



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*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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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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## A Right Relationship

*(John 15:7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

There are times when our prayers are answered, and we seem "in tune" with God. At other times, our prayers seem not to be answered, and we seem far from God. Jesus gives us two directives to keep in mind as we ponder our prayer.

First, we are to abide in Him. This abiding, among other things, includes fostering a conscious awareness of His presence at all times and bringing all thoughts, attitudes, and actions in line with what we understand of His teachings.

Second, "and My words abide in you" will involve studying, memorizing, and meditating upon the Word so that we pray intelligently, knowing God's will ahead of time on some things. As we grow in these two areas, more and more of our prayers will be answered.

*Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day. (Psa. 71:8)*

*But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. (15) My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof. (16) I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. (Psa. 71:14-16)*

THERE IS NO KEY TO HAPPINESS. THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN.

## God Is Good

God is good, even when life says He isn't. When we face trouble or hardship, it should be seen as an opportunity to rely on God for strength and

endurance. If we can trust him with our pain, confusion, or loneliness, we will win a spiritual victory. God never promised to make our lives easy, but he did promise to be with us and to make our faith strong through our trials.

Of Abraham it is said, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God." (Rom. 4:20)

Peter also reminds us that there is some benefit to our trials. **"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: (7) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:" (1 Peter 1:6-7)**

### **WALK THE WALK & NOT JUST TALK THE TALK**

*(I have used a similar story before, but the message is the same. ~Larry)*

The light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, making obscene gestures at the man in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him.

I noticed the "What Would Jesus Do" bumper sticker, the "Follow Me to Sunday-School" bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally.....I assumed you had stolen the car."

### **Family News**

- **Tia Setina** asked for the prayers of the church to help her be a better parent.
- **Jean Martin** had some heart test last week and is scheduled for more in the near future.
- **Jimmy and Vicki Jones'** granddaughter and daughter are fighting cancer.
- **Dylan Bolton's** uncle remains in critical condition.
- We are to host the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House this afternoon at 2:00
- The Southside church in Mt Pleasant is starting a gospel meeting today.
- There will be a bridal shower for Braden Wilkes and Maranda Burrow on May 25.
- HRR pantry item for April is canned corn and canned fruit.
- Next Sunday is covered-dish lunch.

### **101 %**

There are some people who have a mathematical mind. Everything has to be logical for them. Occasionally we hear about a situation where someone wants you to give more than 100%, and Mr. Logical wonders how that can be. After all, when a jar is 100% full of water, it can hold no more. I recently received this bit of information that might help you understand what a 100% life is like. If the alphabet letters

(A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z)  
are represented by sequential numbers,

(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26)  
(for instance: A = 1 and D =4)

then the words:

H A R D W O R K = 8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%

and

K N O W L E D G E = 11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%

but

A T T I T U D E = 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%.

Now look how far the love of God will take you.

L O V E O F G O D = 12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101%

One can conclude with mathematical certainty that hard work and knowledge will get you close, but it's attitude that will get you there. Yet it is God's Love that puts you over the top. ~Larry (adapted from Carolyn Stark)