

The Lakeview Lamp

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." – Psalm 119:105

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Time Is Priceless

Richard Halverson

Kill time!

Reckless, unjustifiable, homicide!

Four men chatted in the lounge of a DC-7 as it landed at a west coast airport. They had a problem; what to do with two and a half hours before their continuing flight was scheduled to depart. Several plans were discussed and eliminated as impractical. There was not enough time to get into the city and return. "We'll we've got two and a half hours to kill," they concluded, as the four engines died and the ramp swung up to the plane.

How often do you suppose those same men had grumbled about the lack of time? ("Not enough time" is such a common American gripe.) Yet their range of interests was so limited that they were frustrated by a plan to capitalize on 150 precious minutes. Apparently lacking imagination to do anything constructive, they decided to kill it!

No gift for man's use is more precious than time. It cannot be hoarded. The one way to save it is to spend it, wisely, by investing it in constructive pursuits. Wasted, it can never be recovered.

How often a man neglects Bible reading or prayer, or companionship with his family, or service to his community or church, on the grounds of the lame and transparent excuse, "not enough time"? How many worthwhile projects have been left undone because a man was "too busy"? Yet with what consummate ease has each of us "killed time" again and again.

God made no mistake when He appointed man steward over twenty-four hours a day. Man does not need more time; he must handle with delicate care this priceless possession. It is not how much time a man puts in; it is how much he puts into the time that matters.

"Look carefully, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph 5:15-16).

Where to Go Amidst Confusion

Aude McKee

In the midst of the religious confusion in our day, where can the really sincere and honest person go?

Go to your Bible! Search the Scriptures! Find those people who respect Bible authority and make every effort possible to do Bible things in Bible ways – who endeavor to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent.

Try to clear your mind of everything you have seen or been taught in the past, and endeavor to discover what the New Testament says about the church Jesus died to purchase (**Acts 20:28**). Too many people are reading the latest popular respected theologian or listening to the “high powered” evangelist that draws the crowds and fills the airways. You need to study God’s “handbook” and find how to become a Christian. Then obey from the heart the Lord’s teaching, and you will become a part of God’s family – the church.

What Really Counts

Joe R. Barnett

“Vanity of vanities...all is vanity” (Eccl 1:2).

Remember the thrill of that new car, house, or sofa? But now “the new is worn off” and it is commonplace. New possessions are charming for a while, but they soon lose their novelty.

Solomon says it’s true of everything – “all is vanity.” Vanity means “breath.” It has the basic meaning of the brevity of the breath one can see on a cold morning. It is used metaphorically of anything transitory, frail, unsatisfying, in contrast to the permanent.

Solomon earned the right to tell us about it. He exhausted his energies and powers in the attempt to find satisfaction in earthly pursuits. And he shouts that such satisfaction is not to be found in the race for riches, the enjoyment of power, the satisfaction of appetites. He insists that earthly accomplishments alone will deceive and disappoint those who put their confidence in them.

It is a somber utterance. The emphasis is devastating to our way of life. But our advisor had been there. He knew that man can never get enough. Give him half of the universe, and he will begin quarrelling with the proprietor of the other half. Not only do earthly possessions fail to advance

News and Notes

There is a table in the resource room (under the counter) that the church does not need. Anyone who wants it is welcome to get it.

Members:

- * Vickie Berry is doing better and hopes to be out today.
- * Margie Frizzell is still waiting for positive results with her back brace.
- * Thelbert Frizzell is not doing any better.
- * Estelle Hayes will be 99 years old tomorrow. All are invited to join her then **for lunch at Shoney's at 11:30 to celebrate.**
- * Cotton Read will soon be getting a defibrillator and heart monitor.

Friends and Family:

- * Debbie Davis, member at Creekview and former member here at Lakeview, has cirrhosis of the liver.

Absent: Robert Jenkins (Alaska).

New Reports: Arrigo Corazza (Italy) and his family are with us this morning as they visit with churches in the states.

our eternal happiness, they often fatally obstruct it.

The failure to attain satisfaction in earthly possessions should convince us of the value of seeking a better inheritance.

Solomon's statement is not intended to foster pessimism, but to lead us to focus upon the abiding. His father prayed wisely, "*Turn my eyes from looking at vanities*" (**Psalm 119:37**).



*"I considered my ways and turned my feet to
Your testimonies. I hastened and did not
delay to keep Your commandments."*

Psalm 119:59-60