DEGAS TO MAKE THE VAN GOGH," HE SAID. "BUT I TRIED BECAUSE I HAD NOTHING TOULOUSE."



"HOW LONG? I STOP WHEN I START TO SMELL LIKE BACON."

# **Our Statement of Faith**

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. *Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23* 

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Matt.* 28:19-20
We believe in the deity of Christ—His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily

resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillenial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4. I Timothy 3:16. Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. *Romans 3:23*We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

#### Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. *John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15* 

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. *John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22* 

# **Baptist Beliefs**

## **B**iblical Authority

- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of ALL Believers
- Two ordinances Baptism & Communion
- I mmersed Church Membership
- S oul-liberty
- Two officers Pastors and Deacons
- S eparation of Church and State

# **Baptist Heritage**

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- John Clarke (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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