

stress is at its peak in our present situation. Who is responsible? People whose behavior is self-centered, godless, and who spread evil and dead religion in the church are to blame.

What is fundamentally wrong with these people is that love is misdirected. Instead of being "lovers of God," they are "lovers of self, lovers of money, and lovers of pleasure." Some of these negative values refer to the family life and especially to the attitude which some young people adopt towards their parents – "disobedient to their parents and ungrateful."

Only the gospel offers a radical solution to this problem. For only the gospel promises a new birth or new creation, which involves "being turned inside out, from self to un-self, a real reorientation of mind and conduct, and which makes us fundamentally God-centered instead of self-centered."

The sad part is the people described by Paul can also be religious. Paul said that they preserved the outward "form of religion" but were "denying the power of it." They evidently attended the worship services of the church. They sang the hymns, said the "amen" to the prayers and put their money in the offering plate.

They looked and sounded pious. But it was form without power, outward show without inward reality, religion without morals, and faith without works. Paul said to Timothy "have nothings to do with them." This does not mean that we physically separate ourselves from them but morally disengage from them. We need to influence them.

He also described these people in verses 6-9 as people who take advantage of others who are naïve, sensual, and burdened with sins. They are the kind of women who lack discernment of truth from lies and therefore deceive by false teachers.

Paul used an example of Jannes and Jambres, the two magicians in Pharaoh's court who opposed Moses. But Timothy is not to catch this infection, nor be carried away by this immoral tide but to stand out boldly against the prevailing immoralities. He needs to rely on the truth of God's word.

2. The Persecution of Godly People. (verses 10-13)

Paul shared his personal convictions and experiences in relation to the prevailing moral values. Living in an environment where "evil doers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived," we need to be ready for immoral and secular persecution.

Paul said that "those who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." This is so because our society would pressure us to comply and compromise our Christian values. Every Christian is called to be different from the world. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its mold or lack of standard.

It is obvious that the pressures upon us to conform are colossal, not only from the direct challenge to traditional beliefs and morals but also from pervasive atmosphere of secularism which even seeps into the church. The godly arouse the antagonism of the worldly (See John 15:18-20).

Where do we get the strength to resist these pressures? As we immerse ourselves into God's Word, we would develop inner strength and convictions that would enable us to counteract and endure the external immoral pressures. Indirectly, Paul encouraged Timothy to imitate his example of faith, patience, love, and endurance. He wanted us to gather our strength together by following the example of others and to find encouragement in the faithfulness of other believers based on God's Word.

The principles of God's word like righteousness, self-control, faith, love, honesty, hard work, discipline, service, humility, and endurance would always prevail against the tides of immorality and unrighteousness.

3. The Function of God's Word. (verses 14-17)

In line with the above scenario, deterioration of moral values and persecution of the godly; Paul's encouragement to Timothy was the continuation of his adherence to God's Word. His strong conviction on God's Word is based on the following factors:

A) An authentic teacher.

He had an authentic teacher - "you know those from whom you learned it"

Aside from the apostle Paul, Timothy's strong and deep convictions on the principles revealed in the word of God were the result of the faithful teachers in his life – his mother and grandmother (See 2 Timothy 1:5). These women invested their time and effort for the spiritual development of their children.

Biblically speaking, the primary duty of the education of our children belongs in our homes. The church supplements this responsibility by providing Children's Bible study and Vacation Bible School. But we need teachers who are dedicated and discipline in the study and teaching of God's Word.

Teaching God's Word is a mission given by God which aims to transform our society one person at a time. When we teach God's Word we are instilling life core values that enable a person to navigate the storms of life.

B) A long-term plan.

Note that Timothy's educational program was not just from Pre-K through College. It was way beyond his formal educational time frame. Several years ago Josh McDowell was speaking out at Word of Life Church. He said the genius of Southern Baptists is that they teach the same things to their children as they do their adults. It instills the same lessons over and over again – to provide the best opportunity for lives to be affected no matter what the age - from top to bottom.

C) An effective curriculum.

