

## For Our Information

Joyce Venable has been running fever. Bill's brother is feeling a little stronger.

Phyllis, Jordan and Hudson are in Conway today. The Keisler baby is expected to arrive this morning.

The Simpson family is out of town. John Jackson is looking forward to getting out of his sling soon.

Brenda Keisler has been getting tests done regarding her neck pain.

Keep our brothers & sisters in mind

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

not in vain, **1Corinthians 15:58**. He can say with Paul, *"to live is Christ, and to die is gain"*, **Philippians 1:21**.

The weather may be the most miserable, but if you serve the Lord, this is a great day!

(While these two articles are rather short and might seem disconnected, I think they are useful for us to consider. Often we get so caught up in the work that we must do, that we forget to give attention to what God has given. Without proper priorities we can become disillusioned in our work. It may seem that we are not able to accomplish anything.

We must always remember that our work is for the Lord. If we are serving Him in accordance with His Word we are being productive even though we might see little progress according to man's standard. Even a freezing day in early spring can limit many summer time pests. DLH)

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# Seeking His Righteousness

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## Simplify Your Life

### Mark Mosely

One of the bigger contributors to the confusion, dissatisfaction, distraction and weariness of our lives is that they are too complicated. Our lives are filled with too much clutter. We are living in a hall of mirrors so that we cannot distinguish between reflections and reality. We are constantly running into walls and in circles without making any progress. Let me make a couple of suggestions.

### Set Priorities

List what must be done in your life. There are many things I want to do that I have left undone for many years. I still



*The earth is  
the Lord's,  
and all it  
contains,  
The world,  
and those  
who dwell  
in it.*

**Psalm 24:1**



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haven't finished that children's book I started twenty years ago. I keep meaning to get with my friend Steve to work on our music. There are projects galore around my house that need some attention. But my days are focused on accomplishing one thing. Paul said it is *"the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"* (**Philippians 3:13-14**). Jesus told Martha that only one thing was necessary. Think about that. There is only ONE necessary thing. If you leave that out nothing will ever be right.

## Set Goals

Paul said, *"Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air"* (**1Corinthians 9:26**). How do you "aim" to accomplish your priority in life? Are there "unnecessary" things that are standing in your way? The Hebrew writer says, *"Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us"* (**Hebrews 12:1**). Is your life tangled up and tied down so that you feel that you are getting nowhere with God? Perhaps it would help to sit down and make a list of your obligations. What are your "goals" this week, this month, this NEW year? Can you accomplish those goals without altering your priorities? Are some "goals" clutter?

Understand, not every moment in life has to be momentous. We need times of rest and laughter. But act according to plan and with purpose. You're not building a house just because you are blindly swinging a hammer! You're more likely to put holes in the wall than to accomplish anything worth-while.

## Store In My Heart Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

These attitudes should come naturally to one who is constantly developing the kind of characteristics Peter tells us to increase. When those qualities are active and growing in our life they will be shown forth in our relationships, especially with our fellow Christians. The kindness, tenderness and forgiveness Paul requires here are an outgrowth of our desire to be like Christ in all things.

God has always shown such qualities. Jesus was the perfect example of this attitude of concern for others more than self.

By these others will know we are of Christ.

# A Beautiful Day

Aubrey Belue

The day was wet and stormy, and we had just sat down at the table to eat. I called on our youngest son, Mike, to give thanks, and in the course of the prayer he said, "We thank thee for this beautiful day". After the "amen" I asked Mike how he was able to call it a beautiful day. His reply has really stuck with me. He said, "Dad, every day in serving the Lord is a beautiful day".

Beautiful days are few and far between for many people. A person who has no hope beyond this life is likely to measure the greatness of a day to be degree his wants are satisfied. His time is consumed in trying to fulfill the cravings of his body and the yearnings of his ego. He is in for some disappointments and frustrations. Fulfilling his desires is like trying to satisfy the cravings of a dope addict. His own selfishness collides with the selfishness of others. He is often embittered by loneliness. He looks for his beautiful day, but it so often eludes him.

On the other hand, the person who serves the Lord can have a beautiful day in spite of severe trials. He has the assurance of better things to come, **2Corinthians 5:16-18**. When he faithfully walks with the Lord, he has the companionship of one who will see him through all of his trials, **Hebrews 13:5**. His world radiates with the joy of one in love – he is the recipient of the greatest love, **John 15:13-14**. His life is useful and fruitful, and he knows that his labor is