

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Ministering to Christ"

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"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom... For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited Me in, naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me...' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and invite You in or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick...' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" (Matthew 25:34-40, NAS).

Our nation has recently experienced what may have been saying are the worst natural disasters America has ever seen. These hurricanes have given the church the opportunity to express her love to the Lord Jesus Christ and show the world a church that is pleasing to God. All natural disasters are opportunities to show love to Christ through practical means by meeting the needs of those affected by tragedy -- both Christians and the unsaved.

Jesus identifies Himself in today's text with the human family. "These brothers of Mine" are Christians who are poor, persecuted and com-

panions in Jesus's suffering. "The least of them" includes the poorest, the most despised and afflicted of those who do not yet know the love of Christ.

Ministry to Christ in the times of disaster involves a whole lot more than just shouting, raising hands, dancing, singing and the preaching of God's Word in beautiful buildings. It involves

getting your hands dirty, a little sweating, spending some money, giving up time and some taking of risks.

The Bible teaches that it does us no good to pray and then say, "I wish you well; keep warm and well fed" yet do nothing to help a needy brother meet physical needs." (James 2:14-18). Jesus's parable of the "Good Samaritan"

tells us that our neighbor is whoever needs the ministry of mercy and helps. If we have the means to meet someone's need of hunger, clothing or shelter, then it is God who gave us those resources and He expects us to use them for His glory.

The story has often been told of the man who was at a prayer meeting. He was praying earnestly, asking God to provide for a man who had a great need. While praying, he stopped, quietly stood up and left the prayer meeting. Later, after his returning, one of the deacons asked him if he was ill. The brother who left said, "No, I felt in my spirit that someone said, 'You go and be My hands.'" So he went and did his part in meeting the need of the man he was praying for.

The heart of our text today is, with a heart of true compassion, ministering to Christ through meeting the practical needs of those who are in want. Christians will not be blessed by the knowledge they have obtained, the fame they have acquired or the fortune they have gained. No, it is how they showed their love to Christ in response to His love shown to them that brings blessing. Many times this is expressed through meeting the needs of others around them.

How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to meet the needs of others for Christ's sake?



HAPPY UNIONS

The author Tolstoy once wrote in a letter, "The goal of our life should not be to find joy in marriage, but to bring more love and truth into the world. We marry to assist each other in this task. The highest calling is that of the man who has dedicated his life to serving God and doing good, and who unites with a woman in order to further that purpose."

Of course, Mr. Tolstoy did not mean we should not be happy with our mate. Happiness finds a couple when they unite as one spirit in God's service. In the marriage vows themselves, we hear "...and the two shall be as one."

Had God felt that Adam could have accomplished his mission on earth alone, He would not have given him Eve as a helpmate. The Creator chose to unite the two. "It is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him." (Genesis 2:18)

In this month of happy unions, may you remember that God makes a good marriage great! Worship together and stay together.

Sunday Deuteronomy 31.30-32.18	Monday Deuteronomy 32.19-44	Tuesday Deuteronomy 32.45-33.5	Wednesday Joshua 1.1-18	Thursday Joshua 2.1-24	Friday Joshua 3.1-17	Saturday Joshua 4.1-24
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN KEISWETTER, Deceased No. 2010-PR-19
NOTICE
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on June 7, 2010, upon hearing of a Petition for Letters of Administration filed by Ronald Keiswetter, he was appointed administrator of the estate of Helen Keiswetter, deceased, and issued Letters of Administration without bond. Ronald Keiswetter, Administrator
Submitted by: Mark C. Whitney, No. 9607 WHITNEY LAW OFFICE 112 S. Kansas, P.O. Box 208 Norton, KS 67654-0208 (785) 877-2661 Fax (785) 877-3868 Attorney for the Administrator

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of FLORA DENE GRABHORN, deceased a/k/a FLORA DEAN GRABHORN, deceased Case No. 2010-PR-21
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of June, 2010, a Petition for Appointment of Administrator and Issuance of Letters of Administration has been filed in this Court by Dennis D. Paden and Cheryl L. Bates, as heirs of Flora Dean Grabhorn, deceased praying for the appointment of said Dennis D. Paden and Cheryl L. Bates as Co-Administrators of the estate and for Issuance of Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, K.S.A. 59-3201, et. seq.; further, you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 6th day of July, 2010, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
Dennis D. Paden and Cheryl L. Bates, Petitioners
John F. McClymont, #09379 RYAN, WALTER & McClymont, Chtd. 120 S. State - PO Box 364 Norton, Kansas 67654 785-877-5183 Attorney for Petitioners