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Pastor & Mrs. C 'Old-Fashioned Sunday"

Priorities

Introduction: I truly believe that most of life's problems could be solved in a wonderful manner if we only get our priorities right, or in the right order.

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

What things is Jesus talking about? Those things you need in this life. If we will live our lives in light of the priorities that God has listed, then everything we need will be provided.

What are some of the priorities found in the Bible?

FIRST: THE PRIORITY OF FAITH.

II PETER 1:5

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith..." Faith is the priority.

1. You can't be saved without it. Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith..."

Illustration: In Acts 16:30-31, a man asks, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Their reply, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." They were saying, "Exercise the priority of faith." Someone asked me, "Pastor, what is your definition of faith?" I immediately replied, "Faith is believing God's Word to the degree you will do what it says."

- 2. You cannot please God without faith. Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith, it is impossible to please him..."
 - By faith Noah, "moved with fear" A)
 - B) By faith Abraham, "obeyed"
 - By faith Moses, "refused"

Faith will always be followed by an action.

So faith is a priority!

SECOND: THE PRIORITY OF FOLLOWSHIP.

I SAMUEL 15:22

- 1. Follow in obedience to God. Acts 5:29
- 2. Follow obedience to the man of God. *Hebrews 13:17*
- 3. Follow obedience to your parents that are ordained of God. *Ephesians 6:1*

May I say that you are never to obey anyone that is trying to get you to sin. May I also say, God will never try to get you to sin.

Illustration: Years ago, I had a police officer say to me, "Nobody is going to tell me what to do." I thought, "I wonder if that argument would apply to those he pulled over for speeding?"

THIRD: THE PRIORITY OF FELLOWSHIP.

II CORINTHIANS 6:14-18

Fellowship is a wonderful thing, but fellowship with the wrong person could ruin you.

Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man that walked up not in the counsel of the ungodly..."

Why? They will influence you in the wrong direction.

I Corinthians 15:33, "Evil communications corrupt good manners."





"I'm the only deity this house requires."

A MAN'S CAR STALLED IN THE MIDDLE OF A BUSY STREET, AND THE WOMAN BEHIND HIM HONKED CONTINUOUSLY AS HE TRIED TO RESTART IT. FINALLY, THE MAN GOT OUT AND WALKED TO HER CAR. "I CAN'T SEEM TO GET MY CAR STARTED," HE SAID. "IF YOU'LL GO AND START IT FOR ME, I'LL STAY HERE AND LEAN ON YOUR HORN."

AN EXHAUSTED MAN STUMBLED INTO A CAMP AND SAID, "AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU. I'VE BEEN LOST FOR THREE DAYS. "DON'T GET TOO EXCITED," THE OTHER HUNTER REPLIED. "I'VE BEEN LOST FOR THREE WEEKS."



"Once my belly's scratched, I can be talked into just about anything."



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Twenty First Annual Father & Son Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper Saturday, October 10th 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM



COOK-OFF



THREE GENERATIONS OF OSWALDS



CHILI COOK-OFF



TOP GUNS:

PASTOR COLLINGSWORTH —4 FIRST PLACE AND 3 SECOND PLACE BRO. BEREZNE — 3 FIRST PLACE AND 1 SECOND PLACE

BRO. WATSON — 2 FIRST PLACE AND 4 SECOND PLACE



A BOY DOING HIS HOMEWORK ASKED HIS FATHER, "WILL YOU HELP ME FIND THE LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR?" "IT HASN'T BEEN FOUND YET?" HIS FATHER REPLIED. "THEY WERE LOOKING FOR IT WHEN I WAS A KID!"



1 cup flour 1 cup milk 1 egg

Sheila Spencer's Pumpkin Pancakes 1 cup pumpkin 1 1/2 tbsp. baking powder

2 tsp. cinnamon 1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1/4 cup sugar 1/2 tsp. cloves

Combine all ingredients. Drop by 1/2 cup onto greased griddle. Flip them when bubbles form and break. Butter & syrup them and chow down!

Illustration: One of the finest young women that I have ever known started running around with a wicked young man that got her out of church. Now she is divorced with three kids, and her husband is nowhere to be found.

