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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Providing For Our Own.

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." 1 Timothy 5:8

Sometimes as Christians and churches and even families we fail in our responsibilities as described in God's word. Not in one area, but many areas of life, as God has commanded. We often find ourselves "denying the faith" without knowledge of doing so, we simply fail unaware in our godly walk. A godly man understands our standing in the family, or we should understand our standing in the family. The doctrine of the bible is that "we provide for our own" and if we fail then we are failing and denying the faith. As Christians we all have responsibilities to the Lord and His word of truth and faith. Being a church member also carries a great responsibility that so many of us fail and deny the faith. Most, and I am guilty of the same use this scripture as though it is talking only to the man of the family, which is the husband, father, which is the head of the family, and it is, however, God is also talking to us all. This passage in context is talking to us men but it is also talking to us Pastors and churches. God said, "*Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.*" Matthew 7:5 Before we began to hold some guilty that we believe are failing in their many responsibilities let's make sure we are taking care of our own responsibilities of humanity. Sometimes we are quick to condemn some and not others especially when the "others" includes ourselves. One of the most important words to a Christian and church is the words "charitable giver", God meant for us to take care of each other. As husbands and fathers, it is our responsibility to make sure our family is taken care of in every way, but as church members it is also our duty to care those of the household of faith. God is our ultimate caregiver, but God also expects us to be each other's caregiver, and area we often fail. God, and especially Jesus should be our example in life as Christians, doing as He would do, caring more about others than ourselves. God gave His Son for us, Jesus gave His life for our salvation, grace giving grace. Our biggest failure and denial of faith is to accept that this life on earth is not our reward, it's where we collect eternal rewards when we are at our final judgment. We must understand that we could lose some rewards because we failed in other areas of our walk-in life. Our walk-in life is to walk in Christ, to walk in God's word, to walk in the Spirit. "*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (26) Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*" Galatians

5:16, 25 – 26 Jesus kept nothing for Himself, He did not strive to build an empire for Himself and His family but was charitable to those He had contact with. Churches started out living together and taking care of one another, not depending on others to care for their loved ones. Churches should not be hoarders of money and goods while members do without. Church members ought not build fancy things for themselves while others in the church does without. God blesses us that we can bless others, everything with God is about grace and giving. God said this about charity, *"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."* 1 Corinthians 13:2 As families we should make sure we take care of them, as churches we should make sure we take care of them, but our care extends beyond that, Christians everywhere needs help, and it's our responsibility. *"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. (4) Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, (5) Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;"* 1 Corinthians 13:3 – 5 The key word here is "LOVE" God gives to us that we give to others, not out of responsibility, not out of pity, but out of love. God giveth because of love and so should we. Love is not telling the needy to be content, love is helping the needy in being content. 1 Corinthians 13:6 - 8 *"Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; (7) Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. (8) Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."* Let us not "deny the faith", let us not watch others do without, give to the church that the church might help others. We all need to do our part as Christians, trusting God, not saving for a rainy day but trusting God on those rainy days. *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19 Let's all supply for our own, not just families, or churches, but for Christians everywhere!

A Thought from J.C. Philpot

"That you be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."--
Hebrews 6:12

Patience is necessary in order to prove the genuineness and reality of faith. The Lord generally--I may say invariably--does not accomplish his purposes at once. He usually--I might say almost invariably--works by gradations. Is not this the case in creation? Do we see the oak starting up in all its gigantic proportions in one day? Is not a tiny acorn committed to the ground; and is not the giant oak, whose huge limbs we admire, the growth of a century? Men and women are years growing up to their full stature.

In a like manner, it is spiritually. "He that believes shall not make haste." Faith in the soul is of slow growth for the most part; for the Lord takes care that every step in the path shall be tried by the perplexities and difficulties that surround it. And he has appointed this, that it may be a means of distinguishing the faith of God's elect from the faith of those who have a name to live while dead. They apostatize and turn away from the faith. Like the stony-ground hearers, they believe for a time, but in temptation fall away. The various hindrances of nature, sense and reason, sin, the devil, and the world get the better of them; thus they turn back, often give up all profession of religion, and die in their sins. But the Lord's people cannot so die. Their faith is of a lasting nature, because what God does he does forever. Thus their faith stands every storm and endures forever.

Church News:

Happy Father's Day to all dad's today.

Happy Birthday to Brother Larry Mollette Thursday June 23

Our Bible This year will be September 16 – 17 Friday night and Saturday So far we have 6 speakers that hope to be here, pray for our conference.