

For Our Information

Adene Gray is bruised and sore from a vehicle accident on Friday.

Joyce Venable got a cortisone shot for her back pain.

John Jackson's hip is doing some better.

Gracie Simpson is still doing physical therapy for her knee.

Betty Ragsdale is in Newport with her Mom who has pneumonia.

The Simpson family is in Star City.

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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Miraculous Gifts

The miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit which were exercised in the early church and in the preaching of the gospel in the days of the apostles were for revelation of the gospel and for signs to unbelievers for proof of the truth and divine authority of the message preached (**1Cor. 14:22**). Once the revelation was completed and confirmed, the purpose of the miracles was accomplished, and they ceased (**1Cor. 13:8-10**). When the faith was fully revealed and confirmed, it needed no reconfirmation. The miracles which Jesus did were recorded so that hearers may believe that He is the Christ (**Jhn. 20:30-31**). The record of the signs done by the apostles is our assurance that they spoke from God. We should, therefore, contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (**Jude 3**). Why should we demand or expect a sign from God when His signs have already been given? God has given us sufficient proof to establish faith in our hearts, the faith that comes from hearing the Word of God (**Rom. 10:17**). —Gilbert Alexander

Seeking His Righteousness

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The Fields Are White

Micky Galloway

When we lived in Arkansas, we had the opportunity to see huge fields of cotton that gave meaning to this expression. Just imagine four hundred acres of cotton, a literal sea of white, ready to be harvested. The Lord said, "*Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest*" (**Jhn. 4:35**). These words are echoed by the apostle Paul as he spoke of an "*open door*" or a "*door of utterance*" (**1Cor. 15:9; 2Cor. 1:12; Col. 4:3**). John wrote of the "*open door*" which no man can shut (**Rev. 3:8**). Opportunity "knocks," it does not beat the door down. As we drive into the Antelope Valley, where I now live in southern California and stop at Vista Point on the side of the pass to view the



Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.

Matthew
9:38



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Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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valley below, we are reminded of opportunity. Living in the valley are approximately 300,000 souls in need of the gospel. This writing concerns itself with opportunities that are ours to teach God's Word and our preparation and determination to take advantage of these opportunities. To be a Christian is not a dead belief, but a vibrant way of life that deeply affects our standard of conduct. A part of that conduct is our consciousness that those about us are lost.

Let us pray for an *"open door."* The apostle Paul asked the Colossians to pray for him, *"that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ"* (**Col. 4:3**). Perhaps the very reason things are not more favorable for the growth of the church is our inability to see that we live in a *"lost and dying world"* and our apathy to pray for it. James said, *"the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"* (**Jas. 5:16**). There are masses of souls who are hungry and thirsting for the truth. Many question their religious convictions. Some know they are at sea without chart or compass. We have great opportunity. Let us rid ourselves of the fear of the responsibility associated with open doors. This can be done by preparation.

Let us get past "me-ism." Too many focus so entirely upon themselves "me first," that we fail to see opportunities and therefore fail to act when they abound. Paul said some would become *"lovers of self"* (**2Tim. 3:2**). Yet, the same apostle taught that we are to *"bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good, unto edifying"* (**Rom. 15:1-2**). Even among brethren there is opportunity to teach. Paul said, *"Let no man seek his own, but (each) his neighbor's (good)"* (**1Cor. 10:24**). Paul also said,

Store In My Heart

Romans 14:23

But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

As Paul deals with issues that were causing problems among the brethren in Rome, he gives us an important principle to consider. Faith must guide our deeds.

If our actions are not according to our belief and trust in God and His Word, we cannot know that they are right. Every action we engage in must be based upon what we learn from the Word.

If we act upon our own initiative we can only hope for the best. Only with assurance from God's revealed Word can we know that we are right. We must always act according to faith, lest we turn our self away from God

"Not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others" (**Phil. 2:4**). Wouldn't that go a long way in our efforts to teach others. What a *"door"* of opportunity we have to restore those who have become wayward (**Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20**).

Let us believe in the power of the gospel. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (**Rom. 1:16**). In a world that held the gospel in contempt, Paul with the threat of persecution preached it boldly (Cf. **Acts 19:8**). Paul had seen the gospel at work among Jews first and also among Greeks. *"The words of eternal life"* are words that are *"living and active"* (**Heb. 4:12**). The gospel is ever relevant and can transform your neighbor and mine if they will receive it with the realization that it is the revelation of God. Indeed, we have in our possession the power of God to change lives, but failure to proclaim it results in continued ungodly living that leads people to hell! Jesus commanded, *"Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby"* (**Mt. 7:13-14**). On that broad way leading unto destruction will be someone's mother, father, grandparent, friend, neighbor or work partner. In that great day of judgment will they say, "You met me day by day and knew I was astray, Yet never mentioned Him to me"?

Reaping the harvest of lost souls will not occur by accident. Let us prepare ourselves for the greatest work on earth. Someone has said that there are four hinges upon which the gates of opportunity swing: initiative, insight, industry, and integrity. Let us never forget that procrastination is the grave in which opportunity is buried.