FOURTH: THE PRIORITY OF FINANCE.

LUKE 6:38

Proverbs 3:9, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." Leviticus 27:30, "And all the tithe ... is the Lord's."

I believe in tithing. The tithe is 10% from the top, not the bottom. There is a promise given to those who give God the tithe from their increase.

Proverbs 3:10, "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty..."

<u>Conclusion:</u> What are those things you consider priorities? Do you believe Church, the Bible, and your family's eternal destiny to be of vital importance? How about your destiny? Where will you spend eternity? Is your soul's destiny a priority with you?

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)



Saturday October 3
Fall Crafts
Saturday October 17
Field Trip

Heritage Highlanders October 2015 Schedule Proverbs 31:13 Saturday October 24

Proverbs 31:13 Saturday October 24
Baking With Pumpkins
I Timothy 2:9 Saturday September 26

Genesis 1:29 John 3:16

Soulwinning

POLITICS IS THE ART OF LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, FINDING IT, MISDIAGOSING IT, AND THEN APPLYING THE WRONG REMEDIES.

Mrs. Francie Taylor

Home Invaders

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." I Peter 5:8.

We need to set up a security system against some home invaders. By doing this, we can be on guard against that hungry roaring lion. This lion's favorite snack, by the way, is the Christian home. He gobbles it up, and then goes on the lookout for another one. That's why we see so much havoc in our churches today, because our churches are made up of our homes. Do you want to avoid being devoured? If so, here are some home invaders that must be kept at bay:

<u>Unsupervised Media:</u> I don't care what type of electronic media it is; if it is in your home, it needs supervision. One example is the computer. I have said this before but I'll

say it again, because repetition is a key to learning: Never have a computer in a child's bedroom. Now if you already have a computer in your child's bedroom, it may take some doing to get it out of there, but it will be worth it. There is too much risk and too much temptation, and it is likely that both the child and the parents will be hurt by this gamble. Computers still work just fine out in the open!

Why would someone need a computer in a room with a closed door? Let's be really bright about this. I don't trust the Devil. Remember who the adversary is, and don't leave such a gaping hole in your family's wall of protection.

<u>Cell Phones:</u> So, am I saying that your kids can't have a cell phone? No, I did not say that. I'm urging you to be careful about this potential invader. Monitor the usage, and be in charge of the phone by having all cell phones on one bill. Decide whether or not these phones need all the extras such as texting (and they don't). A phone is a tool that is useful for things such as calling to say, "Mom, the bus from the ball game is back at school, and I'm ready to be picked up." Tools are fine, but an incorrect use of tools can harm us.

Cell phones need to become functional again. You know—simple! Do your children really need to be able to go on Facebook by way of their cell phones? Do they need the temptation of texting at inappropriate times? At the very least, we have allowed rudeness to become the "new normal" as people from a variety of age groups will stop a face-to-face conversation to have one over their cell phones. Let's control this form of media and keep it supervised.

Something to 'CROW' about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last nine (9) years in a row!
- 2. The buses are still rolling!



3. The great meetings we have scheduled for 2015.



Dr. Bob Gray
March, 2015



Dr. Tom Neal *June 21, 2015*



Sounds of the Faith June, 2015



Mrs. Francie Taylor August, 2015 Just For Women



Dr. Dean Miller, Sr. October, 2015

Lest We Forget



Corporal Eugene Jacques Bullard

Do you know who this is a photo of? Chances are you don't, but don't feel bad because probably not one American in one million does, and that is a National tragedy. His name is Eugene Jacques Bullard, and he is the first African-American fighter pilot in history. But he is also much more then that: He's also a national hero, and his story is so incredible that I bet if you wrote a movie script based on it Hollywood would reject it as being too far-fetched.

Bullard was an expat living in France, and when World War 1 broke out he joined the French Infantry. He was seriously wounded, and France awarded him the Croix de Guerre and Medaille Militaire. In 1916 he joined the French air service and he first trained as a gunner but later he trained as a pilot. When American pilots volunteered to help France and formed the famous Lafayette Escadrille, he asked to join but by the time he became a

qualified pilot they were no longer accepting new recruits, so he joined the Lafayette Flying Corps instead. He served with French flying units and he completed 20 combat missions.

