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A few years ago I saw a news report about a South African airliner crashing into the ocean just before a refueling stop. It is certainly always saddening to hear of such tragedies, but there was something else surrounding this accident that made it even more sad.

The pilot was on his last flight before retirement. There was a reception waiting for him to offer their congratulations. Instead, they had to offer their condolences.

As sad as this incident is, how much more sad to see someone who plans to take care of their salvation before they depart this life, then they meet death quicker than expected. No matter what our plans may be, they are subject to change. Plan and prepare for that which is certain— eternity. Always remember the words of James 4:14, “*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*”

—Marty Edwards ❖

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A farmer was having trouble with crows in his corn, so he decided to end the problem. Carrying a shotgun, the farmer walked through the cornfield until a large bunch of crows flew up in front of him. Without paying attention to the individual birds, the farmer fired both barrels into the whole bunch. He immediately went to examine the fallen birds. Not only had two crows been killed, but the family parrot was among the fallen birds.



Upon telling his children the fate of their pet, they asked what had killed it. The farmer’s reply was simply, “bad company.” The farmer had no intention of killing the parrot, but the parrot was with the wrong crowd, and it cost the bird its life.

How often have you heard on the news that someone was killed in a shooting when someone else was the intended target? How many times has one been killed in an automobile accident because of choosing to ride with friends who had been drinking, but they themselves were not?

Running with the wrong crowd can cost us our physical life, and it certainly costs us spiritually. We cannot help but be influenced by those we choose as friends. Even if we totally refuse to engage in their activities, our reputations suffer.

Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:22, “*Abstain from all appearance of evil.*” Paul also in I Corinthians 15:33 said, “*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*” That is the way it is worded in the King James Version. The American Standard Version states, “*Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals.*”

These passages are not suggesting that we should refuse to have anything to do with those of the world. We must and should in order to influence them toward Christianity. We simply need to be careful about whom we choose as our close friends. They will influence our entire lives, and ultimately our eternal destiny.

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News

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

—Thanks to **Shirley Parson** for hosting the lasagna dinner at her house last Sunday after and to **Sandy Duncan and Sherry Crabtree** for all the food and effort put into making the dinner so enjoyable. I deeply appreciate all the congregation coming out as it also served as a birthday dinner for me.

—Next Sunday evening we will be changing our Sunday evening services to 4:00 for the duration of standard time. No other services will be changed..

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Six P's of Bible Study

Bible study is vitally important. Man's usefulness in life as well as his happiness in eternity demands an understanding and an obedience to the Word of God. As we consider our study of the Scriptures, we must do it in the following ways:



1. *Periodically* — Read on a regular schedule. (Acts 17:11)
2. *Purposefully* — Study with a definite plan in mind. (II Timothy 2:15)
3. *Pensively* — Read reflectively and thoughtfully. (Psalm 119:97)
4. *Persistently* — Keep at it. Don't grow discouraged. (I Peter 2:2)
5. *Prayerfully* — If any lacks wisdom, let him ask of God. (James 1:5)
6. *Properly* — God's word must be rightly divided, or handled accurately. (II Timothy 2:15)

—Curry St. Church of Christ
West Plains, MO

Sunday, October 23, 2011		
Classes	15	Luke 12:8-28
Preaching	28	Revelation 22:1-21
Contribution	\$350.00	
Evening	20	Revelation 4:1-5:14
Wednesday, October 26, 2011		
Classes	24	Deuteronomy 3:1-29

Visitors—
 Oct 23 (AM) Alice & John Mark Thrasher (Glasgow, KY); Brent Goad (Glasgow, KY)
 Oct 23 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)
 Oct 26 (Wed) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What did John see proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb?

Last Week's Answer— The sea and the dry land (Jonah 1:9)



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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)