



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### *Time of Services:*

*Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship*

*Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class*

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## **"What a Terrible Day!"**

*Written by Steve Higginbotham*

Today, I had a terrible day. Everyone was against me. Some days, I get so frustrated with people. Sometimes I wish I didn't have to deal with people at all. They can be so unreasonable. Today was one of those days.

Today was "trash day." I took out our trash the night before, but when I pulled out of our driveway, I noticed that our grouchy neighbor had thrown a piece of his trash in our yard close to our trash can! (But he didn't. The wind blew it over.)

After dropping the children off at school, I needed to make a left-hand turn into a long line of traffic. I saw one of my friends in line and thought she would let me out in front of her. She saw me, but wouldn't let me out. Some friend she is! (But she didn't see me. She was miles away in her own thoughts.)

At work, two people in the office were talking, and right after I walked by, they both started laughing. I know they were making fun of me. (But they weren't. They were laughing at a funny story.)

The cashier at lunch shorted me almost a dollar in change. See if I ever go back there! They tried to cheat me! (But they didn't. It was an honest mistake.)

I tried to call a close friend today and talk, but she refused to answer her phone. She was dodging my call! (But she wasn't. Her battery needed recharging.)

I was running late for Wednesday Bible study and didn't sit where I usually sit. Instead, I had to ask a person to slide down the pew just a little to make room for me. She slid down, but it wasn't 30 seconds till she got up and left because I made her mad by asking her to move. (But I didn't. She wasn't feeling well, and decided she needed to leave.)

After returning home from church, I crashed on the couch due to my rough day, and my husband started washing a huge stack of dishes. That's his passive aggressive way of saying, "You're not a very good housekeeper." (But it wasn't. It was an act of love.)

You know, there's a reason why God tells us not to judge one another's motives (Matthew 7:1-2), because we're not very good at it at all! I wonder how many terrible days are just ordinary days that we made terrible by our attitudes and false judgments. Give it some thought.

### **God Provides The Coffee**

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about the stress in their work and life. Offering his guests some coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups – porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite – telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said, “If you noticed, all the nice-looking expensive cups were taken while you left the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that in most cases, the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. It’s just more expensive, and in some cases even hides what you drink.”

“What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup; but you consciously went for the better cups and then began eyeing each other’s cups. Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, money, and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have doesn’t define nor change the quality of life we live.”

“Sometimes by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us.”

God provides the coffee, not the cups! Enjoy your coffee.

*(Matthew 6:19-21 KJV) Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: {20} But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: {21} For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

### **Family News**

- There will be a covered-dish luncheon today following the morning service. All are invited, especially our visitors.
- **Kay Walsh** is having a difficult time getting a leg wound to heal.
- **Emma Porter** is doing well after her surgery.
- There will be a memorial service for Penny Conger here at the building next Saturday at 1:00 pm. If you want provide food for the family, bring it to the building and we will deliver it to Brandy’s house follow the service.
- There is a gospel meeting beginning today at the Oak Grove church. Monday night will also be the Summer Youth Series.
- We are to host the Mt. Vernon House devotional on August 13 at 2:00 p.m.
- The HRR pantry item of August is bleach.

"Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce court judge said, "And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week."

"That is very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

**Something to Ponder:** Bill and Bob were friends but hadn’t seen each other in some time. One day they ran into one another, and after a warm greeting, Bill said, “How are you doing?” Bob answered and said that he doing fine. Bill then added, “It’s good to hear that you are fine. I guess that’s better than the alternative.” To which Bob said, “That depends.”

Bob’s reply was profound. The alternative to living really does depend on whether one is ready to die or not, doesn’t it? For the apostle Paul, the alternative was better than the present. *“Philippians 1:21-23 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (22) But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. (23) For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:”*

### **ALONE IS NOT ALWAYS BAD**

“Alone” can be a frightening word. Some fear it while others despise it. In school, it is a mark of humiliation. But someone once rightly said, “It is better to be alone than to be in the presence of bad company.”

Don’t be misled, “bad company will corrupt a good character.” Jesus chose the people He wanted to be around Him. He went out and called them. In life we get to choose the people we call “friends.” Choose them carefully. *(1Cor. 15:33 KJV) Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*