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Preach What You Practice

Glancing quickly at the above title, one might think it is a misprint. We all have heard many times that we should practice what we preach. Certainly the truth in this oft-quoted phrase is understood.

Not only do we need to be the type of people who will practice what we preach, we need to preach what we practice. Within the pages of the Bible we have the will of God for us. We have contained within its pages the information we need to live here on Earth in a manner whereby we will be rewarded an eternal home in Heaven.

Not only do we have this wondrous plan of salvation, but the Bible, when followed, makes our lives here so much better. I see many debates raging among various circles in our nation, even our world, regarding social problems. The problems range from abortion to zoological concerns. Granted, we have many serious problems in our society, but the answer to them all is at our disposal— within the pages of the Bible. Not every problem is specifically addressed, but when the specifics, as well as the principles, of the Bible are followed, people become kind, caring, unselfish, genuinely interested in the welfare of others, and the problems just naturally are resolved.

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It is sad indeed to think that we have been given the answers to society's problems and yet society seeks answers from sources that only complicate the problems.

I am not under a false illusion that we will be able to convert the world. The Lord Himself said in Matthew 7:13-14, "¹³Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Most people will be lost, but as the song says, we need to do what we can to, "*Brighten the corner where you are.*"

The Gospel truly is good news. We have a treasure the lost and dying world needs. By the life we live and the words we speak, let us make sure we preach what we practice.

—Marty Edwards

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“By Inspiration of God”

Paul wrote in II Timothy 3:16, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*" The phrase in the first portion of the verse translated "given by inspiration of God" is from the single Greek word, (Theopneustos). This single Greek term is made up of two Greek words, (Theos), which means "God," and (pneuma), which means "spirit." The first part of this verse could have been justly translated, "All scripture is God's spirit."

Do you want to know about God and His will for us? What does the Lord have to say to us? Many claim to receive revelations and messages from God or angels, but this claim is contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Paul wrote in Galatians 1:8, "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*" There are no revelations or messages from God other

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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 now has developed an infection and is in isolation in a Louisville rehabilitation center.

—**Kerry McDaniel** was omitted from the December birthday list. His birthday is December 26.

—If we ever cancel evening services due to weather, there will be a YouTube service that I'll broadcast from home at the scheduled time of the canceled service. We'll never cancel Sunday morning services.

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The Wrong Way

In 2000 a Singapore Airlines jet crashed on a runway in Taiwan killing 81 people. The plane had attempted to take off on the wrong runway. This particular runway was under construction and had many obstacles on it.

The correct runway was along side the wrong one. No doubt, they both were very similar, but yet the differences caused destruction and great loss of life.

Consider how many people are following the Lord in this manner. They feel they are following correctly. The manner in which they are worshiping seems similar to what the Bible authorizes and teaches, but it is different. The differences will lead to spiritual death and everlasting destruction.

There was a way that seemed right to the pilot, but it led to destruction. Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 have nearly identical wording, "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*"

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, December 1, 2013		
Classes	21	Acts 15:31-41
Preaching	22	I Peter 1:23-2:3
Contribution	\$653.00	
Evening	16	Singing
Wednesday, December 4, 2013		
Classes	20	I Samuel 26:1-25

Visitors— Dec 1 (AM) Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

David said Saul hunted him as a
what in the mountains?

Last Week's Answer— 100 (I Samuel 25:18)

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than those that have been recorded in the pages of the Bible.

If you want to know about God and learn what He has to say to you, then go to the Bible. Within one book, possibly no more than a few feet from you as you read this, you have all that the Lord desires to tell you. You have every bit of information needed to avoid Hell and obtain Heaven. Turn to the scripture— it is God's spirit.

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—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)