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The Big Rocks

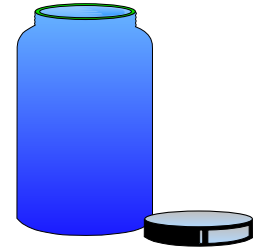
One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high-powered over-achievers he said, “Okay, time for a quiz.” Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide mouthed Mason jar and placed it on the table in front of him.

Next he brought out about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, “Is the jar full?” Everyone in the class said, “Yes.”

He then reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in the jar and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks.

Then he asked the group once more, “Is the jar full?” By this time the class was on to him. “Probably not,” one of them

answered. “Good,” he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, “Is the jar full?” “No,” the class answered.



Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. He looked at the class and asked, “What is the point of this illustration?” One eager student raised his hand and said, “The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in.”

“No,” the speaker replied. “That’s not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is that if you don’t put the big rocks in first, you’ll never get them in at all.” If the sand, gravel, and water had been placed in the jar first, then the larger rocks would have never fit.

What are the “big rocks” in your life? The Lord and the Church? Your children? Your loved ones? Your education? Your dreams? A worthy cause? Teaching and helping others? Doing things that you enjoy? Time for yourself? Your health? Your spouse?

Remember to put these big rocks in first or you’ll never get them in at all. If you concentrate on the smaller things of life that are usually less important, then you’ll run out of time for taking care of the really important things of life.

What are the ‘big rocks’ in my life?

—adapted ❖



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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshal** and **Jewell Watkins** who are both in nursing homes. Continue to also remember **Vicki McDaniel** and **Jean Coffey**.

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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 ❖

Sunday, March 16, 2014		
Classes	14	Acts 20:7-30
Preaching	23	Jude 1-25
Contribution	\$469.85	
Evening	16	Job 30:1-31
Wednesday, March 19, 2014		
Classes	17	II Samuel 8:1-18

Visitors—
Mar 16 (AM) Suzanna, Raven, Tyler & Rylee Johnson (Canmer, KY)
Mar 19 (Wed) Ethan Borton (Nashville, TN)

Bible Quiz

Job said he was a brother to what and companion to what?

Last Week’s Answer— The ark of God (II Samuel 7:2)

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