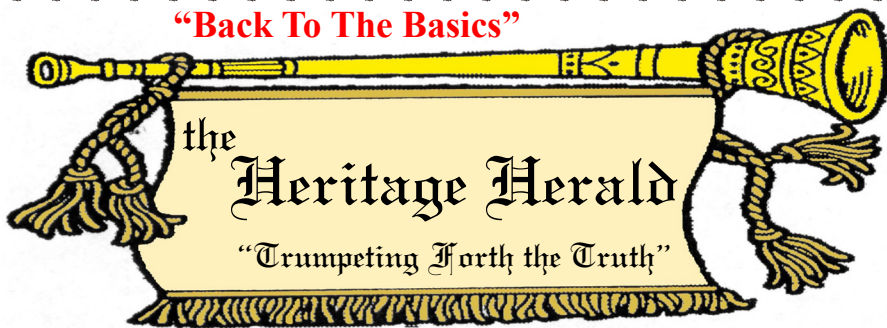


“Back To The Basics”



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## Giving Your Best At Work

**INTRODUCTION:** Someone has well said, “I believe in luck; the harder I work, the luckier I get.” The secret to any success is hard work, whether it is the building of a church or a hot dog stand, the making of a good life or of good grades. Work is the great secret to success. No amount of talent can take its place. No gifts can substitute for it. Even if perchance one could obtain success without work, it would fail to satisfy. The Bible has much to say about work and we should look at a few of its passages.

### FIRST: WORK IN THE BIBLE.

**II THESS. 3:10**

1. Work is spiritual. *Proverbs 13:4, “The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.”* Notice it says the “soul” of the diligent. In other words, the one who works will have a bigger soul or will be more spiritual. One of the great mistakes of our generation is dividing the secular from the sacred. As someone has said, “To the Christian every day is a holy day, every bush is a burning bush, and every place is a sacred place.” Being a good Christian is not having a good feeling, having a good cry, making a good speech; it is obeying the commands of God and doing His work. One can learn all the lingo, attend all the meetings, ride the spiritual merry-go-round, give a glowing testimony and still not be a good Christian; The great test of Christianity is obedience. Jesus said in *John 15:14, “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”* He also said in *John 14:15, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”* Work is spiritual.

2. Work is succeeding. The word “work” implies “to produce” or “achieve.” The salesman gets no commission for trying to sell; he gets a commission for selling. This means that when we do a job we are to do it well and point to success. From childhood one should be taught that if a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well. Every job should be done thoroughly and carefully. When children are growing up and have a task to do (and they should have tasks to do) they should be taught to carry the task through to completion. They will learn character and the parents will have gained a helper.

3. The worker should do what needs to be done. *Proverbs 24:31, “And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.”* No task is too little to demand our best, and no task is too great but what our best plus God is enough. We should “keep up” what God has given us and work on it.

4. If a person does not work he should not eat. *II Thessalonians 3:10, “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.”* College-age students who are not studying should not be supported by their parents at home. Socialists and communists who refuse to work are not supposed to eat. No poverty program, whether by church or state, should feed people who refuse to work. We do not help a lazy fellow when we feed him; rather, we help him when we teach him that if he does not work, he does not eat. This is God’s plan. Liberal Bible rejecters try to make their own social programs, but the Bible still speaks that if a man will not work, he shall not eat.

5. One Should learn to work without a boss. *Proverbs 6:7, “Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler.”* Nothing quite reveals the lack of character in a person more than for him to refuse to

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John R. Rice

**Pay Attention**  
**Matthew 24:42**

How precious this doctrine is to the Saviour and how important to His disciples we can see by the way He repeated it and illustrated it. Notice the illustrations the Saviour gave.

**The second coming will be like the flood in the days of Noah.** Jesus said: ***“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be”***—Matthew 24:37-39.

