

Don't Envy The Wicked

Have you ever questioned, *"Why do the wicked prosper?"* We tend to look at the prosperity of those in the world and question whether being a Christian is truly worth it. Many who do not believe in Jesus seem to have terrific lives and appear to have everything they desire while I struggle and suffer as a faithful child of God. Does God not bless the faithful? There are people in the Bible who God blessed with great wealth, but they still suffered tremendously. For example, consider the man Job. His three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, insisted that Job lost all his material wealth, his ten children, and his physical health because he was a wicked sinner. They supposed that Job had sinned, and if he would repent, God would restore his well-being. But that was not the case, Job's losses were the result of his goodness; he was God's faithful servant. God permitted Job's suffering because He was proud of him and knew Job could maintain his integrity (Job 13.15).

Or what about Psalm 73 where Asaph surveyed society and noted the **"prosperity of the wicked"** (v. 3)? He almost abandoned his faith at this seeming inequity—until Jehovah showed him the **"latter end"** of evil people (v. 17). Asaph learned the lesson that material wealth is not to be sought, but godliness is what is important. We maintain our faith in Jesus because we know the end of those outside of Christ. We know that come judgment day all will be made right. Those without Christ may prosper and seem to have it all; but they have nothing to look forward to in the future. Regardless of our condition in this life, we have a home in heaven being prepared for our eternal dwelling with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. That makes life worth living!

Gary

What God Does For Me

Psalm 66.16-20

- 1) The psalmist said, *“Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul”* (Psalm 66.16).
- 2) Do you remember what Jesus told the man of the Gadarenes to do after he was freed from being possessed by a legion of demons (Mark 5.19)?
- 3) Upon returning from their first missionary journey, what did Paul and Barnabas do (Acts 14.27)?
- 4) Does God work in our lives today?

God...

I) Sees Me As _____ In _____.

- A) Sin affects our _____ (Isaiah 1.4-6).
- B) The scriptures teach that God _____ sin (Isaiah 59.1, 2).
- C) Notice what the New Testament teaches (Ephesians 2.12; 1-3).
 - 1) When I make no effort to _____ the _____, then I have no part in Christ.
 - 2) If I am living in sin, then I am _____ Christ, _____, and _____ from God.

II) _____ To Me.

- A) How does God speak to me today?
 - 1) God speaks directly to us through the revelation given to us in the _____.
 - 2) Hebrews 1.1, 2; 2 Peter 1.20, 21.
- B) God communicates with man no other way today.
 - 1) Paul told the Christians at Galatia that there would be no more _____ given to men than that given by _____ (Galatians 1.6-9).
 - 2) Only through the Word am I made _____ (2 Timothy 3.16, 17; 2 Peter 1.3).

III) Provides _____ For Me.

- A) The Bible teaches that God provides many rich _____.
- B) What does God want me to _____?

IV) Favors Me With Many _____ Blessings.

- A) These blessings are things that really matter to our life to come.
- B) These blessings are only “_____” (Ephesians 1.3; 1.22, 23).

V) _____ Me.

- A) How often do we want to do right, but do not always know what right is?
- B) I _____ guide myself (Jeremiah 10.23; Proverbs 14.12).
- C) There are some things I cannot do and still go to _____ (Galatians 5.19-21).

Conclusion: Do you need God to cleanse your soul?

CONNECTION

C Good Morning W.H. family! Today we feature Eva Torrez in our Connection Corner.

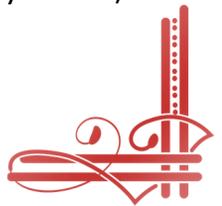
R Eva was born in Lampasas, TX, the daughter of a minister of the gospel and his wife. Eva's father graduated from the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock. The family moved to several different churches during her early years until finally settling in Ft Worth in 1981.

N Eva's early memories include some very special times with her dad and his camera. He would line the kids up and have the kids do as funny a pose as they could and then take the picture. Other times, he would treat them to candy such as peanut brittle and give them explicit orders that they were to absolutely "not like it." They had to make faces as if they didn't like it and he would take the photos. Eva learned to laugh from her father and her laughter is infectious as well.

