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THESE THINGS COMMAND AND TEACH NO. II

In teaching others these things must be taught that Paul told Timothy to teach. If not, then the one who teaches other wise, cannot be a good minister of Jesus Christ. 1 Tim. 4:6. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing but doting about questions and strifes of words, where of cometh envy, strife, railing, evil surmising, perverse disputing of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: From such withdraw thyself. 1 Tim. 6: 3-5.

Here is what happens when one fails to observe these things. Paul said he knows nothing but strife railings etc. Not only is that true of an individual the same is also true of a congregation, when they fail to consent to the doctrine of Jesus Christ. There will be strife division and evil speaking as a result. Hence a faithful minister of Jesus Christ is to constantly warn the brethren against such evils that confront the church to day as Timothy was told in his day. I know the minister who does so will not be considered a popular preacher. Often it is said of him that he is too hard when he reminds the brethren of those things. Yet brethren will say we are guilty of these things, but you are too hard or mean when you tell us about it. Those kind of brethren would not be pleased with Jesus Christ or his apostles. Peter said wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea I think it meet as long as I am in this tabernacle to stir you up by putting you in remembrance.

NEWS

Bro. Boyd Morgan preached two nights at the Polit congregation Friday and Saturday nights with good crowds at both services, one was restored.

Bro. Boyd Morgan reports that since he has moved to Corning, the church there has had seven baptisms and twenty-four confessions of sins.

I want to commend Bro. Jimmie Campbell for the little articles in the last issue of Fulton County Gospel News. We are sorry that his name did not appear at the head of the articles of STUDY. Bro. Jimmie Campbell lives in Klamath Falls, Oregon, at 2115 Homedale Rd.

HOW WE MAY SIN

Clovis Ragsdale

The constant struggle that goes on between good and evil in the life of every Christian brings up the question of just how do we commit sin. The Bible tells us that sin is the transgression of law, 1 John 3:4. We sin by either doing what God has said for us not to do, this can be called a sin of commission, or by not doing what God has said for us to do, a sin of omission. The greater majority of sins committed by Christians could be classified as sins of Commission. It is possible to commit sin by thought by word and by deed. Matt. 5:28 is an example of how one may sin by thought. Christ said that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. In 1 Cor. 13: 5, Paul in describing love informs

II Peter 1: 12-13. I have no doubt that if Peter was present today he would be considered by some of being hard on the brethren.

To Be continued

By Authur C. Blackwell

us that one with love in his heart as christians should have, thinketh no evil. Thus is it established that we can sin by our thoughts even though no one else may never know about them. That we can sin by words is well understood by all. The tongue which is the instrument which we speak is likened to a fire in James 3:5. Even so the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defilith the whole body, and setteth on fire the counsel of nature; and it is set on fire of Hell. Christians have to be careful of what they say and how they say it.

The other way that we may sin by commission is by the deeds that we may do. The deeds we do are testimonials of what our heart is thinking and have to be guarded in order that we do not transgress Gods law to abstain from the works of the flesh as recorded in Gal. 5:19-21. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, forniciation, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

In James 4:17 we learn also that we can sin by omission. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. Whole congregations are often guilty of this type of sin. A do nothing policy on the part of able congregations is repulsive in the sight of God. Rev. 3:15, I know thy works, that thou art neither cold or hot. I would that thou were cold or hot. So then because that thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth

Realizing the ways we may sin should help us to be on guard and to make fewer mistakes in the future

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**SOME THINGS NOT
FOUND IN BIBLE**

Marvin Ed Berry — Welcome Hill

The scriptures give us God's revealed will. It is our guide book to heaven. It is complete. Eph. 3:3-4, Jno. 16:13, and 2 Tim. 3:16-17. Whatever we do, religiously, should be found in the Bible.

Now Something Not Found In The Bible.

1. Denominational church names. Mt. 16:18; Acts 20:28; Rom. 16:16; Heb. 12:25.
2. When any denomination began. The nearest thing to it. 1 Cor. 1:10; Dan. 2:44; Mt. 16:18; Mk. 9:1; Acts 2.
3. Where anyone "joined." Acts 2: 41-47; 5:14; Mk. 16:16.
4. How to become a member of any denomination. Does tell how to become a Christian. Baptized into one body. 1 Cor. 12:13.
5. Where anyone was voted on.
6. A description of any denomination. How to begin one.

Why be a member of any? Their preachers will admit you don't have to. The plea of the Church of Christ is; "Just be a Christian a member of the church you can find."

The plan of salvation the Bible gives in Believe Jno. 3:16, Repent Lk. 13:3, Confess Matt. 10:32-33, and be Baptized Acts 2:38 and be added to the church.

When the people aren't sure of what they want in democracy, they vote for something different from what they have.

The easiest way to remain poor is to pretend to be rich.