When the United States finally joined the war, Bullard was the only member of the Escadrille or the French Flying Corps who was NOT invited to join the US Air Service. The reason? At that time the Air Service only accepted white men.

Now here is the part that almost sounds like a sequel to 'Casablanca': After WWI, Bullard became a jazz musician in Paris. When the Germans invaded France and conquered it in WWII, Bullard, became hugely popular with German officers, but what they DIDN'T know was that Bullard, who spoke fluent German, was actually working for the Free French as a spy. He eventually joined a French infantry unit, but he was badly wounded and had to leave the service.

By the end of the war, Bullard had become a national hero in France, but he later moved back to the U.S. where he was of course completely unknown. Practically no one in the United States was aware of it when, in 1959, the French government named him a national Chevalier, or Knight.

In 1960, the President of France, Charles DeGaulle, paid a state visit to the United States and when he arrived he said that one of the first things he wanted to do was to meet Bullard. That sent the White House staff scrambling because most of them, of course, had never even heard of him. They finally located him in New York City, and DeGaulle traveled there to meet him personally. At the time, Eugene Bullard was working as ... An elevator operator.

Not long after Eugene Bullard met with the President of France, he passed away, and today very, very few Americans, and especially African-Americans, even know who he is. But, now YOU do, don't you? And I hope you'll be able to find opportunities to tell other people about this great American hero that probably only one American in a million has ever heard of.

Vida Collingsworth's Pumpkin Cheesecake



1 bag gingersnap cookies 1/4 cup dark brown sugar 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted 1 cup granulated sugar 1/4 cup dark brown sugar 3 (8-oz) packages cream cheese 1 (15-oz) can 100% pure pumpkin 1/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour Pinch of salt 4 eggs 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

1 tbsp. pure vanilla extract

Put the crust ingredients into a food processor. Pulse until the cookies begin to break into pieces. Continue processing until the mixture is coarse, like cornmeal. Press the cookie mixture into the bottom of a greased 10-inch springform pan. Preheat the oven to 350F.

In the mixing bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with a paddle, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Add the pumpkin, and continue beating until combined. Add the sugars, flour, and salt. Mix well. Add the eggs. Blend. Scrape down the sides and around the bottom of the bowl. Continue beating about 2 minutes, until smooth.

Add the whipping cream and vanilla. Blend on low speed. Scrape down the sides and around the bottom of the bowl. Continue beating about 1 minute, until smooth.

Pour the filling onto the crust in a prepared 10-inch springform pan. Shake the pan back and forth to spread the filling evenly. Bake 1 1/2 hours. Cool completely. For best results, refrigerate overnight before removing the springform side of the pan.



"I don't know what it is, but I have this urge to kick this pig through that tree."

I wonder if Superman ever put glasses on Lois Lane's dog and she was like, "I've never seen this dog before. Is this a new dog?"



"Almost. You were a close second to the coffeemaker."

Keep The Standards



Dennis Stotts

Would it be reasonable and prudent to expect someone to dress properly for Church? The answer is yes. For the most part people will put on their best suit or dress if they are going to a fancy restaurant, a friends' wedding, or a relatives' funeral, but when it comes to going to Church they seem to have a "come as you are" attitude and will leave that same suit and dress in the closet. I believe we need to stop making excuses for this. If I show up at a fancy restaurant, a friends' wedding or a relatives' funeral in a white t shirt and blue jeans one could come to the conclusion that I am not only showing disrespect, but also displaying rebellion.

That being said God has always been heavy handed on people not only for showing disrespect for his man but also his house. Kings were not even allowed to do this and I believe we play a part in this if we are slack to address the issue.

I used to run a bus route in a small community in Ohio. On that route we had rules and one of them was proper dress. You were not allowed to violate that and if you needed a suit or dress I always took care of it. If you refused to dress for Church you didn't get on the bus. Did it work? I had a high day of 68 and some of the kids went on to Christian colleges, so yes it does. Did I bother my riders at home about dress standards? No, because I believe that is an area where they have to make the decision to dress the way God wants them to.

