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Are You Worthy?

Many times in our lives we must call upon the talents of those trained in fields other than our own. Whether it is a mechanic or a doctor, when we need the talents of others, we expect them to know their profession well. They should be worthy of the name they wear.

If we had to tell a mechanic where the transmission was located or tell a doctor the first procedures to take in an examination, we would probably go elsewhere. They would not be worthy of the name they wear.

Do you wear the name, “Christian?” If so, are you worthy of that name? Do you live your life in such a way that Christ and Christianity are exemplified? Would others be surprised upon hearing that you are a Christian?

Note the words of II Timothy 2:19, “*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*”

—Marty Edwards ❖

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A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had (1) withdrawn his presence from its services, (2) refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation, and (3) had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord’s work.

I asked, “What else would one have to do in order to ‘quit’ the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps would be necessary for you to take? Just what else would be necessary to ‘quit’ the church?”

As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, “Why, brother Nichols, I’ve already quit, haven’t I? Well, I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I did it, but I’ve quit the Lord and His church. I’ll tell you right now, I’m coming back!”

He did, too. At the next service he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

How about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, while many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you have (1) quit attending the services, (2) quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders, and (3) quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its financial needs, you need to be restored.

—by the late Gus Nichols
via the Estes bulletin (Henderson, TN)
and “Bulletin Digest”

[note] —To “quit the church” as used in the above article simply means to quit being an active part of the church. I, as

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, and Alice Thrasher.**

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you probably do, know people who are quick to defend the truth, but they never actively contribute to the work of the church and rarely, if ever, attend. There was no intent to go so far astray, but over the years they permitted themselves to drift farther and farther away.

If you find yourself in this situation, repent and pray for forgiveness and once again become an active member of the Lord's body. Tomorrow may be too late. ". . . behold, now is the day of salvation." (II Corinthians 6:2)

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In Joshua 7 the children of Israel failed to capture the small city of Ai after capturing Jericho. The reason was simple—the Lord had commanded them not to take any of the spoils from Jericho, but a man named Achan disobeyed this commandment.

Achan was stoned to death because of his sin, but note what happened to his family. They, along with Achan's worldly possessions, were brought to the valley of Achor. They were then stoned and burned.

His family had to suffer because of his sin. Will your children be lost or saved because of your influence?

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Sunday, February 1, 2015		
Classes	19	Romans 15:1-6
Preaching	21	I John 4:16; I John 2
Contribution	\$433.00	
Evening	19	Singing
Wednesday, February 4, 2015		
Classes	16	II Kings 8:1-29

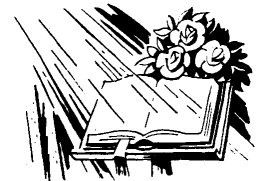
Visitors— Feb 1 (AM) Patsy Fulkerson (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

Elisha told a woman what would come upon the land seven years?

Last Week's Answer— Green olive tree (Psalm 52:8)

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." —I Peter 2:9



—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)