E Eva graduated from Northside High School in Fort Worth and was quite excited to see in a previous Connection Corner that she has some fellow "Steer" alumni at W.H. She is working in the accounting industry and has a job that she loves. She says not getting a promotion at a previous job opened this new opportunity. Eva shared that she has learned that sometimes "unanswered prayers" are a blessing indeed.

R Eva attends with her son, Joe and daughter Stephanie. She is the sister of Arthur Torrez, another W.H. member (but that's next week's story!) She has also been blessed to have a grandson, Michelangelo, who is her delight. Take time to meet Eva and you will be blessed. She's easy to find, just look for that grandson of hers and follow Eva's laughter!

Les Keele



Ethan Porter a long time member, is in the Navy, stationed in San Diego. He and his new bride are registered on Amazon under Kimberly and Ethan Porter. If you would like to give them a card or gift card you can give it to Julie Meyer or Roxann Whitacre to be sent as a bundled care package. Please get to them by July 31st. Here is their address if you would like to send something directly to them.
1745B Warnock Dr. Ramona, CA 92065



Congratulation to Milt and Judy Birmingham on their marriage.



Phyllis Holcomb has requested prayers for anger issues; to help deal with them before they happen.

Area - Wide Singing :



July 31, 2022; 5:00 pm: **Western Hills Church of Christ** will be joining **West Freeway Church of Christ** at their location:
1900 S. Las Vegas Trail,
Fort Worth, Texas 76108.

There will not be services at Western Hills building that night.



The Children's Home of Lubbock request 9 volt batteries: Eric Dickey will be by to pick them up on Sept 22.

2022 Wednesday Night Summer Series

"The Pandemic: What I Learned About Myself, God & The Church"

Chris Vaughn, Clyde, Texas

SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball 214-801-7375
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 Jay Crook 817-991-3162
 Dan Kille 817-793-7493
 Chuck Meyer 817-448-0060
 Tom Pauley 817-370-5515
 Ross Tomlinson 682-429-1983
 John Walton 817-441-0000

**Shepherd of the Month*

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Associate Minister
 James Bowie: 817-944-4492
Youth Minister
 John Boudtaroth: 817-891-2132
Laotian Minister
 Ken Intharansy: 817-501-6838
Laotian Minister

DEACONS

Jon Bartee: 817-889-2686
 James Bowie: 817-944-4492
 Brandon Duncan: 903-603-1059
 Jay Garner: 817-205-2070
 Doug Lowrey: 817-249-0238
 Ben Meyer: 817-673-8557
 Robert Scott: 817-246-0911
 Matt Sloan: 405-471-3404
 Steve Taylor: 817-291-2065
 Buck Thomas: 817-733-2620
 Arthur Torrez: 817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Brandon Duncan

Song Leader - Matthew Sloan

Song - Shine, Jesus, Shine

Song - Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Prayer - Adam Powers

Scripture - Psalm 66.16-20

Song - Come To The Table

Communion - Roger Omer

Song - Days of Elijah

What God Does For Me - Gary Williams

Song - Living For Jesus

Prayer for the Contribution - Roger Omer

Song - I'll Fly Away

Announcements - Russ Bartee

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Russ Bartee

Sunday, July 31: Life of Christ Commentary Lessons 57-58; please read pages 568-582

CONTRIBUTION: No collection plates will be passed during worship service today. Instead we ask that you drop your contribution in one of the white boxes as you enter /exit the auditorium. You may also give online or mail your contributions to the building.

Donate by QR Code?
 Here is ours:
 Thank You!



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, July 25

Proverbs 25 - 27

Tuesday, July 26

Proverbs 28 - 31

Wednesday, July 27

Ecclesiastes 1 - 3

Thursday, July 28

Ecclesiastes 4 - 6

Friday, July 29

Ecclesiastes 7 - 9

Saturday, July 30

Ecclesiastes 10 - 12

Sunday, July 31

Song of Sol. 1 - 3

LAST WEEK

Bible Class:	120	Wednesday:	77
AM Worship:	210	Contribution:	\$ 9,986.47
PM Worship:	62	Budget:	\$ 14,193.04

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class: 9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship: 5:00 PM
 Wednesday Evening: 7:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

