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Goodnough

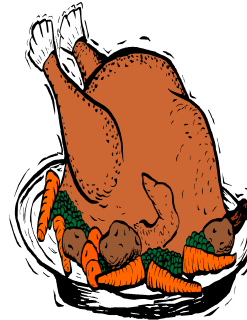


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THANKSGIVING
DAY WORSHIP (10 A.M.)

Please join with your Gracer family
in praising of our gracious God...
with singing, a brief message of



amazed
gratitude
from Jon
Anderson
(PapaJon)
and a time of
sharing among
us all.

From the Pastor - Larry

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; (Pro 3:5 NKJ)

What would our lives look like if we ever got the verse above straight? How many of our worries, woes, wrongways and wrongheadedness are linked to *leaning* on our own understanding – a deteriorated fence at best. No sensible place to lean!!!

We are approaching a month of the Church year known as Advent. In that time, for centuries, the Church has urged its people to prepare their hearts for Jesus – **the one born as a baby two thousand years ago and the same one, no baby --no way -- coming in power and glory to judge and to restore and to complete.** In that spirit I am asking you to do a little memory work. Memorize the above verse. Nay, as a Luther or Calvin might have put it – **MEMORIZE and INTERNALIZE** it. I am not sure that I have ever done both in a truly life changing manner.

Think about that verse. **Typical Old Testament genius.** I wonder where that genius came from. **Duh,** (as they like to say). Thanks, H.S., if I may be so informal.

- Note the verse is a couplet as are those which follow: “Do”, and “Don’t do”. **You can’t have one without the other.**
- Should you give your heart to any thing less than full trust – you will, by every law of logic, “lean on your own understanding”. If you lean on your own understanding, whatever relationship you have with the LORD is not grounded in trust. **ALL to Jesus I surrender.**
- Accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative and even more important don’t mess with *Mr. In Between.* There is no “whatever” with God. He is a “however” God in a man-imagined “whatever” world. Truth is not relative. Never was, never will be!* *continued p. 2*

* **However,** when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ “He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. (Joh 16:13-14 NKJ)



The World chases dreams.
Wise guys (and gals) still
Chase a star. And there’s
only one worthy of the chase. **LC**
Then He said to *them* all, “If
anyone desires to come after Me,
let him deny himself, and take up
his cross daily, and follow Me. **JC**
(Luk 9:23 NKJ)

“We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.” **Chuck Swindoll**

Opportunity hovers in two forms – that at our doorstep from God and that just short of the spider’s web from Satan. **LC**
All opportunity must be placed under the lens of Scripture and the discernment of the Holy Spirit. **LC**

Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. **JC** {the ultimate, universal, and timeless opportunity that informs all others **LC in note to self**}

AT GRACE and in each of our lives OPPORTUNITY again knocks. Let each of us place OPPORTUNITY where it belongs – at the door of Jesus. Rev. 3:20

continued From the Pastor

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Take a look at what follows. More genius Ponder all of these verses in this upcoming season. They are all about trust and obey; and they are all about a true walk with the living God through Jesus Christ. They are all about completing the imperative. Don't just trust – rely!!! Don't just rely – obey!!!

- ⁷ **Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.**
⁸ **It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.**
⁹ **Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;**
¹⁰ **So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.**
¹¹ **My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction;**
¹² **For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.**
¹³ **Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding;**
¹⁴ **For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.**
¹⁵ **She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.**
¹⁶ **Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.**
¹⁷ **Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.**
¹⁸ **She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.**
¹⁹ **The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;**
²⁰ **By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down like the dew.**
²¹ **My son, let them not depart from your eyes-- Keep sound wisdom and discretion;**
²² **So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck.**
²³ **Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble.**
²⁴ **When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.**

**For those who
studied
REVELATION**

As you read
PROVERBS

See the polarized wooing
of the two calling
beauties:

the immoral woman
the wise woman...
an old testament
shadow of Revelation's
Babylon and the New
Jerusalem.

We still choose one
woman, one city, or the
other.

JESUS CALLING (HE ALWAYS DOES)

Within minutes after **Emilie Goosses**, (a long time Grace member) joined the Church Triumphant on November 4, caregiver/daughter Jane Hall visited her daily devotional, "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young" Is there anything here for you – any Holy Spirit wisdom?

Walk peacefully with me through this day. You are wondering how you will cope with all that is expected of you. You must traverse this day like any other: one step at a time. Instead of mentally rehearsing how you will do this or that, keep your mind on My Presence and on taking the next step. The more demanding your day, the more help you can expect from Me. This is a training opportunity, since I designed you for deep dependence on your Shepherd-King. Challenging times wake you up and amplify your awareness of needing My help. When you don't know what to do, wait while I open the way before you. Trust that I know what I am doing, and be ready to follow my lead. *I will give strength to you and I will bless you with peace.* **Exodus 33:14, Dt 33:25, Hebrews 13:20-21, Ps. 29:11**

, John Calvin, on the same subject

"By our tribulation God weans us from our love of this present life"



"I thought homework would be easier when I reached the age of reason."

Grace Homework Assignment now until New Year

Study Proverbs and Sermon on Mount (Mt. 5-7)

APPLYING TO YOUR LIFE AND CHURCH CHALLENGES --
ESPECIALLY LAND AND BUILDING DECISION

- **Memorize Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding (NKJ)**
- **Memorize Romans 8:38-39 For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (RSV)**