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Goals For 2021
Theme
 A Church with a Mind to Work
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Sermon and Bible Class videos now on our website

We are now in the 1st week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Barry Martin
 Ruth Butt: Vivian's mother
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas
 Ron Shively: bro.'s recent death

Mindful Prep: Dan 1:8, Ezra 7:10
 2 Cor. 8:5 . This month should be spent getting the "Mind To Work"

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Mark 8:27-31

Scripture Reading
 AM: Nehemiah 4:1-6
 PM: 1 Pet. 4:7-11

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 14
 Invites last month: 14
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 11

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Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, 1 Pet. 4:11.

A CHURCH WITH A MIND TO WORK (PART 1)

- Introduction**
- A. "So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6).
 1. "The people were eager to work" (GNB).
 2. "The people were enthusiastic in their work" (NET).
 3. "The people worked with all their heart" (NIV).
 - B. In this context, the people's "mind" is a reference to their attitude — it is not primarily a reference to feelings, but rather a settled disposition or choice of outlook.
 - C. To have a "mind to work" means we are gratefully willing to work, rather than doing it minimally or grudgingly.
- I. A MATTER OF CHOICE**
- A. In the Lord's work, what "mind" we have is (or can be) a matter of choice - Ezra 7:10; Dan. 1:8.
 - B. Our feelings will fluctuate, but we can decide that we will think and act rightly about our part in the Lord's work.
 - C. We can commit ourselves to being a church with a mind to work.
- II. THE "WORK OF THE LORD"**
- A. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).
 - B. We are to engage in the Lord's work both individually and congregationally.
 - C. One of the most important aspects of our work in the Lord is evangelism: sowing the seed of the kingdom.
 - D. If we have a mind to work, we'll always be asking, "How can we sow more seed in this community?"
- III. NOT EVERY MEMBER DOES THE SAME THING**
- A. The Lord's people are compared to a human body made up of many members with different functions - Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-18.
 - B. Th is diversity of abilities would be a recipe for disaster if the members were not committed to unity - Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 1:7.
- IV. Conclusion**
- A. There will always be obstacles and opposition to our work. Opportunity and opposition go hand-in-hand - 1 Cor. 16:9.
 - B. We must simply decide to do as much work as we can, no matter what circumstances we are faced with.

-Gary Henry

A CHURCH WITH A MIND TO WORK

(PART 2)

I. Introduction

- A. "So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6).
- B. The work of Nehemiah's day, as well as our own today, is greatly helped by our having "a mind to work."
- C. Without this attitude, discouragements may very well defeat us.
- D. The question is not whether we'll have to deal with discouragements, but whether we'll deal with them in the right way. "Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed" (Hb. 12:12,13).

II. TRUST

- A. As in every other area of the Christian's life, the critical element is trust in God.
- B. We must stick to the work we have been given and do our best, even when we can't see the outcome - Eccl. 11:1-4.
- C. "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father" (1 Thess. 1:3).
- D. God can be counted on to finish what He has started in us. "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

II. AS UNTO THE LORD

- A. It helps to remember that it is "unto the Lord" that we are working: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23,24).
- B. God will supply the resources we need, if we are committed to His work - 2 Cor. 9:8.

III. THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE

- A. The devil will do everything he can to discourage us, and it is a war of attrition that he wages against us - Rev. 2:4.
- B. Our labor in the Lord is not in vain - 1 Cor. 15:58. Cf. Hb. 2:1-3.
- C. In due season, we will reap, if we don't give up - Gal. 6:9.

IV. Conclusion

- A. We must work, "as with the ability which God supplies" (1 Pt. 4:10,11) — that God may receive the glory.
- B. He can be counted on to accomplish His purposes — may we not hinder those purposes by our attitude, but rather be vessels for His use - 2 Tim. 2:21.

-Gary Henry

Right attitudes help us to please God and do His work faithfully

Solomon said long ago, "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life" (Prov. 4:23). Nowhere is this advice more important than in the area of our attitudes. The "heart" Solomon spoke of involves more than attitudes, of course, but no one can deny that our attitudes are a significant part of the heart that requires "keeping." Even those with the best of intentions sometimes find their attitudes beginning to slip out of line. We need to monitor our attitudes closely and at the first sign of deterioration, bring them back to where God wants them to be. If we don't do that, our lives will turn out to be the kind of lives we never wanted to have.

Just as wrong attitudes hinder us from being what we ought to be, right attitudes help us to please God and do His work faithfully. Like the woodcutter who makes his work easier by taking the time to sharpen his ax (Eccl. 10:10), we do ourselves a big favor in the Lord's work by adjusting our attitudes in a good direction. There is no greater advantage we can give ourselves in the work of the local congregation than to make sure our attitudes are correct. Not only does the work get done more effectively, but we enjoy it more when we have the right mental "slant" on it. This is an advantage all of us are capable of giving ourselves. The problem most of us have, though, is assuming that our attitudes are acceptable, when in reality they may have become detrimental to the work. Attitudes have a way of changing without our noticing. That is why periodic self-examinations (and they need to be honest examinations) are so important. Doing the Lord's work effectively requires many mid-course corrections.

This week, let's think about the importance of attitudes and determine to be more careful about our own. Most local congregations are blessed with members who have numerous talents and abilities that are needed in the work that God has given us. Those abilities can't be productive if the matter of attitude is not given some priority. While there are a number of things in life that we can do nothing about, attitude is something we can always improve. Let's determine that our work will be helped, and not hindered, by the way we choose to think. Let's make this a week of significant attitude improvement — and let's be thankful for the work we can do together.

-Gary Henry