

BULLETIN

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Clemmons, N. C.

NEWS AND NOTES

Wayne Moser in Texas

Here is Wayne's address: Be sure and write him when you can.

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Back Home

Betty Sue and the children are glad to be back home after a visit of two weeks with her parents in Tennessee.

Advertising the Meeting

We have some cards printed for the purpose of advertising the meeting, but the co-operation of all the members is needed to advertise our meeting effectively. How can you help? Here are some ways: 1) Take as many of the cards as you think you will need and address several to your friends. Return them to Brother Beard or one of the elders by Wednesday or Thursday so they can be stamped and mailed. 2) Personally invite your friends and neighbors not once, but several times. 3) Meet at the church building Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock when we shall pass the cards out in the community. 4) By all means, pray for its success!!

Brother Bradley to Help in Meeting

Brother C. W. Bradley has kindly consented to lead the singing again this year for us as he has opportunity. He will be able to be with us only a few days because of meetings which he is to conduct in Tennessee.

Special Study

The elders have asked Brother Woods to lecture on some phase of the co-operation issues on the last Sunday afternoon of the meeting (3:00 p. m.) This lecture will be very valuable to our understanding of the difficulties which faces the church today. Try to come.

GOSPEL MEETING

July 10-17

7:45 P. M.

GUY N WOODS
of Memphis, Tenn.

ATTENTION TO A SPECIAL SERVICE...

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to give ourselves to him, then we have not learned to obey. Jesus did not claim exemption from physical torture because he was God's son. If he were minded so, how can you and I refuse to follow his blessed example?

-- GOSPEL ADVOCATE
by Hugo McCord

Many are the reasons why the only begotten son of the Highest condescended to grace this earth of ours. One of the reasons was to present the sermon on the mount and many other divine teachings. Another reason for which he came was to shed his blood. Still another reason for his coming was to conquer death. But another reason is that he might be an example for you and me. The God of heaven knew that children try to imitate their parents. He knew moreover that adults need a perfect example in front of them. None of us is able to follow in his steps perfectly but we rejoice that we have no imperfect example.

Boys and Girls

Jesus is an example to boys and girls. The Holy Spirit has told us something about the youth of Christ. Luke 2:51 says that he was "subject unto" his mother and father. That a boy and girl must learn obedience to parents is one of the first laws of life, and is a most neglected subject. Juvenile delinquency would not exist if all boys and girls were taught to follow the example of Jesus as a youth.

Moreover, as a youth Jesus was religious. He said that he "must be about my Father's business." Satan has taught that girls must retain their purity but that boys must have their youthful escapades. Such a double standard is condemned in Holy Writ. That boys must "sow their wild oats" is basely false. Boys and girls can learn from the example of Jesus to be clean and devout while they are young.

Learning to work

It is not written accidentally in the scripture that Jesus became a carpenter. (Mark 6:3) He never did intend to make a career of carpentry, but it is recorded that he learned that trade. Certainly this is set forth that all of us might learn the dignity of work and the good sense of learning a trade. The ancient rabbis taught Hebrew parents that not to teach a boy a trade was to teach him to steal.

Baptism

Jesus is an example also in the fact that he went from Galilee to the place where John was baptizing, evidently walking about seventy miles, in order to be baptized. How far would you walk to be baptized? Some people would not walk around the block. Some refuse baptism absolutely. It is evident that these people are not watching the example of Jesus. His example in this regard is even more emphatic because he had no sins to be washed away. Even so, he insisted on baptism. He knew his Father had commanded all the people to be baptized for the remission of sins, and even though he had no sins he wanted to fulfill all God's commandments. He had to talk the preacher into doing this commandment for him. He took the initiative. What can you say about Jesus' example in this regard as far as your life is concerned?

Temptation

Another way in which the master is the great example is the way he met temptation. As a human being, he was subject to temptations just as are the rest of us. One of the means of grace bestowed from heaven by which you and I may resist the evil one is the use of scripture quotations. Jesus knew the Bible and was able to quote it. The scripture is a sharp sword and the devil cannot stand its cutting power. If you and I, therefore, do not want to jeopardize our souls, we should follow the great example in meeting the wiles of the devil. We shall have to learn the scriptures and to be able to quote it.

Concern for the lost

Zeal for sinful souls is another outstanding characteristic in our great model. In the face of his losing popularity with the religious leaders of his day, Jesus spent time with sinful and outcast humanity. On one occasion though he was hungry he became so infatuated in talking to a

sinner that he lost all interest in physical food. If your interest in personal work lags, you are ignoring your leader in this respect.

Enemies

Jesus' attitude toward those who mistreated him constitutes one of the greatest chapters in his life. Whereas all of us will do good to those who do good to us, Jesus had a loving and sympathetic heart toward those who ill-treated him. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." "Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that we should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." 1 Pt. 2:21-23

It is doubtful that many of us would be able to follow Jesus in these matters, but it is sinful not to try, and we can do better as the years go by.

Obedience

Earlier it was mentioned that as a lad our great example learned to obey his parents. Then we saw that he learned to obey in the ordinance of baptism when he could have objected that he did not need it. These two examples helped him when he came to the garden of Gethsemane. In that familiar place around the midnight hour the Master lay prostrate and "offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death." He didn't want to die. For him to be nailed to a cross was as painful as for such agony to come to you and me. To think about such a fate went against the grain. He would have to deny his physical desire. In this dark moment "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Heb. 5:8,9. If you and I cannot learn to deny what we want and