The fact of the coming flood had been clearly foretold. For one hundred years Noah had been building an ark and preparing for the flood. You may be sure that everybody in the inhabited portion of the earth knew of God’s warning. You could no more keep the ark a secret than if in the Panhandle of Texas or in the mountains of Arkansas men should work for a hundred years building a ship like the Titanic or the Queen Mary! Noah’s preaching “got over.” Yet the people did not know when the flood would come. They did not believe it. Noah himself did not know when. The Lord gave no definite date. Noah went into the ark when he was commanded, and God shut the door. Even then the flood did not come for seven days. There were no preceding signs by which they could be sure of the exact date of the threatened deluge, even if they had believed it was coming, so the men of that age, ***“were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark.”*** That is the way it will be, the Saviour says, when He comes. People will be as unprepared and His coming will be as sudden and unexpected.

**The Saviour’s coming is likened to the coming of the bridegroom whose bridesmaids have been waiting until far into the night** (*Matt. 25:1-13*). Some of the bridesmaids had no oil and expected their dry wicks to burn until he came, but their lamps went out. All of them, the wise and the foolish, those with the oil of salvation and those with only the tamps of profession, ***“slumbered and slept.”*** And then at midnight His coming was so sudden and unexpected that those who had no oil did not have time to secure it but were left without and missed the wedding. And so there could be no doubt of His meaning, for the closing verse of the parable says,

***“Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.”***

***A DOCTOR MAKING A HOUSE CALL WAS TAKEN TO THE PATIENT’S ROOM, BUT SOON CAME DOWNSTAIRS AND ASKED FOR A SCREWDRIVER. FIVE MINUTES LATER, HE WAS BACK, THIS TIME ASKING FOR A CAN OPENER. A FEW MINUTES AFTER THAT, HE DEMANDED A CHISEL AND HAMMER.***

***THE WIFE COULDN’T STAND IT ANY LONGER AND EXCLAIMED, “PLEASE, DOCTOR, WHAT’S WRONG WITH MY HUSBAND?” “I DON’T KNOW YET,” THE DOCTOR ANSWERED. “I CAN’T GET MY BAG OPEN.”***

***I WAS AT THE GYM AND DECIDED TO JUMP ON THE TREADMILL. BUT PEOPLE GAVE ME WEIRD LOOKS, SO I STARTED JOGGING INSTEAD.***

***AN ENGLISH TEACHER ASKED THE CLASS, WHEN DOES A BOOK BECOME A CLASSIC?” ONE STUDENT ANSWERED, “WHEN PEOPLE WHO HAVEN’T READ IT START TO SAY THEY HAVE.”***



Dr. Bob Gray

**Forgiveness**  
**Psalms 51:1-12**

**Forgiveness Does Not Bring Back the Wasted Days and Years**

I see Jacob praying at Jabbok. He is right with God! His name is changed to Israel, which means “a Prince of God.” The entire nation of Israel will be named after him, but that does not bring back those twenty years when he was outside the will of God. It does not bring back the wasted years.

Naomi was down in Moab for ten years with her husband and two sons. She came back alone. She was forgiven and right with God, but the forgiveness did not bring back those ten wasted years.

My mama, Mary Elizabeth Gray, made sure I had no wasted years while under her roof. I thank God for my mama! Young people, when you go out and sow your wild oats and then decide to come back when you are twenty-five or thirty, it will cost you dearly. I thank God when you come back to God, but it would have been far better to never have gone into the world in the first place. Yes, you can come back, but you will have wasted years that you cannot relive or reclaim.

All of us need to remind ourselves that God collected His day during that seventy-year captivity of Israel. When you waste days, you will have to pay in this life for those days. The pastor’s job is to warn and to salvage but he cannot replace the wasted days when he helps put your life back together.

work when the boss is not looking. The simple truth is that a little ant has more character than a lot of people. The sluggard should go to the ant bed, look down at the little red insect, salute him, and envy him because he has more character. A person has reached a very sad state when an ant on an ant hill has more character than he. We should work for "work's sake," for integrity's sake, for honesty's sake, for decency's sake, not because the boss is watching. A child should be given definite duties. The duties should be outlined carefully so that both child and parent understand. The child should be taught what he is to do and how to do it He should be taught the willingness to serve. He should not be paid for his duty unless his job is done well. The parent should not do the job for the child after he has failed, but the parent should make him do it again and make him do it well. Work is spiritual. One cannot be a good Christian and not work. One cannot be a good Christian and not obey. One cannot be a good Christian and not do his best at every task.

