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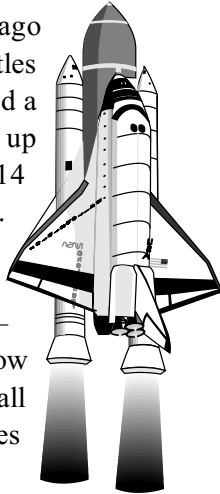
Changed Plans

It was 24 years ago yesterday, and seven years ago on February 1 that NASA lost the space shuttles Challenger and Columbia when the first exploded a few moments after take off and the second broke up 38 miles above Texas and crashed to Earth. All 14 astronauts on these two missions lost their lives. They had many experiments planned, welcome back celebrations, and plans for the future.

All these plans were canceled for one thing—death. No matter what our plans are, no matter how busy we might be, when death comes, it supercedes all others plans. Plan for death. It will come. Sometimes quicker than we might think.

I did a search for any form of the word “plan” in the King James Version of the Bible. Not once did the words, “plan,” “planning,” or “planned” appear.

It’s not that the Lord does not expect us to plan. Our lives would be a chaotic mess and living from hand to mouth if there was not some planning. We just need to plan with the Lord at the forefront of those plans and make plans for what follows this life. —Marty Edwards❖



A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had (1) withdrawn his presence from its services, (2) refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation, and (3) had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord’s work.

I asked, “What else would one have to do in order to ‘quit’ the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps would be necessary for you to take? Just what else would be necessary to ‘quit’ the church?”

As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, “Why, brother Nichols, I’ve already quit, haven’t I? Well, I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I did it, but I’ve quit the Lord and His church. I’ll tell you right now, I’m coming back!”

He did, too. At the next service he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

How about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, while many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you have (1) quit attending the services, (2) quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders, and (3) quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its financial needs, you need to be restored.

—by the late Gus Nichols
via the Estes bulletin (Henderson, TN)
and “Bulletin Digest”

[note] —To “quit the church” as used in the above article simply means to quit being an active part of the church. I, as you probably do, know people who are quick to defend the truth, but they never actively contribute to the work of the church and rarely, if ever, attend. There was no intent to go so far astray, but over the years they permitted themselves to drift farther and farther away.

If you find yourself in this situation, repent and pray for forgiveness and once again become an active member of the Lord’s body. Tomorrow may be too late. “. . . behold, now is the day of salvation.” (II Corinthians 6:2)
—Marty Edwards

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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. Sherry Crabtree** is still having some troubles with her eye. Elaine Reynolds continues to have trouble with her voice and is unable to speak.

—**Elaina Rimmer**'s birthday was omitted from January's birthday list. Her birthday is tomorrow, January 25.

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Purity of Heart

I read the other day about a woman who had some extra time at an airport. Buying a cup of coffee and a small package of cookies, she walked, laden with luggage, to an unoccupied table. She was reading the morning paper when she became aware of someone rustling at her table. From behind her paper, she was flabbergasted to see a neatly dressed young man helping himself to her cookies. She did not want to make a scene, so she leaned across and took a cookie herself.



A minute or so passed. More rustling. He was helping himself to another cookie. By the time they were down to the last cookie in the package, she was very angry but still could not bring herself to say anything. Then the young man broke the remaining cookie in two, pushed half across to her, ate the other half and left.

Some time later, when the public address system called for her to present her ticket, she was still fuming. Imagine her embarrassment when she opened her handbag, and was confronted by her package of cookies. She had been eating his.

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Sunday, January 17, 2010

Classes	13	Matthew 12:9-13
Preaching	22	Luke 15:1-11
Contribution	\$324.00	
Evening	17	Ezekiel 13:1-23

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Classes	17	Leviticus 8:1-36
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Bible Quiz

The Lord was polluted for handfuls of what?

Last Week's Answer— It was burnt (Leviticus 7:17)

What a generous young man. He was being wronged yet he shared what he had. He even shared his last cookie with her. We need to be careful what we think about others. Things are not always as they seem.

—adapted from the
Bellevue, Nebraska bulletin ❖

—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)