He had an effective curriculum that would "make you wise for salvation." It was based on God's Word. He recognized the authority and functionality of God's Word – "all Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." All Scripture is inspired by God. It was breathed out by God. It was brought into existence by the breath or Spirit of God (See 2 Peter 1:21). Thus it is the authoritative Word of God.

In addition to its authority, Timothy also recognized the functionality of God's Word – "useful." God's word is not for profit. But it is profitable or useful for:

- 1) Teaching – represents the didactic or nurturing function and includes both the task of teaching and its content. It also means teaching the true doctrine.
- 2) Rebuking – apologetic function, defending the faith from error or false doctrines thus reproaching someone for doing something wrong.
- 3) Correcting – denotes restoration to a better state, with the implication that there is some condition or fault that needs to be straightened up, correcting people when they do wrong.
- 4) Training – discipline or punishment but in this context it refers to providing instruction to produce proper behavior.
- 5) Result: so that the man of God would be fully adequate or sufficient for the task of good works.

Conclusion

What can we do?

- 1) Be the Teacher. Volunteer. Don't delegate this crucial task to others. Material things come and go but moral values and ethics are eternal.
- 2) Never stop teaching. Later on coach or send them to learning situations or meetings.

- 3) Use creative curriculum. Plan them.
- 4) Make God's Word the Final Word.

God's Word Is Final!

Early Missions Strategists

Acts 10:30-43

There is a little-known history of African Americans in world mission. While a relatively small number has been responsive, the actual story reveals a substantial heritage of stalwart obedience.

I. The Earliest Involvement.

- A) Pentecostal Pioneers.**
- B) Methodist Pioneers.**
- C) Baptist Pioneers.**
- D) The Vision of Lott Carey .**

II. After the Emancipation Proclamation.

III. Always Moving Beyond Hindrances .

IV. Onward to Fulfill the Commission .

A Sleeping Giant!

Redeeming the Time

Dr. H. Wade Paris, retired Missouri Baptist Pastor, writes an article for the Word and Way. He emails it to some before it goes to print. This week he sent me the following submission entitled *When the Sun Goes Down*. While I believe the Biblical teaching on creation is accurate and do not adhere to the hoax of "millions and billions of years" the world has been in existence, the point about time that Dr. Paris makes is certainly one to ponder. Enjoy!

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

There once was a comic strip called Mutt and Jeff, featuring two less than sharp chaps. Jeff, the sharper of the two, was tall and thin while Mutt, the denser one, was short and frumpy. Reading from a magazine, Jeff told Mutt astronomers were predicting the sun would burn out in a billion years.

With great concern Mutt asked, "In how many years?"

"A billion," Jeff replied.

With considerable relief Mutt responded, "Thank goodness. I thought you said a million."
Duh!

It turns out Jeff might have been correct except for the math. Recently researchers at the International Astronomical Union XXIX General Assembly in Honolulu presented a survey that said the sun will meet its demise in 100 billion years.

No doubt, this is important information. However, there will be plenty of time for the researchers to revise their opinion. Perhaps they should have said in 100 billion years plus or minus. Given the fact that I have begun to feel my age, I doubt I will be around when it happens.

*In my humble opinion, the enormity of the numbers regarding the history of the universe is one more proof that time means nothing to God. James Black, the author of the hymn, **When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder**, was right when he wrote, "When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more." God is not confined nor defined by time. The Bible plainly teaches it, reason affirms it, and now modern astronomy confirms it.*

Time means little to God, but it means everything to you and me. I won't be around when the sun burns out, but I will be here when it goes down tonight. Even in retirement, I still make a "to do list" almost every day. Writing this column is number three on today's list. Some of the items on my list must be done today. Often there are items that, if not done today, there will never be time later.

Frequently, there is more on the list than there is time to accomplish. When that happens, I

call on the Lord to help me, "Lord, make me efficient; and show me what is important."

The astronomers I mentioned earlier concluded when the sun goes down---i.e., burns out---we won't be able to do anything because we won't be able to see. What's on your list? Get to it, before the sun goes down.

