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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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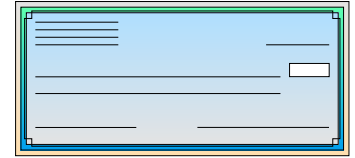
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## What Will Your Checkbook Tell About You?

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. Every 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



—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey. Shirley Parson** has not been able to be with us very much lately due to some very difficult breathing problems.

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It's hard to believe that October begins this Tuesday. So many mention from day to day just how quickly that time is passing. James reminds of that when he says in James 4:14 that life is as a vapor. It was really made even more clear to me when I got to thinking that Ruby and I have been married 27 years, and the years seem to have passed like nothing. In 27 years from now, I'll turn 80. Life is indeed as a vapor. —Marty❖

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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❖

Sunday, September 22, 2013		
Classes	21	Acts 11:1-26
Preaching	22	Revelation 10:1-11
Contribution	\$365.62	
Evening	18	Job 11:1-20
Wednesday, September 25, 2013		
Classes	15	I Samuel 17:1-30

Visitors—  
 Sep 22 (AM) Ethan Borton (Nashville, TN); Marie Burd (Horse Cave, KY); Chase Burd (Hardyville, KY); Madison Gaddie (Munfordville); Kaylee Bunnell (Munfordville)  
 Sep 22 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

### *Bible Quiz*

What did David do when an evil spirit fell upon Saul?

Last Week's Answer— A fierce lion (Job 10:16)

—The large screen went out during last Sunday morning's 10:00 lesson. Fortunately, it only affected what the audience here saw and not those viewing online or listening to audio. The screen was replaced on Monday. Thanks to Mark, Sherry, and Patrick Crabtree for helping with the setup of the new screen.

—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)