July 24, 2022

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Kian	Being adopted by the Bolt family.	Speed the process up and that Kian is protected
Louise Beagle	She has pneumonia. 3916 Reagan Dr. Fort Worth 76116	Healing
Polly McCarty 7/20/2022	Is now at Watermark at Broadway Cityview Rm 1204 917 Willow Way, Benbrook, TX 76126	Quick healing
Steve Johnston and family 7/10/2022	Steve's aunt, lost her battle with mental illness. 108 Brock Hill Lane Weatherford, Tx 76088	Prayers for the family for their loss
Skipper Reed 7/12/2022	Is having medical issues. 8000 Calmont Ave. #148 Fort Worth, Tx 76116	Healing
Cassidy Fisher 7/11/2022	Is having medical issues. 9791 McDaniel Rd. Benbrook, TX 76126	For the doctors to figure out what is wrong and quick healing
Patti Musselman 7/17/2022	Have Covid 216 Rainbow Dr. #11625 Livingston, Tx 77399	Healing
Michelle Glenn 06/27/2022	She is now home but on the mend. 7516 Pear Tree Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Healing, pain relief
Gail Wilmington 06/13/2022	Had knee replacement surgery on June 29. She is looking at a month and a half of recovery. 1603 Tierney Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76112	Peace, comfort, relief of pain, and swift, complete recovery
Kumcha Amre (Candy) 06/08/2022	Has missed seven weeks of service due to severe pain in her lower abdomen. She has more exams planned.	Diagnosis, treatment, and recovery
Wincie Neusse 06/15/2022	Her cancer is back, her left diaphragm is paralyzed. 5537 Crosscreek Lane, #2096 Fort Worth, TX 76109	God' healing hand
Barbara Lowrey 7/21/2022	Sever back pain	Healing and relief from pain
The Church in Kyiv	The war and its impact on the church.	Protection and growth
Cheryl Omer	Is in Colonial Gardens Memory Care of Fort Worth. 6939 River Park Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing, comfort, and peace for Roger and their children
Jodi & Joe Gentry	Is dealing with the day to day care and treatment of Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	For the Doctors to know how to help Jodi and Joe's strength, patience, and understanding

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
July 24, 2022

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Sara Blackstock sister of	Nancy Wright	She has breast cancer.	Healing
Rhonda Taylor sister-in-law of	Steve Taylor	Is dying of liver failure.	The family
Kyla Anderson	Auna Walton	She has leukemia and is back in the hospital.	Healing
Brandon WBS student to	Paula Pauley	He is being bullied and intimidated in prison because his is becoming a Christian.	Strength and faith and for his wife
Sharon sister to and her fiancée Jeffery	Bob Willyerd	They were in a motorcycle accident.	Quick healing
Hazel (8), Rowan (3) Travis (5)	Adam Powers	Were in a severe car accident with their father.	Quick healing
Jessica (Bouapraseth) Mills & husband	Katelynn Bolt	Lost their baby Noah after 19 months of pregnancy.	Comfort and peace
Sara Blackstock	Nancy Wright	Breast cancer.	Guidance and healing
Shane Grantham brother in law to	Michael Davis	He has cancer.	Quick healing
Von Panzino	Carolyn Williams	Fell and cut her head open.	Quick healing
Brittany and Tanner	Rene Johnston	Injured in a road rage incident.	Heal from their injuries
Bubba Irving Cousin to	Adam Powers	He continues to be on Kidney dialysis and has had a recent setback.	Kidney Transplant
Paula & Rick Hamrick	Patti Musselman's sister and brother in law	Has Covid.	Healing
Cheyenne Hayden	Brandon Duncan	She is a former student of Brandon's and her 4 year old daughter is in need of a small bowel and liver transplant.	An available donor, the family of that donor, the doctors, nurses, and parents 06/26/2022
Morene Popchoke	Frankie Smith	Is in hospice.	Comfort 7/20/2022
Gary Ridge, friend of	Bill and Betty Baumann	Has cancer and is in much pain.	Comfort, healing, and less pain 06/13/2022