**SECOND: JESUS AND WORK.**

**JOHN 21:25**

1. *He was the hardest worker who ever lived.* Read **John 21:25** and find that the world could not contain the books that could be written about the works that He did in a short 33 years on earth. Jesus worked. He was busy. When we think of being Christ-like, we inevitably think of having a smile and talking in a soft voice. Hardly anyone thinks of working as being Christ-like. The simple truth is no one can be Christ-like unless he is diligent in work. Working hard is more Christ-like than smiling sweetly.

2. *Jesus finished His work.* In **John 4:34** Jesus says He came *"to finish his work."* How vital this is? One should be taught to finish a job, to work diligently at it, and not to quit until it is finished. Such was the case in the life of Jesus.

3. **John 5:17**, Notice the two words, *"I work."* The word "work" in the New Testament comes from the word "energy." The Greek word is very much like our word "energy"; it is "expanding energy." Jesus worked. I think it is very interesting that Jesus was a carpenter. At one time in His life the question was asked about Him, "Is not this the carpenter of Nazareth?" He was Nazareth's carpenter. He worked with His hands. He knew what it was to sweat. He knew what it was to be tired and weary.

4. **John 9:4**, Here He said, *"I must work the works of him that sent me."* He had no choice but to work. He "must" work. In other words, there was something in Him that made Him work. He could not be happy without working.

5. Jesus tells us that we are to work six days. **Luke 13:14b**, *"six days in which men ought to work."* We make much ado about "keeping the Sabbath day holy," but very little is said about the other part, man ought to work six days. The man who works six days is a happier man. This does not mean that a man must work six days on his particular job; it does mean that he has to work six days at something. We are to be diligent six days a week. In these days of 40-hour weeks and even some 32-hour weeks we have more frustrations, more neurosis, more psychiatrists, more psychologists, and more nervous breakdowns than we had when men worked from sunup to sundown six days a week.

6. *Work is a great testimony.* In **John 14:11** Jesus said, *"believe me for the very works' sake."* He was saying, "If you don't believe me for what I say, look at what I do." Ah, this is so vital! A Christian who works hard on the job is a good testimony. A student who studies hard at school is a good testimony. A good job well done and a finished task always speaks well for the child of God.

**THIRD: THE PROFIT OF WORK.**

**PROVERBS 14:23**

Hard work does eventually profit the one that is laboring. You profit in knowledge, understanding and finances.

*"In all labor there is profit.."* That is a promise of God to the person willing to work.

**CONCLUSION:** Parents, by all means, teach your children the importance of work. This lesson is one of the most vital of them all. Let us take every moment we have and try to plant in the hearts of our children for dignity and spirituality of work.

**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)




**EVERY TIME A BIRD MESSES UP MY CAR, I GO OUT ON MY PATIO AND EAT SOME SCRAMBLED EGGS, JUST TO SHOW THEM WHO'S BOSS.**

# Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 33 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 33 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



*“MY FAVORITE ROAD SIGN IS ‘FALLING ROCKS.’ WHAT EXACTLY AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THAT INFORMATION? THEY MAY AS WELL HAVE A SIGN SAYING, ‘RANDOM ACCIDENTS AHEAD,’ ‘LIFE’S A LOTTERY,’ ‘BE LUCKY.’”*




Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



**28th Annual Father & Son Turkey Shoot  
And Chili Supper**

Saturday, November 11th, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM



NOT THIS YEAR. BABY.