Why was I so dogmatic on this? One reason was when we had visiting families in the church, the very last thing I wanted them to see was a parade of miniskirts, short shorts, and rock and roll t-shirts walk before these folks. It would probably motivate them to visit another church and I didn't want to be a part in that. Another reason was I believe I would be showing disrespect to the membership that sacrificed to give me a fully fueled and well maintained bus to use, and I also believed I it would be show of rebellion towards the Pastor who gave me my position.

Can we expect people to dress properly for Church? Yes so let's quit making excuses for people who refuse to do so.

Some food for thought....or.... Seed From The Silol

CAN MUSLIMS BE GOOD AMERICANS?

This is very interesting and we all need to read it from start to finish. Maybe this is why our American Muslims are so quiet and not speaking out about any atrocities. Can a good Muslim be a good American? This question was forwarded to a friend who worked in Saudi Arabia for 20 years. The following is his reply: Theologically -no. Because his allegiance is to Allah, the moon god of Arabia. Religiously - no. Because no other religion is accepted by His Allah except Islam. (Quran,2:256) (Koran) Scripturally - no. Because his allegiance is to the five Pillars of Islam and the Quran. Geographically - no. Because his allegiance is to Mecca, to which he turns in prayer five times a day. Socially no. Because his allegiance to Islam forbids him to make friends with Christians or Jews. Politically - no. Because he must submit to the mullahs (spiritual leaders), who teach annihilation of Israel and destruction of America, the great Satan. Domestically - no. Because he is instructed to marry four women and beat and scourge his wife when she disobeys him. (Quran 4:34) Intellectually - no. Because he cannot accept the American Constitution since it is based on Biblical principles and he believes the Bible to be corrupt. Philosophically - no. Because Islam, Muhammad, and the Quran does not allow freedom of religion and expression. Democracy and Islam cannot co-exist. Every Muslim government is either dictatorial or autocratic. Spiritually - no. Because when we declare 'one nation under God,' Christian's God is loving and kind, while Allah is NEVER referred to as Heavenly Father, nor is he ever called love in the Ouran's 99 excellent names. Therefore, after much study and deliberation... Perhaps we should be very suspicious of ALL MUSLIMS in this country. They obviously cannot be both 'good' Muslims and 'good' Americans. Call it what you wish it's still the truth. You had better believe it. The more who understand this, the better it will be for our country and our future. The religious war is bigger than we know or understand! Footnote: The Muslims have said they will destroy us from within. SO FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

BACK TO COMMON SENSE

Australia says NO -- This will be the second Time Julian Gillard has done this!

She sure isn't backing down on her hard line stance and one has to appreciate her belief in the rights of her native countrymen.

A breath of fresh air to see someone lead with guts and determination.

The whole world needs a leader like this! Prime Minister Julia Gillard - Australia:

Muslims who want to live under Islamic Sharia law were told on Wednesday to get out of Australia, as the government targeted radicals in a bid to head off potential terror attacks.

Separately, Gillard angered some Australian Muslims on Wednesday by saying she supported spy agencies monitoring the nation's mosques:

•IMMIGRANTS, NOT AUSTRALIANS, MUST ADAPT... Take It Or Leave It. I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Bali, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Australians.'

'This culture has been developed over two centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom.'

'We speak mainly ENGLISH, not Spanish, Lebanese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language!'

'Most Australians believe in God. This is not some Christian, right wing, political push, but a fact, because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.'

'We will accept your beliefs, and will not question why. All we ask is that you accept ours, and live in harmony and peaceful enjoyment with us.'

This is OUR COUNTRY, OUR LAND, and OUR LIFESTYLE, and we will allow you every opportunity to enjoy all this. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about Our Flag, Our Pledge, Our Christian beliefs, or Our Way of Life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great Australian freedom, 'THE RIGHT TO LEAVE'.'

'If you aren't happy here then LEAVE. We didn't force you to come here. You asked to be here. So accept the country that accepted you.'

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
- T wo 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), baptisms per year

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