Healing of the Demon-Possessed Boy and Lack of Faith

Looking into the Face of Jesus
The Life of Christ, 1: Pages 545-561

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 55

1. What did Peter call the mountain where the Lord had been transfigured (2 Peter 1:18)?
2. What did Moses experience when coming down from Mount Sinai?
3. What did Jesus experience coming down from the mountain after His transfiguration?
4. Why were Jesus' disciples unable to cast out the demon?
5. What is the importance of faith to Christianity?
6. What was the cause of seizures according to an ancient superstition?
7. What was the difference between epileptic seizures and demon possession?
8. Describe the rare view of the human side of Jesus seen in Matthew 17:7.
9. Who did Jesus call an "unbelieving and perverted generation"?
10. What is the meaning of the statement "All things are possible to him who believes" (Mark 9:23b)?
11. Did the apostles ever struggle with their faith?
12. What was the Jewish meaning of the phrase "removing a mountain"?
13. What did Jesus use the "mustard seed" to illustrate?
14. What are the qualities of the mustard seed?
15. Describe the meaning of the "size" of our faith versus the "focus" of our faith.
16. What are some reasons why people struggle with their faith?
17. What are four styles or levels of faith?
18. What is the importance of a growing faith?
19. What can cause our faith to grow?

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The Temple Tax Paid (Do Not Offend)

Looking into the Face of Jesus
The Life of Christ, 1: Pages 561-567

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 56

- 1.How often did Jesus mention His impending death?
- 2.What is the meaning of the sentence "Let these words sink into your ears" (Luke 9:44a)?
- 3.Why did Jesus' disciples not understand the statement about His death?
- 4.What was the apostles' view of the Messianic kingdom?
- 5.What was the disciples' struggle with Jesus' approaching death, burial, and resurrection?
- 6.Compare human reasoning to divine revelation.
- 7.What does a true disciple rely on?
- 8.Which Gospel is the only one to record the temple tax incident?
- 9.Which Gospel writer was a former tax collector?
- 10.What is a "drachma"?
- 11.What is a Roman "denarius"?
- 12.Who was required by the law of Moses to pay the temple tax?
- 13.What was a "shekel" worth?
- 14.Where did Christ often stay when He was in Capernaum?
- 15.What was Peter's occupation?
- 16.What is the meaning of the Greek word *stater*?

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Childlikeness

Looking into the Face of Jesus

The Life of Christ, 1: Pages 568-577

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 57

1. Describe the disciples' lack of understanding concerning the nature of Jesus' kingdom.
2. What did Jesus say we must become like to enter the kingdom?
3. Where is true humility found?
4. Where did children rank on the social scale during Jesus' day?
5. Did Jesus have disciples other than the Twelve?
6. Were the apostles the only ones to whom the Lord imparted miraculous abilities?
7. What is the meaning of the Greek word *mulos*?
8. What was the location of the valley of Hinnom?
9. How did Jesus use the figure of salt as a preserving agent?
10. What does the Bible teach concerning angels?
11. How did the Lord conclude His teaching on "little ones" in Matthew 18:12-14?

Problems Between Brothers

Looking into the Face of Jesus

The Life of Christ, 1: Pages 577-582

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 58

- 1.How are Christians to settle disputes among each other?
- 2.What is the importance of settling a dispute in private?
- 3.How is the need for witnesses described in Deuteronomy 19:15 and 2 Corinthians 13:1?
- 4.What are the only two passages in the Gospels where the word "church" is found?
- 5.What is the purpose of church discipline?
- 6.What is the importance of discipline being carried out in the right spirit?
- 7.To what was Jesus referring in Matthew 18:20?
- 8.Should forgiveness have limits?
- 9.What are two principles Jesus taught in Matthew 18:15-35?
- 10.How long did "The Closing Ministry" of Jesus last?

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Happy Birthday In July

1 Carl Green

4 Nilath Kimlinh

5 Deatra Keele

5 Frankie Shelton

7 Emmett Garner

7 Mary Ann Wagner

8 Fern Green

8 Cecilia Phuong

9 Carson Cato

9 Wanda Houston

11 Leah Bowie

11 Roger Omer

11 Bud Wilcox

12 Kamla Kimlinh

13 Edward Mann

14 Carol Burk

17 Pam Stom

20 Emilio Fernandez

20 Eva Torrez

23 Diana Ngo

26 Lionel Mendoza

27 Vincent Everett

29 Wincie Neusse

30 Jackie Jaso