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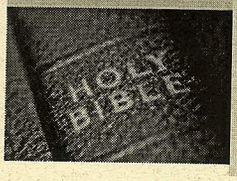

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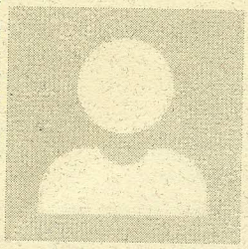
Bulletin

Would You Be Missed?

After completing many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation time by William Randolph Hearst, the publisher of the San Francisco Examiner. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer because of two reasons. He said, "If I quit writing my newspaper column for six months, it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second reason is that it might **not** affect the circulation of the newspaper."

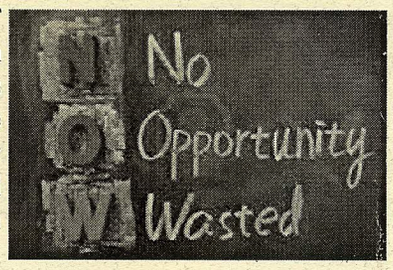


Mr. Brisbane's answer was profound. In view of his answer, let's ask ourselves, "If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed?" Would the Lord's work suffer or would there be no difference whatsoever? As members of the Lord's church, we each have a responsibility in doing the Lord's work and building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16; cf. 1 Corinthians 14:26; 2 Corinthians 12:19; Ephesians 4:12). We cannot hire someone else to fulfill our responsibility to the Lord (Gal. 6:4-5; cf. Romans 2:6; 1 Corinthians 3:8). We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time He has blessed us with. Let us hear the inspired writer, Paul, as he wrote to the Ephesian brethren, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16 – ESV).

Brethren, let us resolve from this day forward, that we will become more involved in the Lord's work, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24 – NIV). God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision, and financial means. Let's be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause, "while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).... *Mike Riley*

Time Wasted?

"For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe" (1 Thessalonians 2:13).



SOMETIMES WE RESIST CHANGES THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. Because changes often require an admission of past failure, they make us uncomfortable. Called upon, for example, to change a major conviction or principle, an older person may back away: "To change, I'd have to admit that all these years I've been wrong, and that would mean that most of my life has been wasted!"

Sometimes, we're embarrassed that it took us so long to *see* what we should do. "If this was the right course of action, I would have seen it sooner" sounds like a reasonable objection, but it may be nothing more than the product of our stubborn pride.

At other times, we're embarrassed that it took us so long to *do* what we should. Often, there is no way to improve our conduct without drawing attention to the fact that our conduct needed to be improved. But again, we would do well to beware of pride. If we let pride keep us from moving forward, then we're being held back by one of the most unhealthy influences in the world.

In most cases, however, our problem is simply that we find it hard to break away from the pull of the past. If there is some bad decision that we've been making for a long time, that decision is now easy to make, despite its harmful consequences. Making any other choice would require so much commitment and energy that it seems more pleasant just to stay where we are. The drowsy person finds it difficult to do anything but drift off to sleep.

Yet whatever our reasons for resisting change, we should rise above them. The Thessalonians would have had as many reasons as anyone for remaining consistent with their past. They, however, were willing to change for the better, and Paul praised them for their courage: "When you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it." When we, like these people, welcome into our lives the truth and its consequences, we may be sure that the years that have led us to that point have not been wasted. If God has been patient with us (and He surely has), let's make up our minds that His patience will not have been in vain.

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often" (John Henry Newman).....Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

A STICK IN THE WATER

For centuries God has worked many various things in many different ways through His earthly servants. 2 Kings 6.1-6 records one of His many wonders done by the hand of His servant Elisha.

While Elisha was with other servants who were cutting timbers to make dwellings for themselves, he came upon one who was "distraught" because the head of a borrowed axe and flew off its handle and landed in a nearby water. This man was seeking help.

Elisha listened to the man's complaint, then cut a stick and threw it into the water where the man said the axe head had sunk. God did the rest. He made the iron float to the surface so the now "happy" man could retrieve it.

Observe a few things that happened and some which did not upon Elisha finding this man with a problem.

1. Elisha listened to the man's concerns. He didn't say "Sorry, I can't help you" or "that's your problem, not mine." He did not ignore the man at all.

2. Elisha did what he could.

3. God did what Elisha could not do.

What can we take away from these observations?

