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Sowing the Seed

A few years ago in the bulletin from the Robinson Avenue congregation in Springdale, Arkansas, I read a very intriguing article. A lady of the congregation there had sent a copy of a World Bible School lesson to a student in Africa. It was found in the roadway by another person who then searched for the church of Christ in his village. He was baptized two days later. What makes the story amazing is the fact that the lesson was mailed seven years before it was found.

Let us take a lesson from this incident. Never be discouraged when you do not see growth in the church overnight. Just as a physical seed will still germinate after many years, the Gospel will take root when it is planted and watered, even if it is years later. Let us do our part, and leave the increase to God. *"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."* I Corinthians 3:6

—Marty Edwards

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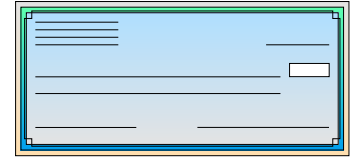
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What Will Your Checkbook Tell About You?

Some time ago I read about a man who has written many biographies. He noted that it was easy to find out what a man said and what he had done, but when it came to finding out what kind of man he really was, it was more difficult. Then he discovered that the surest way to get the truth was to look at the stubs of old checkbooks. What a man gives his money for— that tells the tale.



A checkbook register might say:

“This man cares more about entertainment— football, hunting, fishing, golf, tennis and movies than he does the Lord.”

“This man cares more about his personal appearance— clothes, grooming, haircuts, etc., than he does the church.”

“This man cares more about civic interests— clubs, community projects and charities than he does about the lost.”

“This man cares more about vacations and traveling than he does about the expansion of the Kingdom of God.”

“This man cares more about temporal security— stocks, bonds, and investments than he does about treasures in heaven.”

Would you be ashamed if suddenly your checkbook began to tell the truth about you to all your friends and neighbors? The Lord already knows the truth.

—adapted from G. K. Wallace
via Eastman, Georgia Church of Christ

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“But this [I say], He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity : for God loveth a cheerful giver.

—II Corinthians 9:6, 7

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Vicki McDaniel and Shirley Edwards.**

—Keep **Jean Coffey** in prayer. Her house was broken into and ransacked. Many items and medicine were taken.

—On Saturday, October 20, 5:30 p.m. we will have our Fall chili supper at the home of **Mitch and Sandy Duncan.**

—Our regular Wednesday Bible Study which is on October 31 this year will be on Tuesday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.

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Being human, we often have disagreements with others. If left unattended, these disagreements can easily grow into monumental dissensions that tear family and friends asunder. The resulting feuds are often carried for generations with the original cause forgotten, but the pain lingering.

If you have outstanding arguments with others, follow the advice of Paul in Ephesians 4:26. In this passage he writes “*Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.*” Even though there are situations and circumstances that cause anger, we are not to sin in our anger. We also have the responsibility to not let the sun go down upon our wrath.

Before you lay down to sleep tonight, call up that friend or neighbor, and offer an unconditional apology. You’ll sleep better, and so will they.

—Marty Edwards❖

“He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.”
—Proverbs 14

Sunday, October 7, 2012		
Classes	25	John 8:21-32
Preaching	29	Matthew 25:14-30
Contribution	\$423.00	
Evening	23	Singing
Wednesday, October 10, 2012		
Classes	23	Joshua 17:1-18

Visitors—
Oct 7 (AM) Michaela Seivers (Gelsenkirchen, Germany); Ethan Borton (Nashville)
Oct 7 (PM) Michaela Seivers

Bible Quiz

The LORD told Jeremiah not to say what?

Last Week’s Answer— The glory of God and the Lamb (Revelation 21:23)

—On Sunday, November 4, our Sunday evening service time will be moved to 4:00 p.m. for the duration of Standard time.

—**Michaela Seivers** will be returning home to Germany tomorrow after visiting with us a couple of weeks. Michaela was an exchange student here in 2006-07 and attended here during that year.

—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)