GROW IN GRACE

Boyd E. Morgan

11 Pet. 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

This is the last admonition penned by the apostle Peter. We come into the grace of God when we are redeemed from sin, but once in that grace we may grow deeper and deeper in it, and indeed we ought to. Certainly our Lord is no respecter of persons, but he is a respecter of character and we by continued growth in him grow more and more into his favor.

Daily meditation upon the word of God, the great truths, and the characters revealed therein and an earnest endeavor to follow the examples of Jesus Christ our Shepherd in his association with people will cause us to grow in favor with God. We will develop a greater love for God, which will be seen in our increased effort to obey him as he would have us do John 14:15; 1John 5:8.

Note these passages from Paul 11 Thess. 1:3 "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of everyone of you all toward each other aboundeth." Eph. 4:14-15. "That we be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

These two passages cannot be fulfilled by us without our growing in the grace of God. Growth is natural, and is an expected consequence of our salvation. It is not a presumption for us to say that we have grown, but it would be lamentable if we must confess that we have not.

Failures are divided into two classes: those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought.

Money may talk, but it doesn't talk as loud as it used to after we pay the bills.

MEDITATIONS

Sin is death in its own making.

Wisdom and insight are worth more than silver and Gold.

No one is so blind as he who refuses to see the light.

To walk with God is to walk always in the right path.

What we say about other people often reflects our own character.

He who denies his guilt when he knows he is wrong is not honest.

Noah was a saint among sinners—he stood alone in his generation.

A wrong done to another will not right the wrong he has done to you.

To reject the teaching of the New Testament is a rejection of God.

We often criticise in others the weakness which we find in our own lives.

Righteousness is doing that which is right—the acceptance of our own full responsibility.

Christianity did not originate in the minds of men nor can it be regulated by man's teaching.

It is the doctrine of Christ that will save the world and not the doctrine and commandments of men. Accept no substitute. For to do so would be a rejection of God.

Secret diplomacy is never secret long and seldom diplomatic.

We can't think of anything so urgent to any man that he can't wait until the train gets passed the crossing.

When we look at the price tags on some articles, we don't know whether they represent value or nerve.

**SELECTED THOUGHTS
WORDS OF WISDOM
TO THINK ABOUT**

The world's shortest sermon preached by a traffic sign, "KEEP RIGHT."

Most of us take better care of our automobiles than we do of ourselves.

Beware of a half truth. You may be getting the wrong half.

Some men spend so much time trying to make a killing that they forget to make a living.

Learn to avoid nasty remarks—they give neither the hearer nor the speaker any lasting satisfaction.

Did you ever stop to think that you can't hold another man down without being down yourself.

You don't have to be in a key position to be able to unlock the door to opportunity.

Experience is the great teacher. It helps you to recognize your mistakes when you make them again.

When Fate wills that some thing should come to pass, she sends forth a million little circumstance to clear the way.

VIEWS FROM THE PEWS

By Mary Kelly Oler

"His life appears to be a life of ease,"

Spoke one who sat within an humble pew,

"For he was time to do as he may please,

A thing unknown in laborers like you.

When he graces the pulpit, God draws near,

His word becomes alive and very real.

He is so natural it seems quite clear

His labor situation is ideal!"

But I, his neighbor, knew how many nights

He studied late to preach such gems of worth,

And how his heart ached when he saw the blights

Of human happiness upon the earth.

And knowing well the world and its demands,

I prayed, "Lord, let me labor with my hands!"

JUST SUPPOSE

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord should begin tomorrow to make people as sick as they claim to be on Sunday.

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord would take away the child whom the parents use as an excuse for staying away from church services.

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord should make some people as poor as they say they are when asked to help finance His program.

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord should have every one stoned for covetousness as He did Achan.

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord should strike dead all who lie about giving as prospered, as He did Ananias and Sapphira for lying about money matters.

JUST SUPPOSE the Lord let some parents look into the future and see what their example and lax control did for their children.

JUST SUPPOSE all Christians really live consistently and prove by their lives that they really loved the Lord.

YES, JUST SUPPOSE, and then by the help of the Lord, go forth and live and serve as if eternity were coming soon.

The Oak Ridge Bulletin

Communists seem to labor under the impression that everybody wants to die poor.

It's remarkable how large a part ignorance plays in making a man satisfied with himself.

In the future, the world will need guns of smaller and men of larger caliber.

NEWS

We had large crowds at both services at Mammoth Spring Sunday and Sunday evening, one restored.

THE WORLD'S BIBLE

Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work today; He has no feet but our feet to lead men in his way; He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how he died; He has no help but our help to bring them to his side.

We are the only Bible the careless world will read; We are the sinner's gospel, we are the scoffer's creed. We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word; What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy with other work than his; What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is? What if our tongues are speaking of things his lips would spurn: How can we hope to help him and gladden his return?