We need to remember that God still works through His servants today. So before we find someone who admits he needs spiritual help, we must first equip ourselves to be able to help.

1. We need to listen to determine the individual's needs. Do not say, "I can't do anything." Can you pick up a stick? God has one made of 66 books! Saying, "That's your problem, not mine," does not help. It only makes things worse. Ignoring this kind of problem will not make it go away, but it will create another!

2. We need to do what we can under the circumstances.

3. God's word will do what we cannot do.

Whether God raises that soul drowned in sin to life again, might just depend upon whether you or I throw a stick into the water.

Tom McLane

Prayer Request

SherryGuy.... Scheduled for outpatient surgery Monday at 2:00 at Baptist South.
Orval Huff... Has been in the hospital during the week.
Sam Smith.. Recovering from surgery...
Amy Baswell Hall... Cancer has returned. Please keep her in your prayers as she starts treatment again.
Marsha Williamson's brother is undergoing treatment
Carla Williamson... Has been In and out of the hospital. Please continue to remember her and her family

Ongoing health issues:
Helen Darnell, Orval and Joyce Huff, Mildred Allmon, David Thatcher, Ben Pittman, Paula Pittman,

Leading in Worship

Sunday AM

Coordinators:	Jim Keith / Bill Knighten
Ushers	Kerry Lashlee/Chris Lloyd
Announcements:	Rodger Cobia
Scripture:	Jim Keith
Lead Singing:	Craig Sims
1st Prayer:	John Demas
Preaching:	Marshall McDaniel
Closing Prayer:	Mike Howard
Sound System:	Bob Trefethen

Communion

Bread	Cup
Doug Williamson	Jerry Hensley
Ragan Ingram	Mel Ott
Charles Painter	Chris Lloyd

Sunday PM

Announcements:	Rodger Cobia
Scripture:	Chris Lloyd
Lead Singing:	Neal Smith
1st Prayer:	Gary Hart
Preaching	Marshall McDaniel
Lord's Supper:	Stephen Guy
Closing Prayer:	Jess Hart
Sound System:	Harold Mustin

LORD'S Supper Preparation

01/25 Carrie Burks 02/01 Nancy Cobia
02/08 Monique Demas 02/15 Sherry Guy

Wednesday Evening

Ushers	Bob Trefethen / Danney Watson
Announcements	Rodger Cobia
Lead Singing	George Smith
Opening Prayer	Eric Bradford
Invitation	Chris Lloyd
Closing Prayer	Curt Williamson
Sound System	Jim Keith

Count Contribution

Chris Lloyd / Paul Puckett / Kerry Lashlee

To our visitors:

- The people who assemble at Perry Hill Road are simply a group of Christians who belong to Christ and are devoted to serving God.
- Our aim is to glorify God by following the Bible, His inspired word, which is our only guide in worship and service.
- Our commitment is to preach Christ, who is man's only hope for eternal life, and live in such a way so that others may see Christ in us.
- We encourage an open study and discussion of the Scriptures in all our Bible classes and extend to all a sincere welcome.
- Personal studies are available upon request.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

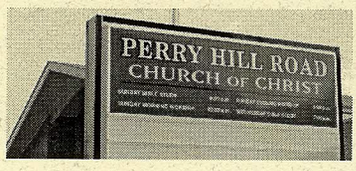
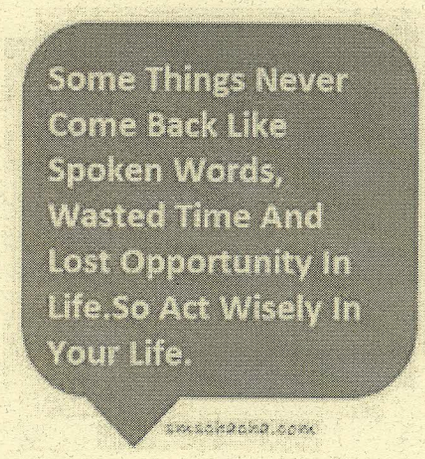
Bible Classes	9 AM
Worship	10 AM
Evening	5 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes	7 PM

Care Group # 1
Tonight after services

Sunday AM 131
Sunday Class 91
Sunday PM 91
Wednesday 71
Contribution $5,193



Vestavia Church of Christ — Life up your voice.. With Tim Stephens .. January 30 at 7pm.