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The Whole Armor of God

"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST JACKSON, TENNESSEE

5 Questions About Your Values

What are your core values? To help you think about it, here's a illustration developed by James Newman in *Releasing You Brakes!*

Suppose I come to your house with a 120' I-beam and lay it across your front yard. When you come out, I wave a $100 bill and say if you can cross from one end to the other in less than 2 minutes, I'll give you the $100. Would you do it? Why not? What have you got to lose? However, suppose that I-beam is stretched across 2 skyscrapers in NYC, 1300' above the ground. Would you cross for $100? I doubt it. Why? You value your life more than a measly $100. Now, let's change the scenario again. Suppose I kidnap your 2-year-old daughter and hold her over the edge of the I-Beam 1300' above the ground. Then I say, "If you don't cross that I-Beam, I''ll drop her! Hyrum Smith says he used that illustration many times in seminars and 99 times out of 100, people say they will cross. Why? They value the life of their child. They love their child.

While the illustration of the I-Beam is pretty heavy, it presents a powerful principle. What would you cross the I-Beam for? What do you value? What matters most? Here are 5 questions to consider as you evaluate and contemplate what you value.

(1) Do your values give glory and honor to God?

We are commanded to live in a way that honors God. Our behavior among unbelievers should complement our Christian profession. Peter put it this way: *"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation*. (1 Pet 2:11-12)

(2) Do your values bless and benefit the lives of other people?

A universally held value is the Golden Rule–Treat other people the way you want to be treated. (Matt 7:12). Living by this value demonstrates deference to others. Acknowledges our respect for human dignity. And blesses others. Coupled with the second great commandment, "love your neighbor as yourself, living by these values will make a difference in our relationships.

(3) Do your values deal with moral and ethical choices honestly?

Value driven Christians understand sin and are honest about dealing with it. The Bible teaches that all unrighteousness is sin (1 Jn 5:17). Lawlessness is sin (I Jn. 3:4). Failure to do good when we know what is right is sin (Jas 4:17). And violating one's conscience is sin (Rom. 14:23). When these principles are properly applied in our business dealings, social relationships, recreational choices and family commitments, our values will be honored.

(4) Do your values provide your life with meaning, purpose and significance?

Values give us a reason for living. A meaning to our existence. Values direct us as we make choices. They guide us through difficult decisions. They guard us from improper impulses and harmful actions. A close communion with God, a belief in Jesus as the Son of God and a commitment to the Bible as the Word of God, will equip us to live a purpose-driven life.

(5) Do your values transcend this life?

This value speaks to your world view. Are you other world focused? Do your values have impact beyond this life? Do they answer the big questions of life: What is my origin? Why am I here? Where am I going? Value driven Christians know the answers to these questions. And they know "this world is not my home. I'm just a passing through."

Peter Hirsch was right, "Your values are what makes you tick. Your values are the seat and source of your wants and desires." So, what would you walk the I-beam for?

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We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.

Speaker:
NICK ANGEL
Sunday AM Notes 8-2-2015

GOD FOCUSED HOMES

Fathers that……

_____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____

Mothers that……

_____ _____

_____ _____

Children that……

_____ _____

_____ _____

GLORIFYING GOD

Speaker:
NICK ANGEL
Sunday PM Notes 8-2-2015

Jesus vs Satan
Matthew 4:1-11

Satan will _____ us when we are at our _____.

Satan will _____ us in _____ _____.

Opponents will attempt to use _____ _____ against us.

We need to _____ with _____ _____.

Daily Bible 2015 READING

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Times of Worship & Bible Study

Sunday:
9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Worship Service: You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.
5:00 PM Worship Service
Wednesday:
7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship

Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....117
Last Sunday PM Worship.....98
Last Wednesday Bible Study.....94

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-Anita Wagster…her aunt passed away this last week and is traveling back to Arkansas for the funeral.

-Jason Bennett…still recovering from back surgery. Let's continue to prayer and assist him and his family when we can.

-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)… has been hospitalized in the recent days. He has also realized that he needs to obey the Gospel. Unfortunately, it is impossible for him to be baptized because of his current condition. Please pray that he recovers quickly so that he can act upon his faith.

-Barbara Clark (sister in Christ in Oak Ridge Tennessee)…her cancer has spread to her liver. Doctor has given her 2 years to live if she takes the chemotherapy. Please be praying for her and her family.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

-Christian Shadburn…20 yr. old Christian at Western Ky U. is still battling cancer, but has made good progress recently. Let's continue to remember his and his family.

-Jim Johnson (brother at Meek St. in Corinth, MS)…gall bladder cancer.

-Stephanie Still (Becky Waddell's cousin)… dealing with numerous health issues.

-Robin Hill….. battling cancer.

-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend).. Battling Melanoma.

-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)… Battling Cancer.

-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's mother) … Battling leukemia.

-Barbara Leonard…Battling cancer and COPD.

-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white and we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.

-Men and women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.

If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.

Pleasant Plains News

Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

Men's Bible Class - September 5th at 7:30AM at Panera Bread. Our subject of study is "Do Things Well." Please read chapter 8.

Teen Devo - August's date and location to be determined

Couples Class - August's date and location to be determined.

Ladies Class - *This Tuesday* August 4th here at the building at 10:00AM. Lesson 11 will be covered.

*****Save the Date!***Gospel Meeting with Abe Martin**. September 20th-23rd.

Area Gospel Meetings & Events

◉**Gospel Singing & Preaching at the Elliot St. Church of Christ in Humboldt.** August 8th from 2-4PM. Congregational singing will be followed by preaching by Josh Thornhill of the Expressway Church of Christ.

◉**Medina Kids Connection in Three-Way.** August 14th at 6PM at Epperson and Epperson.

Daily Bible Reading For This Week: II Kings 13,14; II Chronicles 25; Jonah; Amos 1-9; Psalms 53&55; Matthew 11-15
Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! It's never too late to join your brothers and sisters of Pleasant Plains as we dive into God's Word. Read the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament or any combination of the three and glorify God in your study and growth in 2015!