

PRAYERS & ENCOURAGEMENT

Those who are sick or need our prayers — Pat Espy, Linda Reagan, Richard Branum, Margaret Blake, Phillip Stevens, Joe Turner

Continue to remember in your prayers those who are unable to attend worship services regularly: *Billie Sue Atkins, Freda Dunn, Romona Stokes, and Marjorie Barringer.*

Please pray for those who have forsaken the Lord that they may be reconciled to God.

READING THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS IN ONE YEAR

Monday - Ezekiel 31-33; John 11

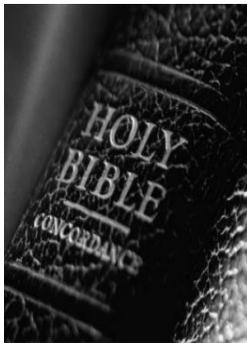
Tuesday - Ezek 34-36; Psalm 86; John 12

Wednesday - Ezek 37-39; Psalm 87; John 13

Thursday - Ezek 40-42; John 14

Friday - Ezek 43-45; Psalm 135; John 15

***Week #45
Nov. 5 – Nov. 9***



VISITORS - We would like to get to know you better, and ask that you stay a while after services. We encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.parkhillchurchofchrist.com> where you will find sermons, articles, and daily bible studies to encourage you in your daily walk with God.

QUESTIONS? *We Welcome the opportunity to study God’s word with you any time.*

*All sermons are recorded on CD & DVD -
If you would like a copy, please ask one of the men.*

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

Welcome to the Park Hill Church of Christ

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It is our desire to worship God in spirit and in truth, and to glorify Him in all we do.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING
Bible Study.....9:30 am
Worship.....10:15 am

SUNDAY EVENING
Worship..... 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Bible Study.....7:00pm

Spiritual Treasure



“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

JESUS ENCOURAGES US TO LAY UP FOR OURSELVES “TREASURES IN HEAVEN” RATHER THAN “TREASURES ON EARTH.” These two treasures are related to one another in an interesting way. As Erwin W. Lutzer wrote, “Treasures in heaven are accumulated by our attitude to our treasures (or lack of them) on earth.” It is impossible to appreciate heavenly things if we don’t have a proper perspective on those that are earthly, and vice versa. However many or few treasures on earth we may have, if we don’t use these in the service of spiritual priorities then we won’t have any treasures in heaven. We may bankrupt ourselves spiritually by “saving” too much of what we have materially.

There is an old adage that says “Better rich in God than rich in gold.” Jesus explained why this is true when He said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

If our heart is going to be where our treasures are, then it's obviously desirable to have God as our treasure! The difficulty, however, lies in seeing the truth about ourselves when we've grown richer in gold than in God. No doubt, the prosperous Christians in Laodicea would have said that they were rich in God as well as in gold, but they were self-deceived. Christ said, "[You] do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:17).

There probably aren't many people who wouldn't *say* that God is their most valuable treasure. And yet in our own lives, just as at Laodicea, the evidence may be contradictory. The real location of our treasure is most easily discovered by looking at where we invest most of our *energy* and *enthusiasm*. When we have a moment or two of discretionary time, if our thoughts, our conversation, and our activities are attracted more energetically and enthusiastically to earthly things, then there's no use saying that our treasure is in heaven. The wonderful thing, however, is that we can change. If we need to, we can adjust where our treasure is!

"Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure. Where your treasure is, there is your heart. Where your heart is, there is your happiness" (Augustine of Hippo).

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Consequences

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"I so love the Spanish proverb 'God says, *Choose what you will and pay for it,*' which stresses that life holds no easy answers, that conscious choices are often costly ones. We must live with and pay for their consequences. Understanding this, we learn what it means to be fully human" (Marsha Sinetar).

WE OFTEN THINK OF CONSEQUENCES IN NEGATIVE TERMS, BUT THE IDEA CAN ALSO BE POSITIVE. For every time that someone says, "Do this or you'll suffer the consequences," there are just as many times when it could be said, "Do this and you'll *enjoy* the consequences." The word "consequence" simply means "effect" or

"result." We live in a world where things happen in "sequence." (One thing leads to another, as the saying goes.) So the "consequence" of an action is its "sequel," the thing that follows it and flows from it. Whether consequences are good or bad depends upon the quality of the actions that produced them. In other words, we reap

what we sow.

It's important to see that consequences are inevitable. There is no such thing as an action that doesn't have any result, so it is never entirely true to say, "This won't make any difference." Everything we do makes some difference, for better or worse. We may not see the results, but see them or not, we may be sure that our actions have consequences. With our every action, we make the world a little bit different than it would have been had we not chosen to do that deed.

So we must accept responsibility for the consequences of our actions — *especially as they relate to the people around us*. "Keep in mind that each of you has your own vineyard. But every one is joined to your neighbor's vineyards without any dividing lines. They are so joined together, in fact, that you cannot do good or evil for yourself without doing the same to your neighbors" (Catherine of Siena).

All in all, we can be *glad* that our actions have consequences. If that weren't true, we would have no power to effect positive change in the world. So while it is sobering to know that every evil deed does damage, let us be encouraged that good deeds have consequences too.

"Nature imitates herself. A grain thrown into good ground brings forth fruit; a principle thrown into a good mind brings forth fruit. Everything is created and conducted by the same Master — the root, the branch, the fruits — the principles, the consequences" (Blaise Pascal).

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Brief Thoughts

Prov 10:23 "To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom." To some people life is just one big game that has no rules and they live it in a way that they only fulfill personal desires. The wise man knows how to traverse the road of life, to be pleasing to God and to love his neighbor as himself. In his wisdom he is caring, compassionate and seeks God; he doesn't pursue evil. -BL

Prov. 10:9 "He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known." When I did something wrong as a teenager I would try and hide it from my parents. Then low and behold my mother would ask me about the event and I would ask "How did you find out?" The reply was always "A little birdie told me." Improper behavior always has a way of coming out into the open. -BL