

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A Person Who is Willing...

In my time on earth, I have come to a “profound conclusion”. A person can and will do just about anything they really want to do. Now, there may be some limits regarding financial costs or personal talents, but generally, people will succeed in achieving what they really want to do. They are willing to put time, money and personal effort into the career, pastime, or project in which they have a personal interest. The problem comes, not in the goal itself, but in the motivation a person has for it.

I believe this is especially true in regard to spiritual growth and maturity. Many people are capable of being spiritually mature and influential, but they are not motivated to do so. They confine themselves to “doing the minimum” in regarding living for Christ. Once again, let me stress that some people are limited in the extent of what they can do, but that does not mean they can do nothing. Let’s examine three areas of willingness in spiritual matters.

Some people are willing to pray about their spiritual goals. Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7 ESV). Too often, we apply this only to physical things. How wonderful it would be if more were asking, seeking and knocking about spiritual growth.

Some people are willing look for ways to do something rather than an excuse not to do it. I find that when it comes to personal interests, whether it is men, women or children, people will find ways to do what they want. If they want to read, they will buy or borrow books. If they want to fish, they will come up with bait, hooks and time. If they want to improve their skills at work, they will find ways to do it rather than make excuses.

Some people are willing to work with people they don’t know (or even like!) in order to do what they want to do. In their place of work, because of the constraint of having to be in the same work area, and their willingness to keep their jobs, they find ways to work with people. In the same way, churches have people that are spiritually immature and not where they need to be, but they should not hinder us from doing what we need to do.

Paul Faulkner, in his book **Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong**, speaks of our “*wanter*” and our “*willer*”. Listen to him: “*You can grab your “wanter” by your “willer” and turn your life around! You can will to, whether you want to or not.*” (p. 39)

The fact of the matter is, we have a say in the direction and focus of our lives. We may have limits on our time, talents and opportunities, but we are responsible for our willingness to use what God has given us. This lesson is taught very clear in Matthew 25:14-30. May we be willing, as well as able, to work for the Master until He comes again.

—Lance Cordle
Calvert City Church of Christ

Response

Marilyn Upshaw came forward Sunday, January 18th making this statement. “I need to be forgiven. I know many times that I say to myself that I can’t make it to worship but then I do everything else. Please pray for me.” Please keep Marilyn in your prayers that she will become a stronger Christian and more faithful in attendance.

Prayer Request

Jewell Dennard was taken to the Medical Center Hospital Monday, January 19th with a chronic bladder infection. She will be in the hospital for approximately three days and then will be taken to Buena Vida Nursing Home.

Hattie Mae Gilmore has shingles on her back from the waist up. She is in a lot of pain and has been prescribed medication for it.

Carmen Settle, Chris Starcher’s mother, was involved in an automobile accident. She suffered severe trauma which has caused various problems. She is in a hospital in Lubbock. Carmen is the mother-in-law of Cindy (Smith) Starcher, June Smith’s daughter.

Concerns Update

Glenna McCarty is doing much better. She is able to get up without affecting her heart rate or becoming dizzy and has even walked around in her room.

Wilene Wright is much better and stronger, but will probably take another couple of months to get “back to normal”. She misses her worship and “family” and covets your prayers.

Winford Hambright is waiting for the test results from his CT scan done on his stomach.

Wyatt Kody, who recently suffered a heart attack, was able to go home from the hospital.

Prayer List

Jerry Anderson; Elaine Armentrout; Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Velma Betts; Susan Bosse; Elsie Bradford; Beth Carrell; Neva Carrigan; Don & Hazel Cavanaugh; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Doug Dowell; James Drake; Ben Ellison; Jake & Summer Finley; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Burt & Anna Groves; Winford & Jean Hambright; Linda Horton; Lon Howard; Wyatt Kody; Susan Lee; Shannon McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Loy Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Allison & Nathan Moyers; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; George & Jurlean Warren; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Russell Wilson; Wilene Wright

Shut-Ins

Mildred Bell; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Lester Whisenant.

Events

Sheffield Church of Christ’s Winter Gospel Meeting with guest speaker Weylan Deaver of Denton, TX will be January 25th–28th. Their flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the east foyer.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Were the days of unleavened bread to celebrate: (1) Pentecost (2) the Passover or (3) the Lord’s Supper?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The temptation of Jesus is found in Matthew chapter 4.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called **"Take Aim"** at 6:30 each Tuesday night. Tune your radio program to the gospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "Speaking the Truth in Love" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Upcoming Wednesday Night Devotional Speakers

January 28th—Bill Butler

February 4th—Denny Wilson

February 11th—Josh Wells

February 18th—Bill Brown

Thank You

I want to thank the ladies of Eisenhower Church of Christ for making the basket of goodies that they made for me for Christmas. The goodies were wonderful and I enjoyed them very much. Also thanks to Rudy Ochoa for bringing the basket to me.

In Christian Love,

Marilyn Upshaw

The basket of goodies you sent me was really very thoughtful and appreciated so much. It's so nice to be remembered. Thank you and God bless and keep you.

In Christian love,

Kathy Marshall

Baby Shower

You are invited to a "come and go" baby shower for **Stacy (Siler) Register** and her baby girl Saturday, February 7, 2015 between 2-4 pm at the home of Holly Wesson (around back) Stacy is requesting diapers and gift cards.

Office News

Please take a look at the **"Edifier Prayer List"** and if you have a family member or a close friend that can be removed, please let the office know.

January 25, 2015

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer
Lord's Supper

A.M.

Allen Weakland
John Carroll
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Scot Straw
Charles Wood
Jacob Carson

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Trinidad Wood
Bill Butler
Rudy Ochoa

West...

Josh Wells
Jeff Wesson
Jeff Wesson

Bill Butler
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Rudy Ochoa
Trinidad Wood
Dylan Straw

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: Richard Siler 362-1392 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table*: Bill Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties*: Richard Siler 362-1392 *Contributions*: Richard Siler 362-1392

Sunday AM”

“Have Confidence in Christ’s Return”
(1 John 2:28:29)

Sunday PM

“Healing A Paralytic”
(Mark 2:1-2)

Our Records

Bible Class...61
Morning Worship...110
Evening Worship...65
Wednesday...72
Contribution...\$3,823.14

