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Probably every person who believes in the Bible would quickly say they want to go to Heaven. No one wants to lose his or her soul. People want to be rewarded after this life is over, but many are trying to do so with as little effort as possible. It's almost as if a time card is punched at services on Sunday, and then again at close of services. Many want to do just enough to miss losing their souls but still go to Heaven.

Hosea 6:4 addresses a similar situation. Regarding Ephraim and Judah, the Lord said, "*O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.*" How many of us are like Ephraim and Judah? We show some goodness, but it is quickly dissipated like the morning cloud and early dew.

The Lord expects us to live the Christian life 24 hours a day. It is a way of life. In our physical life, we cannot have it cease, and then resume functioning at will. Likewise, our Christian life cannot simply be turned on and off at our discretion. Our life for the Lord is not something we just simply do. It is our way of life.

—Marty Edwards ❖

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Purity of Heart

I read the other day about a woman who had some extra time at an airport. Buying a cup of coffee and a small package of cookies, she walk, laden with luggage, to an unoccupied table.



She was reading the morning paper when she became aware of someone rustling at her table. From behind her paper, she was flabbergasted to see a neatly dressed young man helping himself to her cookies. She did not want to make a scene, so she leaned across and took a cookie herself.

A minute or so passed. More rustling. He was helping himself to another cookie. By the time they were down to the last cookie in the package, she was very angry but still could not bring herself to say anything. Then the young man broke the remaining cookie in two, pushed half across to her, ate the other half and left.

Some time later, when the public address system called for her to present her ticket, she was still fuming. Imagine her embarrassment when she opened her handbag, and was confronted by her package of cookies. She had been eating his.

What a generous young man. He was being wronged yet he shared what he had. He even shared his last cookie with her. We need to be careful what we think about others. Things are not always as they seem.

—adapted from the
Bellevue, Nebraska bulletin



Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

—Matthew 7:12

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshal** and **Jewell Watkins** who are both in nursing homes. **Vicki McDaniel** continues to suffer from very bad migraines and falling periodically. **Jean Coffey** fell and broke her pelvis bone and is recovering in a Louisville rehabilitation center.

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A Busybody Dog

A man was driving along a road when he overtook a farmer with his dog walking beside him. The man offered them a ride. The farmer got into the front seat and put the dog in the back. After glancing at the dog who seemed too tired to even wag his tail, the driver remarked, “You must have been walking a long time from the looks of your dog.”

Laughingly the farmer said, “It wasn’t the trip that wore him out. He was running back and forth across the road, sticking his nose into every gate and wrestling with every stone wall. He had to chase every cat and scare all the chickens he saw. If a dog barked at him, he barked back ten times in return. No wonder he’s tired.”

The old farmer pushed back the hat on his head. He was silent for a moment, then said, “You know, people are like that. If they get worn out on their journey through life, it’s usually not the distance they’ve covered that makes them tired. It’s the extra work they asked for themselves by minding everybody’s business but their own.”

“... but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;” (I Thessalonians 4:10b-11).

—via Northside Church of Christ
Harrison, Arkansas

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Sunday, December 8, 2013		
Classes	7	Acts 16:1-6
Preaching	19	Luke 19:1-9
Contribution	\$532.00	
Evening	20	Job 19:1-29
Wednesday, December 11, 2013		
Classes	18	I Samuel 27:1-12

Bible Quiz

Job wished what would happen to his words?

Last Week’s Answer— Partridge (I Samuel 26:20)

—If you can’t attend, you can easily hear our serives via YouTube or TuneIn Radio. TuneIn is probably the easiest since it takes very little data and be be listened to on the most basic cell or Internet connections.



—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)