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel, Ken Kirkpatrick, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Ken Nice

Diversicare (Saxton Woods) 2:30 pm

Evening Worship6:30 pm

Monday, August 24

SS Workers 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 26

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study 6:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 27

W Team.....6:30 pm

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: George Ferbert, Fred Kerns, Ken Nice, Don Sharp

Alternate: Isaac Waters

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 2

Youth Study 6:30 pm

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 3

G Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

August 23 — Diversicare (Saxton Woods) Worship 2:30 pm

August 24 — Sunday School Workers Meeting 6:30 pm

All September — Missouri Missions Offering Emphasis

September 7 — Labor Day

September 12 — Memorial for Doug Hutcherson

— NO Simulcast with Beth Moore

September 23 — See You At the Pole

October 2-3 — Women of Faith Simulcast, Wyatt Park Baptist

October 4-8 — Senior Adult Revival

October 17 — T4T Training, Journey Baptist Church

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

Sunday Nights

We will continue our study on Early Mission Strategists tonight in evening service. Hope to see you at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Please make plans to attend. Prayer and Bible Study matter!

See You At the Pole

SEE YOU AT THE POLE day is on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 a.m. local time. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. SEE YOU AT THE POLE in prayer for our generation!

Missouri Missions Offering

We will be emphasizing Missouri Missions throughout the month of September. Prayerfully consider how God would lead you to give.

Living Proof Live

Ministries Presents

A Beth Moore Simulcast

This simulcast will be held on September 12, 2015. Due to a memorial service held for Doug Hutcherson here at the church, we will NOT be participating in this simulcast. However, other churches in our area may be participating. At this time, Frazier Baptist Church is the only one registered at the Beth Moore Living Proof Simulcast website. There may be others who will register. Please check the website (<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/living-proof-live-simulcast-find-a-location>) to see who else will be broadcasting the simulcast. Event begins at 8:30 am with the first session beginning at 9:30 am. Sorry for any inconvenience.

In Sympathy

We offer Christian Sympathy to:

The family of Doug Hutcherson, (Loleta Middleton's son) who passed away.

(September 12, 2015, there will be a memorial service held for Doug Hutcherson here at the church.)

For the Record

Attendance: August 16, 2015

Sunday School.....	41
Visitors.....	6
Total.....	47
Contacts Made.....	3
Morning Worship.....	68
Children's Worship	N/A
Sunday Night	11
Wednesday Night	21

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 1,051.61

Offering Received by Mail:

Eric and Shelly Thompson

August Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

August Van Driver:

Mike Green

Call 232-3747 before 8 am

August Member Birthdays:

02...Darlene Messner

09...Dottie Wildberger

18...Don Beavers

18...Tonia Meers

22...Beverly Lewis

August Anniversaries

David and Annette Schottel

August 5, 1989

Tim and Sharon Waters

August 10, 1985

Prayer Requests ...

Pat Puckett—health issues

Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sister

LoLeta's Family in Doug's death

Shirley Wilson—recovery

Allen Jennings—recovery

Clyde Elder—recovery and strength

Nellie Reynolds—health decisions

Russ McCamy Jesse Dunn

Grant Schottel—advanced training

Sharon Yarbrough—healing

Leona Reynolds — recovery & strength

June Fritchle—decisions for her future

Maxine and George Ferbert

Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister

Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew

Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health

Bob Barquist—cancer

Jim Winans—recovery at home

Jozy Winans—rehabilitation

Bill and Juanita Haskins—family
Dean and Ellen Blanton
—Elvera Crow's daughter
Louanne Laurence—Joyce's Mother
Lester Buck Kathryn Beavers
Margaret Dotson Dorothy Post
Kevin Duty Opal Roberts
Madeline Swink Bobby Griswold
Lois Pace Susan Patten
Debbie Sands Sue Higgins
Brenda Burgess Judy Anderson
Carolyn Houts Roscoe Lane
Larry and Flora McKahan's grandsons
-T C Thompson -Keon McKahan
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