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**Last Year's Turkey Shoot Winners**

<u>First Place</u>		<u>Second Place</u>		<u>Rubber Chicken</u>	
					
Byron Cremeans	Bryson Collingsworth	Jarrod Collingsworth	David Oswald	Michael Hagan	Ethan Spencer

**From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth**

**Should I or Shouldn't I?**



We live in a day and age of easy communication with cell phones, faxes, emails and social media. These methods of communication can often be used for good, however, this ease of access has often found people communicating without thought or restraint. You need only to turn on the news or read comments posted online to see the horrendous effect this has on individuals, families, businesses, churches, our communities, states, and yes, the world today!

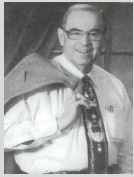
I am reminded of so many verses the Lord gives us to keep our tongue (or our texting fingers) in check. Please let me share a few that are great reminders:

**Proverbs 21:23, “Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.”**

**I Corinthians 15:33, “Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners.”**

The next time you are ready to text or post ask yourself: Will this be a blessing to the reader? Does it bring honor and glory to Jesus? Would Jesus approve of this content? Would I say this if I could do this face to face? Have I prayed about what I am saying?

As Christians, we must be very aware that what we think, say or do should bring honor to Christ. If in doubt don't!



Dr. Jack Hyles

### Let's Go Soul Winning

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations [Mark's version says, "...preach the gospel to every creature"], baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*—Matt 28:19,20.

Notice the simplicity of the Great Commission. I'm satisfied that this is not all it teaches, but this is the basic teaching, as I see it, of the Great Commission. There are several verbs in this verse. The first one is "go." We are to go. That means to go where they are. It doesn't mean to put up a shingle in your office and say, "If anybody wants to get saved, inquire within." It means you are to look them up and track them down. You are to go where they are.

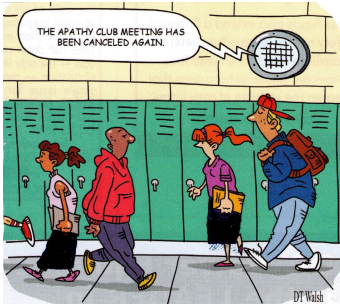
The second verb is "teach" (Mark says, "preach"). Actually it means to win them. Go out and tell them how to be saved. The first thing you do is to go; then get them saved.

The next verb is "baptize."

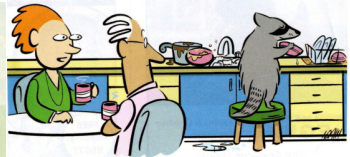
And then, "...Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Notice there are four basic verbs: (1) Go. (2) Preach (or teach, get them saved). (3) Baptize. (4) Teach them again. You teach them something after you get them saved and baptized. What do you teach them? To "...observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." It did not say to teach "whatsoever I have written you." But teach them, "whatsoever I have commanded you."

Now what did He command us to do? Go, preach, baptize, then teach them what He commanded us to do. So, we teach them to go and preach and baptize, that they may teach their converts to go, preach and baptize, that they may teach their converts to go and preach and baptize. If I understand the Great Commission properly, the first thing to teach somebody you win to Christ is how to win somebody else to Christ. Don't you think so? It says to, "teach them to do what I have told you to do, what I have commanded you to do."



"LET'S NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT A HUGE AMOUNT OF WATER IS NOT GETTING IN."



"RACCOONS DON'T WASH THEIR FOOD, BUT THEY DO WASH THEIR DISHES."

AS LONG AS COCOA BEANS GROW ON TREES, CHOCOLATE IS FRUIT TO ME.

A WORRIED-LOOKING MAN WENT INTO A FLORIST'S SHOP AND ASKED FOR POTTED GERANIUMS. THE SHOP WAS OUT, BUT THE CLERK SUGGESTED CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

"NO, THEY WON'T DO," THE MAN SAID. "I PROMISED MY WIFE I'D WATER HER GERANIUMS WHILE SHE WAS AWAY."

### Bidenomics Claims

#### Lowering Costs For Families - NOT

Despite the president's claim that Bidenomics is "restoring the American Dream," a recent Pew Research poll reveals that six in ten Americans believe that life is worse for them today than it was 50 years ago—and they're even more pessimistic about the future.

