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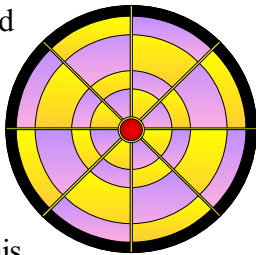
During the 2004 Olympic air rifle competition, one of the Americans on his last shot needed only to hit the target to win the gold medal. He shot and hit near the bull's eye of the target, but lost. He shot well, but he hit the wrong target.

He said following this incident that he normally looked more closely at the targets to make sure he was shooting at the right one, but said he did not this time. He said he was thinking of other things and did not do his last minute check of the targets.

In obeying the Lord, many people strive to make sure they are doing all they can, but if they are not following what the Lord has commanded, they are aiming at the wrong target. We are told in Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25, *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”*

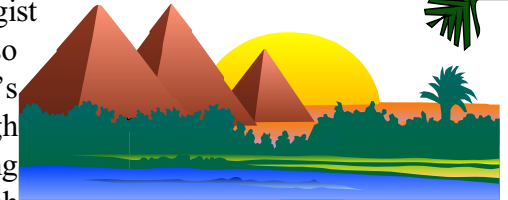
Even if we are aiming at the right target spiritually, we need to keep our minds focused and not take our eyes off the target, or we will miss.

—Marty Edwards❖



If a Building Could Talk

Archaeology is the scientific study of the life and culture of past peoples by the excavation of ancient cities, buildings, artifacts, and such. As one archaeologist put it, no one else could get so excited by someone else's trash! And yet, sifting through the debris of civilizations long gone, one is able to learn much about life in ancient times. The “trash” left behind has a story to tell.



While worship is expressed outwardly, it begins and is offered from within. Just sitting in a building where worship is happening doesn't mean everyone in it has worshiped. Of course, God knows our hearts, even if we can hide our thoughts and motives from others. Sometimes, however, you might learn what was going on inside a person, much like the archaeologist, by examining what has been left behind. Of all the experiences that any building has seen where people worship, it sometimes makes you wonder what it would say if it could talk?

“Just look at all the bulletins crammed into the songbook racks, and left on the floor. Have they truly taken note of those mentioned in the bulletin that are ill and need prayer? Have they considered the good works promoted in the bulletin, and chosen some way to be involved? Did they think about the articles, and if there was someone they could pass it on to, who needed its encouragement or warnings? Why did they leave it as trash?”

If the building could talk, it might also say, “So many other things are scattered around. Candy wrappers, pieces of cookies and potato chips, tissues, and notes written back and forth to one another, are all left on the benches and the floor. Has respect become so outdated that no one takes the time to take these things with him or her to dispose of them properly? Adults and children both leave so much trash.

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News

Hallie Davidson is in the Hart County Health Care Center in Horse Cave. Continue to remember **Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry.**

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Could they not take notes during the sermon, follow along with the Scriptures, and participate in the other avenues of worship? Is it so hard to set a proper example for our young people to commune instead of to be entertained?"

Yes, like the science of archaeology, much of what we leave behind has a lot to say about us, about who we are, and about how or whether we worshiped at all. Perhaps by examining our hearts and thoughts as we assemble to worship, our building could echo with the songs so joyfully sang, prayers so reverently offered, sermons diligently prepared and taken to heart, the Lord's Supper thoughtfully taken, and our financial resources gladly and bountifully offered. Maybe what would be known about us would be seen in our lives, and not the trash we leave behind.

—adapted from Robert Johnson
Corpus Christi, Texas

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If we had a bank that credited our account each morning with \$86,400, and every evening canceled whatever part of the amount we failed to use, what would we do? We would certainly put every cent to good use.

Time is just such a bank. Everyday we are given 86,400 seconds. No matter how much we would like to, not one of these seconds can be carried over to the next day. We only have 24 hours to use these precious ticks of the clock.

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Sunday, August 23, 2009		
Classes	17	Matthew 5:33-42
Preaching	22	Acts 8 (Ethiopian Eunuch)
Contribution	\$284.00	
Evening	18	Daniel 9:1-27
Wednesday, August 26, 2009		
Classes	19	Exodus 28:25-43

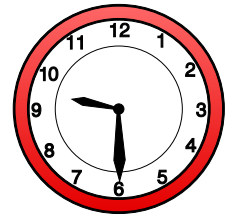
Bible Quiz

Who came to Daniel flying swiftly?

Last Week's Answer— The children of Israel (Exodus 28:11, 12)

Let's use each day to the best of our ability. Time wasted is time lost— it can never be regained.

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)