

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

WELCOME VISITORS!

Prayers & Thanksgiving List

- **Ernest Peeples** - deployed in Iraq.
- **Jason Henderson** – travels often for work.
- **Matt Wells** is out of town.
- **The Hoskins** are away this Sunday and next.
- **Dema Franklin** – over the hump with her recovery from surgery! Keep praying for her full recovery.
- **Martha Holloway** - recurring back and heart condition.
- **Jana Wells** – recurring respiratory condition.
- Marie Adams –recovering at home;
- **Vicki Barton's** mother, Lisa – recovering well but keep praying for her full recovery.
- **Ken Holloway's** brother, Chuck.
- Also keep **Cassandra Fredrickson** and **Samantha Wilson** in your prayers.

Live Like You Are Dying

Allen Dvorak

Country music singer Tim McGraw sings a popular song entitled "Live Like You Were Dying." The song begins by relating a conversation with a man who had, sometime in the past, gotten the news that he was seriously, perhaps terminally ill. The question is asked, "How's it hit you when you get that kinda news? Man, what'd you do?"

The song continues in the voice of the sick man, by describing how he changed his outlook on life. He began to participate in activities which formerly he might have thought he couldn't do. He went sky diving, mountain climbing, even bull riding! In addition, he paid more attention to his relationships. As the lyrics go, "I loved deeper and I spoke sweeter and I gave forgiveness I'd been denying." He became a better husband and the kind of friend that a friend would like to have. He "finally read the good book" and "took a good long hard look" at his life.

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

The point of the song is contained in the expressed hope of the sick man for his friend, "Someday I hope you get the chance to live like you were dying."

According to the song, when the sick man discovered that perhaps he didn't have much time left, he engaged in self-examination. He went to "the good book," the Bible, the perfect source of information for determining what man should do with his time on earth earth(**Ecclesiastes 12:13** - "Fear God and keep His commandments").

But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:26-28

He began to see that relationships are more important than things and he nurtured and patched the relationships that had been needing attention. Those who recognize the precious nature of their time here on earth have a tendency to see life differently than those who are convinced that they have plenty of time left. Oklahoma quarterback Jason White, commenting on his lackluster performance in the recent Orange Bowl, said, "The sun will come up tomorrow." In the words of McGraw's song, "tomorrow is a gift"; many will see tomorrow's sun, but some will not.

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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*

All men shall fear
and shall declare
the work of God
For they shall wisely
consider His doing
The righteous
shall be glad in the LORD
and trust in Him
and all
the upright in heart
shall glory

Psalm 64:9-10

Please hear our prayer Holy God
Oh let our words come to Thee
We bow down in reverence for we believe

Now we approach in Thy love
We know Thou hearest our plea
We bow down in reverence for we believe

For humbly now we do bow
Before Thy throne praising thee
We bow down in reverence for we believe

R. J. Stevens

[Live Like...Dying]

Unfortunately, we do not know today to which group we belong. Eventually Jesus will return and put an end to sunrises!

The truth is that all of us are dying. Even at the peak of vitality, we are moving inexorably toward our personal appointment with death (**Genesis 3:19; Hebrews 9:27**). Some meet the appointment earlier in their lives than others, but it is the eventuality of all. The man described by McGraw had the advantage of knowing that death was near and so evaluated his life and changed his priorities, but the truly wise man realizes that death can always be a mere step away and thus lives every day like he is dying.

I am not sure that I recommend bull riding, but we certainly should tend to our relationships today. We should examine our lives to see if we are doing the important things. How differently we would live today if we were unsure of tomorrow!

Gospel Power, June 14, 2009

Wise as Serpents

Matthew 10: 16 - Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Jesus asked, "*Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye*" (Luke 6:41-42).

A woman named Ruth Knowlton told how she came to see this truth. The building across the alley was only a few feet away, and she could easily look into her neighbor's apartment. Ruth had never met the woman who lived there, but she could see her as she sewed and read each afternoon. After several months, she noticed that the figure by the window had become indistinct. She couldn't understand why the woman didn't wash her windows!

One sunny day Ruth decided to do some housecleaning, including washing her own windows. Later that day, she sat down to rest by the window. To her amazement, she could clearly and distinctly see her neighbor sitting by her window. Ruth said to herself, "Well, finally! She washed her windows!"

Actually, it was Ruth's OWN windows that needed washing!

We need not look beyond ourselves to find those who need to be washed.

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