Inflation has already cost the average American family \$10,000, putting tremendous strain on low- and middle-class parents who are working overtime to make ends meet.

Though the inflation rate has cooled compared to the astronomical surge of 9.1% last summer, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the dollar's purchasing power has still decreased by 16% since 2021. And since January 2020, the cost of gas has increased by 64%, bread by 29%, eggs by 87%, chicken by 23%, and electricity by 22%.

#### Increases Energy Security - NOT

While Biden heralded the Inflation Reduction Act as vital to energy security, in reality, it poses a tremendous burden on Americans who depend on natural resources to power their businesses, cars, and homes.

#### Fairness To The Tax Code - NOT

While Biden proclaimed that he is "taking on special interests and winning," the Inflation Reduction Act does just the opposite. It gives massive tax subsidies to the least taxed corporations: green energy companies.

Some food for thought ...or...

# Seed From The Silo!

**Red versus blue Voting** - and the counting of votes - has become one of the most partisan issues in a divided country. Since 2020, states run by Democrats have moved to make voting easier, in many cases codifying experiments run during the pandemic. Last year, for example, Massachusetts made no-excuse mail voting a permanent feature, while expanding both the number of early voting days and the registration period. Republicans complain that Democrats are sacrificing security to expand access in ways that help their own cause.

*If you really believe China only has 470 warheads, you have a hole in your head.*

### Global Nuclear Stockpile Grows

- World 9,576 (+86 over 2022)
- Russia 4,489 (+12 over 2022)
- United States 3,708 (unchanged)
- China 410 (+60 over 2022)
- Britain 225 (unchanged)
- France 290 (unchanged)
- Pakistan 170 (+5 over 2022)
- India 164 (+4 over 2022)
- Israel 90 (unchanged)
- North Korea 30 (+5 over 2022)

*Stockholm International Peace Research Institute*

**30%** Share of local election officials who say they have been abused, harassed or threatened.

*Brennan Center for Justice*

**1 Million** Workers needed nationwide to run presidential elections.

*Election Assistance Commission*

**159,738,337** Total ballots cast and counted in 2020.

*US Elections Project*

What kind of seed are you sowing?

## Fall Program—2023

### "Giving Your Best"

October 8<sup>th</sup> to November 19<sup>th</sup>

### Food



# Wow!

## Games



## Fun

## HORSES



## Hayrides

## Treasure Hunt



### Italian Soup

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| 1 egg yolk   | 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced    |
| 2 tsp. freshly grated Parmesan cheese, plus additional for serving | 2 32-oz. containers chicken broth |
| 8 oz. sweet Italian turkey sausage, casings removed (2 links)      | 1/4 cup dry white wine            |
| 1/4 cup fine dry breadcrumbs                                       | 3/4 cup dried ditalini pasta      |
| 1 tsp. olive oil   | 1 5-oz. package baby spinach      |
|  | Cracked black pepper              |

Because this soup is so simple, the quality of the broth will show. Choose a more flavorful brand, such as Kitchen Basics. Or if you're lucky enough to have homemade stock in the freezer, this is the time to bust it out.

- In a medium bowl, whisk together egg yolk and Parmesan. Add sausage and breadcrumbs; mix gently to combine. Form into scant 1-inch meatballs (18 to 20). Arrange meatballs on a plate. Cover and chill at least 30 minutes.
- In a 3- to 4-quart saucepan, heat oil over medium. Add garlic; cook until fragrant and beginning to turn golden, 1 to 2 minutes. Add broth and wine; bring to a boil. Add ditalini; cook 5 minutes, stirring often. Reduce heat to medium-low. Add meatballs; simmer until meatballs and pasta are just cooked through, about 5 minutes. Stir in spinach in the last minute.
- Top servings with cracked black pepper and a flurry of additional parmesan.

# 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 premillennial 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

**A**utonomy of the Local Church

**P**riesthood of ALL Believers

**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion

**I**mmersed Church Membership

**S**oul-liberty

**T**wo 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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