

For Our Information

Joyce Venable is still coughing a good bit.

John LaValla has a doctor visit scheduled this week. He is still on oxygen and has a sore throat.

Amy Simpson's Grandmother, Mary Tucker passed away last week.

Ruben & Brenda Keisler are leaving mid-week for a cruise. Brenda will have treatment on her vertebrae after they return.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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each one must deal with regularly. But we also need to find time to be refreshed. Just sitting on the porch for a few minutes watching the birds and squirrels in the yard can do wonders for our mind and body. Yet we cannot sit around doing nothing all the time or we will waste away. Eating and exercise are two sides of the same coin, so to speak, if we want to remain healthy.

Only eating, or only resting, or only reading Scripture is like getting only sunshine all day, every day. It might sound good, but without balance we cannot live and grow. We need rain and fog just as much as we need sunshine for this Earth to continue. We need exercise and work along with food and rest for our bodies to grow.

We need some Scripture reading and we also need some diligent Scripture digging if we want our minds and spirits to grow and be useful for the Lord.

Seeking His Righteousness

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Live A Balanced Life

Dan Henderson

All sunshine makes a desert. The eternal God, whom we serve, knew that long before men "...for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (**Matthew 5:45**). God sends both sunshine and rain, there must be a balance.

Is it possible that in spiritual matters some brethren do not understand this principle? Many seem to think they should be able to go to worship feeling good and leave worship feeling good. The "spiritual



Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2Timothy 2:15



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fur" must always be rubbed the right way.

Is it possible that some preachers feel it ought to be that way? When preachers always know how to approach every subject in a way that will never make anyone unhappy or when they never deal with subjects on which there are differing positions, one wonders.

How did the Holy Spirit view this matter? The young preacher, Timothy, was commanded, *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine..."* (2Timothy 4:2-3). The Holy Spirit wants a balance in preaching -- reproof, rebuking, and exhorting.

While we do not want any preacher to be a wet blanket, we are thankful that some preachers believe All sunshine makes a desert. --Glenn Melton

Twenty years ago my father-in-law, Glenn Melton, placed this article on the front page of his new paper, Straitway, that was focused on helping preachers. A similar 'proverb' that might be more familiar to some of us "... along with the sunshine, there's got to be a little rain sometime."

As we start the new year I would like for each of us to consider these thoughts, not just in our teaching, but in our everyday lives. If everything always happened just as we expected and wanted, we would never see challenge. We would never grow if we did not meet some resistance as we went about our lives of service. Difficulty and change are part of what we need in life. Just as our bodies need some resistance,

Store In My Heart

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The book of Genesis is an origin story. It tells of the beginning of the world. It also tells of the beginning of sin. It reveals the beginning of society and governments. This book also tells us of the beginning of God's physical people, Israel in the story of Abraham and his family.

We also need to understand that Genesis tells us of the beginning of God's spiritual people as well. Abraham, as well as, Enoch and Noah, demonstrates to all readers the qualities of faith and trust that are necessary to be in God's spiritual family. Centuries before Christ these, and others were living for Him. This book tells of many beginnings.

so do our minds.

When you read the Scriptures, do you focus on the familiar, easy passages, or do you seek sometimes to glean better understanding from those areas that seem more difficult? We have been studying in Acts and Revelation the last few months, and in a general sense, those two books are on either end of the difficulty spectrum. Acts is pretty straightforward and easy to understand, while Revelation is sometimes hard to read, not to mention understand. How have you approached these two studies? I know I have spent much more time reading and preparing for Revelation because of its difficulty. Because of such focus, I feel, I have gained a better understanding of some of the symbols and how the teachings found there can benefit us today.

But let me turn this idea around for a moment. Should studying a less difficult book, like Acts, mean that we spend less time and effort in gaining an understanding of its precepts and teaching? While Acts may be straightforward and easy to grasp, it lays before us the foundations of our relationship to God and one another. These teachings are vital to our work for the Lord. Only with focus and diligence will we make these things a part of our life. We need to be diligent in all study. It is good to read the Bible daily, but we also need to dig deep in the well of God's Truth.

We also need to see balance in our everyday activities. Work is necessary, whether we are on the job or at home. There are always things that need to be done. Maintenance, repair and cleaning are things