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RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

Psalms 23

From The Pulpit to the Pews Back to the workplace

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In last week's article, we found out that some people will simply disagree for the sake of disagreement. He is quibbling over the meaning of Christ's words and stirring up arguments ending in jealousy and anger, which only lead to namecalling, accusations, and evil suspicions. These arguers--their minds warped by sin--don't know how to tell the truth; to them the Good News is just a means of making money. Keep away from them.

Do you want to be truly rich? You already are if you are happy and good. After all, we didn't bring any money with us when we came into the world, and we can't carry away a single penny when we die. So we should be well-satisfied without money if we have enough food and clothing. But, people who long to be rich soon begin to do all kinds of wrong things to get money, things that hurt them and make them evil-minded and finally send them to hell itself. For the love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for money, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrow.

Run from all these evil things and work instead at what is rights and good, learning to trust him and love others, and to be patient and gentle. Fight on for God. Hold tightly to the eternal life which God has given you.

Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven--it is the only safe investment for eternity! And--they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.

Don't fail to do these things that God entrusted to you. Keep out of foolish arguments with those who boast of their "knowledge" and thus prove their lack of it. Some of these people have missed the most important thing in life--they don't know God (1 Timothy Chapter 6).

Follow God's example in everything you do just as a much loved child imitates his father. Be full of love for others, following the example of Jesus Christ who loved you and gave himself to God as a sacrifice to take away your

sins. And, God was pleased, for Christ's love for you was like sweet perfume to him.

Learn as you go along what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless pleasures of evil and darkness, but instead, rebuke and expose them. It would be shameful even to mention here those pleasures of darkness which the ungodly do. But when you expose them, the light shines in upon their sin and shows it up, and when they see how wrong they really are, some of them may even become children of light! That is why God says in the Scriptures, "Awake, O sleeper, and rise up from the dead; and Christ shall give you light."

So be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don't be fools; be wise; make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good. Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to. Don't drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit, and controlled by him.

Talk with each other much about the Lord, quoting psalms and hymns and singing sacred songs, making music in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Women--honor Christ by submitting to your husband's leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord. For a husband is in charge of his wife in the same way Christ is in charge of his body the church. Christ gave his very life to take care of it and be its Savior! So, you wives must willingly obey your husbands in everything, just as the church obeys Christ.

Men--you husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the church when he died for her, to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God's Word; so that he could give her to himself as a glorious church without a single spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, being holy and without a single fault. That is how husbands should treat their wives, loving them as part of themselves. For since a man and his wife are one, a man is really doing himself a favor when he loves his wife! No one hates his own body but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for his body the church, of which we are members (parts).

The husband and wife are "one body", is proved by the Scripture which says, "A man must leave his father and mother when he marries, so that he can be perfectly joined to his wife, and the two shall be one." I know that this is hard to understand, but it is an illustration of the way we are parts of the body

of Christ.

Children--obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessings.

Parents--don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, wit suggestions and godly advice.

Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.

St. Phillip's Episcopal Church

Announcing the retirement of Father M. Ramsey Schadewitz.

Father Schadewitz, a native Oregonian, was born in the City of Moro in eastern Oregon. He obtained a B.A. from the University of Oregon in 1951 and graduated from the Church Divinity school of The Pacific in Berkeley in 1955. He served as priest and deacon under Bishop Dagwell in 1954 and his first assignment was at Holy Innocence Church in Corte Madera, California, where he served as curate. After a number of assignments throughout Washington and Oregon he came to St. Philip's in 1982 where he has served the past 8 years.

A dinner will be held in honor of Father Schadewitz at St. Philip's on December 29, 1990 at 5:00 p.m.

He has been a major contributor not only to St. Philip's but also to the community with his outreach work. Father Schadewitz was instrumental in assisting the start-up of the "Saturday School" by offering St. Philip's Parish Hall as the location. Many in the community have benefited from his outreach work, as he has given generously to those in need.

Father Schadewitz will officially retire December 31, 1990. St. Philip's hopes you will join them in wishing him good luck in all his future endeavors.

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Totally Gospel

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In the December 1987 edition of TOTALLY GOSPEL, Special Edition, the group Commissioned was featured in an article entitled "On the Road Again". The group was described as - smooth, anointed, and energetic, as being just a few adjectives describing them. This self contained group of six soldiers working for the Lord is fast becoming one of the hottest gospel music entities.

Gospel Music has had to knock heads with it's rival, secular music. It seems as though the groups promoted through secular music are received with welcome arms, even those with not so nice backgrounds; such as the rap group with the lewd lyrics and gestures. But - a group such as Commissioned, who's dedicating their talents to lifting the Holy Name of Jesus, have received opposition, denial and "...Sorry but we can't afford to pay for them to appear." If it were Michael Jackson, Kids on the Block or Madonna, people would be flocking to the ticket offices and would be willing to pay prices as high as \$150 per ticket, if need be.

Many "Thanks!" to Canaan Productions, a Tacoma based production company, for sponsoring Commissioned, in Concert, on their 100 city tour. Quoting Fred Williams, one of the members of Commissioned, "...Come! Hang-out with us. We're in this to lift up Jesus and not ourselves. You have to constantly fast, pray, read the Bible, and stay in church. Flesh is our biggest enemy. You must pray, deny self, and stay humble. That's the only way you're going to last."

COMMISSIONED will appear at One Stop Records on Northeast Killingsworth and 16th Avenue on Friday, December 21, 1990 from 11 am to 1 pm. Come out and get your album signed, to shake hands or just to ask questions.

Tim Smith, a writer for Totally Gospel, concluded his article by saying - "Dedication, a humble spirit, and commitment are just three of the many ingredients making up a successful gospel artist. Commissioned incorporates these traits and many more. They have truly been Commissioned to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in the simplicity of a song."

Give the gift of music! Come! Be inspired by the testimonies of these young men whose lives through Jesus Christ have been - Commissioned.

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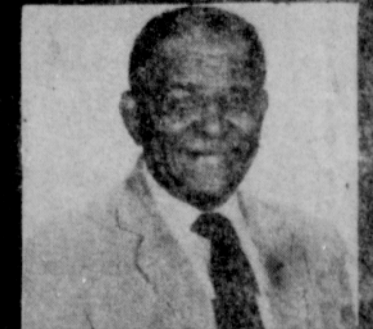
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Public Service Announcement

A Christmas Vesper Service under the auspices of the Cathedral choir will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 5828 N.E. 8th Ave., Portland, on Sunday, December 30, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. The program will include Christmas music

selected by Mrs. Rochelle McElroy, director, and a candle lighting service. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the program. The public is invited. Rev. Milton Green, Pastor.

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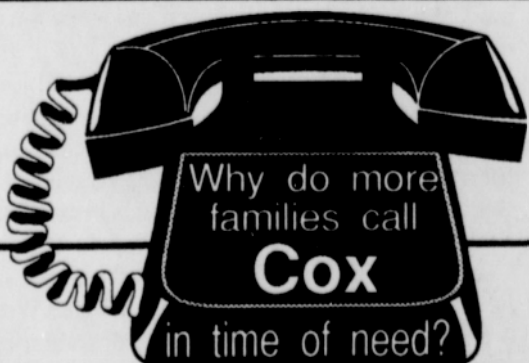
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