



# RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: St. John Chapter 10

## "SCRIPTURE GUIDELINES FOR EIGHTY-NINE"

TEST: PROVERBS 3:5-7a

It is obvious that man needs safe guidelines. Sin is abounding, and false religions and doctrines are failing. We have turned to the scripture for guidelines in 1989. Thus far, we have found that the Holy Spirit has been given to lead us. The Holy Spirit first leads everyone to accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

We accept Jesus Christ by professing with our mouths and believing in our hearts that God has raised Him from the dead, and by calling on His name. We further obey the command of our Lord by being baptized (emerged) in water. This is first done as an act of obedience; and then, as a demonstration that typifies our death, burial, and resurrection with Christ. We then are guided to walk in love (agape) as proof that we are disciples of Him who is love.

The scripture teaches that we are to labor hard to advance the church particular our congregation where we are members)--to advance it in biblical knowledge; to advance it in holiness; to cause it to be a place of comfort for the weary who abide in sin.

The scripture clearly teaches that I am to give to the causes of my church no less than ten percent of my income. Those causes that I am to support are: the support of the Pastor, the support of Outreach, and Current Expenses.

Finally, the scripture teaches that I am to let the word of Christ dwell in me so richly that I am to become more and more like Jesus.

The scripture further teaches:

1. Matthew 6:33- "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Resolve to my church first place in my affection, prayers, gifts and service above every organization of human origin.

2. Hebrews 10:25- "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Resolve to attend all assemblies at least Church School, Morning Assembly, Evening Assembly and Mid-Week.

3. Matthew 28:19- "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Resolve to try to get every one in the whole world saved. When we can't go we will help others to go.

4. I Corinthians 11:23-26- "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread; And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." "Resolve not to miss the Lord's Supper.

5. Matthew 18:15-17- "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." "Resolve to do all in my power to rescue an erring Brother or Sister.

6. Jude 1:3- "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful to me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." "Resolve to stay with the Faith as found in the Bible.

"I Think of the Great Things of God, Not the Little Things"



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS For Social Security or Supplemental Security Income Assistance

QUESTION: My wife has been receiving Social Security benefits for four years. Every summer she works for a berry farmer and earnings even though the small earnings don't increase her benefits. Why does she have to pay taxes on these earnings?

ANSWER: Agricultural employers, farmers and farm crew leaders are required to pay Social Security taxes on most farm workers. If your wife does agricultural labor for an employer who pays out \$2,500 or more in cash wages during a year or who pays out less than \$2,500 but pays her, or any other worker, \$150.00 or more, she will have to have social Security taxes withheld from her wages. The taxes may not help her get a higher benefit, but they will help ensure the continuation of benefits to her and future social Security retirees.

QUESTION: I am hard of hearing, but not totally deaf. I tried to contact SSA through the deaf toll-free number and couldn't get anyone on the line. How does that number work?

ANSWER: We may have misled you in a previous Question & Answer column. The deaf toll-free number will only work for people who have a telecommunications device for the deaf, a T.D.D. You can learn how to get a T.D.D. by calling 1-800-848-4442 or by writing to the Labor and Industries Building, Salem, OR 97310.

QUESTION: When I got married, I was contacted by a company called Official Record Service in Nevada. They told me I needed a new Social Security card and that they would get me a card for \$10.00. This is the first time I was ever charged for a Social Security card. Has there been a change in your policy?

ANSWER: Social Security does not charge for new or replacement cards. There are several companies that get lists of marriages and births and then contact the individuals to offer them help, for a fee, in getting a card. Usually their letters look very official, so some people send the money. The company just sends the person a Social Security form, or a copy of one, to complete. We at Social Security will provide the same service at no charge.

QUESTION: Am I automatically covered for Medicaid when I file for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

ANSWER: Not in Oregon and certain other States. Entitlement to Medicaid is not always automatic. If you live in a State that has an agreement with Social Security to make Medicaid eligibility determinations, your SSI application would serve as an application for Medicaid. However, since Social Security does not make Medicaid eligibility determinations in Oregon, you will have to apply at your local welfare office.

QUESTION: Now that I have Medicare catastrophic protection, what effect will this coverage have on my Medicare supplemental policy? I'm wondering if I should continue the supplemental policy?

ANSWER: Medicare Parts A and B provide coverage for basic health care costs, but neither pays for all medical expenses for all long term care. Therefore, if you want more complete health care coverage, you might consider comparison shopping and selecting a supplemental policy. But remember, starting in 1990, Medicare catastrophic coverage begins paying covered medical insurance benefits only after your health care expenses under that part of Medicare exceed \$1,370. A Medical policy would, therefore, help pay for part of those expenses incurred during the interim. For answers to specific concerns, contact your private insurer and your Medicare carrier.

QUESTION: I would like to check to be sure my earnings have been correctly reported to my social Security record. Can I use the toll-free number to do this?

ANSWER: Yes. Just dial 1-800-234-5772 and the operator will arrange to send you a Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement to complete and return to Social Security. In response, you will receive a detailed record of your earnings, quarters of coverage information, and estimates of what you and your family will be due at your retirement, or your death, or should you become disabled.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Greater St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 3922 North Williams Avenue, will be the site of the following events:

1) A Night of Preaching featuring several ministers who are associated with Pastor Robert E. Houston, Sr. on Sunday, August 27, 1989 at 7:00 p.m.

2) The Monthly Lord's Supper and Fellowship Service on Sunday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Robert E. Houston, Sr., pastor. The speaker for the evening will be Rev. Johnny Pack, IV, Pastor, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, who will be accompanied by the Fellowship Congregation. The public is invited to share.

3) The Youth and Young Adults cordially invites you to share in our annual Day on Sunday, September 24, 1989 at 3:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be the Rev. A. Bernard Devers, II, Associate Minister of the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Seattle, Washington, and Vice President of the Youth Department, General Baptist Convention of the Northwest.

For further information you may call the church at 287-6691 or 281-6337.

## A Sure remedy for (killing the Church)

Take a dose of being late for Sunday School, Mixed with not staying for eleven o'clock services.

Take four times a month. One dose of failing to attend mid week prayer service, mixed with one grain of criticism.

Take three times a month. One dose of finding other places to go at Sunday service time, mixed with taking someone with you.

Take four times a month. One dose of seeing that everything else has what it needs, before seeing about the church.

One teaspoon in a glass of Monday morning gossip, Stir well before taking. Take four times a month, and you will find this to be a sure remedy for killing the church.

Leave these off and your church will LIVE.

by pastor/evang. M.H. Overstreet Smith

## OBITUARY

In loving memory of ALBIRTA STEPHEN

May 2, 1907-August 9, 1989 Service Monday, August 14, 1989- 11:00 a.m.

Church of The Living God Elder Hall, Presiding 6401 N.E. 10th, Portland, Oregon

OBITUARY ALBIRTA JOHNSON

STEPHEN was born on May 2, 1907 in Marshall, Texas and departed this life on August 9, 1989. She attended school at Harris Chapel in Marshall, Texas. Albirta married Oscar Stephen in 1941. She was a factory worker in Henderson, Texas before moving to

Portland, Oregon 8 in 1957. Oscar Stephen preceded her in death in 1983. Mrs. Stephen worked as a factory worker in Portland until her retirement in 1975.

Mrs. Stephen joined the Church of The Living God P.G.T. in 1945 and was still a member until her death. She leaves to mourn her passing: Sister Sarah Scott; neices Katharine and Ballamae, Nephew John Scott, Sr; and Bennie Mae, Ellen Scott John, Jr., Deon, Dorothy, Debra, Jamie, Stephanie, James, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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