

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17;

Believe On GOD In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

Confess CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; 17:30

Be Baptized Into CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

Remain Steadfast

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”

Colossians 3:16

The current memory assignment is: *“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels’”* (Matthew 25:41).

Commit this passage to memory. Read it, write it, hear it, and say it.

“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Tuesday

7:00 pm.....Ladies’ Study

Winstead residence

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Study & Worship

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

**Visitors Welcome.
Members Expected.**

“Give Attention To Reading”

1st Timothy 4:13

Sunday...Proverbs 22; 1st Samuel 25:17-26:20; Luke 22:54-23:7

Monday...Psalm 78:1-20; 1st Samuel 26:21-29:5; Luke 23:8-32

Tuesday...Psalm 78:21-39; 1st Samuel 29:6-31:13; Luke 23:33-56

Wednesday...Psalm 78:40-53; 2nd Samuel 1:1-2:29; Luke 24:1-35

Thursday...Psalm 78:54-72; 2nd Samuel 2:30-4:8; Luke 24:36-53

Friday...Proverbs 23; 2nd Samuel 4:9-6:23; Acts 1:1-14

Saturday...Proverbs 24; 2nd Samuel 7:1-9:8; Acts 1:15-2:13

“Sound Doctrine”

Titus 2:1

GET WELL

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To the ailing, the scriptures provide this advice:

Maintain a positive attitude. An optimistic outlook alone may not suffice, but healing is unlikely without it. Solomon taught, *“The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, but who can bear a broken spirit?”* (Proverbs 18:14).

Accept medical treatment. There are some who shun modern medicine, refusing to visit doctors or accept treatment, because they believe it expresses a lack of faith in God. However, Jesus acknowledged the value of medical doctors, saying, *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick”* (Luke 5:31). His point was one of greater spiritual substance, yet that point would be moot if it were not true physically. One prominent Christian in the early church was *“Luke the beloved physician”* (Colossians 4:14) whose occupation did not conflict with his faith. This is not to say that the work of medical professionals is guaranteed, for Jesus encountered *“a certain woman [who] had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse”* (Mark 5:25-26). Her ultimate solution was to obtain a cure from the Lord (Mark 5:27-29).

God even allows for the medicinal use of otherwise restricted substances in limited application. Paul advised Timothy, *“No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities”* (1st Timothy -- Continued on page 2 --

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5:23).

Pray. *"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray"* (James 5:13). God wants those who are ill to set aside all worry and appeal to Him. *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:16-17).

Inform others. Brothers and sisters in Christ should *"weep with those who weep"* (Romans 12:15) because *"if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it"* (1st Corinthians 12:26). This is a difficult responsibility to fulfill, though, if the ailing one refuses to disclose his sickness to the church. There are some who entertain a perverse pride in going it alone, but such is not the will of God. *"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"* (James 5:14-16). Visiting the sick is service to Christ (Matthew 25:26, 39), so let your brethren do so.

Do not consider euthanasia. With the rise of the so-called "Death with Dignity" movement, euthanasia may seem an appropriate answer to constant pain. Not so; God wants His people to *"choose life"* (Deuteronomy 30:19). *"He gives to all life, breath, and all things"* (Acts 17:25), *"for in Him we live and move and have our being"* (Acts 17:28). To take one's own life is to disdain that precious gift from above. A Christian's purpose is to *"live to the Lord"* and *"die to the Lord"* (Romans 14:8), but euthanasia accomplishes neither.

Murder is forbidden (Romans 13:9; Revelation 21:8), without exception for the self-inflicted variety. When a certain Amalekite claimed to have carried out a mercy killing on King Saul, at the king's request, the man was executed (2nd Samuel 1:1-16). When Paul and Silas witnessed a suicide attempt, they put a stop to it; *"the keeper of the prison... drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, 'Do yourself no harm'"* (Acts 16:27-28). Then they preached the gospel to the man and his family, resulting in their

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salvation (Acts 16:29-34).

The major flaw of the "Death with Dignity" movement is the presupposition that suffering serves no purpose, but that is not at all true. Paul found spiritual strength in physical weakness; he wrote, *"And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong"* (2nd Corinthians 12:7-10).

Maintain a heavenly hope. The failure of the body ought not to result in despair, but rather in greater hope, *"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself"* (Philippians 3:20-21).

SELECTED PASSAGES FROM THE DEVIL'S BIBLE

Foolishness 19:7 – "I'll try anything once."

Popular 6:9 – "Go ahead, everyone else is doing it."

Cowardly 1:10 – "The best thing to do when Christ and His church are criticized is to keep silent. Critics might get angry if you speak up."

Indifference 3:4 – "I'm tired after working all day and cannot attend church assemblies."

Deceit 8:15 – "It makes no difference what one believes as long as he is sincere."

Pride 31:3 – "If I become a Christian, my friends will think I've become a religious fanatic. I don't like to be laughed at."