Annie Johnson Flint

SENTENCE SERMONS

E. C. McKenzie

There are so many ways of being a fool that no man can hope to dodge all of them.

By the time we get old enough not to care what anybody says about us, nobody says anything.

The distance from earth to heaven is not so much a matter of altitude as it is attitude.

In business we have big steel and little steel. Politics has them too but the spelling is different.

What people say to your back indicates your standing in the community.

It is more difficult to manage riches well than to acquire them.

Many wise words are spoken in jest, but they don't compare with the number of foolish words spoken in earnest.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Luke 14:25-34

In the above passage Jesus made 't very clear and plain that a true disciple of His must put a great deal more valuation on Him and his teaching, than anything else in this world, even if need be, at the expense of human relations.

This fact is strongly emphasized in (Matt. 10:37) where he said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

We are made to realize what he meant when we hear someone say "the religion my father and mother lived and died by is good enough for me," or "if they didn't go to heaven I don't want to either," in effect this is equal to saying, "I think more of their teaching, even if it was wrong than that of Christ," or, "I had rather be with them than with him," but will say this, if that is the desire of a person, he will allow you to be with them, even if their teaching was erroneous, but am sure the statement Jesus made to James and John, two of his apostles, who desired of him that they might sit, the one on his right hand and the other on his left in his kingdom, would apply to the one who would make such rash statements; he said, "Ye know not what ye ask."

The eternal destiny of the soul is involved in the decision we make, the more reason we have for knowing that every sacrifice we may be called upon to make, whether great or small in our own sight, is but a trifle considering the dividends it will pay, in this life, and in the life which is to come. On one occasion when asked by one of his apostles what they would receive for having left all and followed him, he told them that no one having done this for him would lose anything, he promised that such would receive an hundredfold in this life, and in the world to come, eternal life.

So often the husband or wife

will not become a Christian, because the peace of the home would be impaired, but ask yourself the question, wouldn't this be an awful price to pay for it?

It isn't anything unusual for these conditions to exist in homes, in fact Jesus predicted they would. He said children would be against the parents, daughter-in-law against the mother-in-law, husband against the wife, and there would be enemies in one's own household.

It may cost you the friendship of some of the dearest of friends, and loved ones to be a real Christian, but the friendship of the one who gave his life's blood for you is worth so much more, you cannot afford to turn it down.

The apostle Paul should be a fine example to everyone on this subject. He was brought up a strict Pharisee, taught by one of their greatest teachers, lived accordingly every day but when he found he had been taught error, he renounced the religion of his fathers and associates, and we hear him as he says, "I conferred not with flesh and blood," that is concerning becoming a Christian. he didn't ask anyone what to do about it. Do you not have a great deal more admiration for him, than for the rich young ruler. who, "went away sorrowful," rather than obey our Lord?

Yes, the cost of discipleship as viewed by some is entirely too COSTLY, but when we consider the vastness of a never ending eternity, the joys of those who will be allowed to bask in the sunshine of God's love, and on the other hand, the horrors of a never ending Hell, no sacrifice, be it ever so great, should seem too hard

Some animals can understand but can't talk, whereas it's just the other way with some human beings.

Sometimes a nation abolishes God, but fortunately God is more tolerant.

Some people are bent with work; others get crooked trying to avoid it.

To get collective bargaining men engage in collective loafing.

"BUT HE, WILLING TO JUSTIFY HIMSELF, SAID"

Luke 10: 29

These words are the writer's comment about the lawyer who was told by Jesus to love his neighbor as himself He was not willing to obey his Lord but he wanted to escape condemnation He found some excuse for his actions

Justification is a great Bible subject. If God has justified us, then we are saved. Only the justified will walk the streets of gold the scriptures make it quite clear, however, that God—and only God can justify "It is God that justifieth." Romans 8:33. Justification, if it comes from God, is worth more than all of earth's treasures but please answer me this: "What is justification worth?"

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes" Prov. 21:2. No matter what a man wants to do, whether it be adultery or stealing or lying, if he wants to do it badly enough, he can somehow find some way to justify his conduct. This certainly would not mean that God justifies men who commit such abominable acts. Paul once said: "I know nothing against myself, yet am I not hereby justified, for He that judgeth me is the Lord" 1 Corinthians 4:4.

You may have never obeyed the Gospel and yet you are using some puny excuse that you feel justifies you. You may be giving but a fraction of what belongs to God but you feel that you can justify your actions. Many spend precious little time studying their Bible or working for the Lord but when you ask them about their neglect they offer excuse after excuse to justify themselves. Do you really believe you are justified in the sight of God? What if you do justify yourself here but stand condemned in the day of judgment? It requires but little effort to justify ourselves; (and anyone can do it) but it is worth even less. Think on these things.

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Daylight saving time just makes some people tired an hour earlier.