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In April of 1912 the Titanic sank. The British ocean liner had been labeled by the builders as “unsinkable.” The ship was making its first voyage which was in the North Atlantic. Throughout the evening the ship received numerous warnings of dangerous icebergs ahead. Those warnings were ignored. Later that night, the ship hit an iceberg and sank. The total loss of life numbered 1,513.



Our lives are like ships in treacherous waters. As we journey toward eternity, there will be many icebergs with soul destroying potential. It may be a particular sin or weakness to which we easily succumb. It may be a friend or family member who hinders us in our faithfulness to the Lord. It may be that we just feel we are “unsinkable” spiritually and never really consider the possibility of losing our soul.

Just as the warnings to the Titanic were unheeded, many fail to heed the warnings in the Bible. I Corinthians 10:12 warns, “*Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.*” Let us put Christ first in our lives, and then we can truly sing, “Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life’s tempestuous sea.”

—Marty Edwards ❖

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Whited Sepulchers

You may recall an event which occurred in 1986. There was a lot of excitement concerning the opening of a vault found in the basement of a building which allegedly contained items surrounding the life of noted gangster Al Capone. Many hoped to find money along with other items. The possibilities were publicized for days preceding the opening. What marvelous treasures had been left behind by those who had hidden them for safe keeping years ago?

The opening of the vault was carried live on television. A large percentage of the nation was watching. Imaginations were running rampant. When finally opened, the vault left all who expected untold treasures greatly disappointed. It contained only dirt and a few bottles. It did not contain the riches people expected.

Are our lives like that vault? When seen from the outside, they look as if they contain valuable Christian attributes, but when opened, they are full of characteristics that are shameful and detrimental to Christian living?

Let us make sure we are full of Christian treasures outside and inside. We may be able to fool many of the people around us, but we cannot fool the Lord. Let us not be as whited sepulchers, pretty to behold, but full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 23:25-28, ²⁵*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.* ²⁶*Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.* ²⁷*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.* ²⁸*Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*

—Marty Edwards ❖

News

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

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Little Things

The story is told of a giant tree in Colorado which fell to the ground after having stood majestically on a hill for over 400 years. A mere sapling when Columbus landed in San Salvador, over the centuries it had been struck by lightning numerous times, braved the great windstorms, and even defied an earthquake. In the end, however, it was killed by some little beetles. Boring under the bark, they chewed away at its mighty fibers until one day that king of the forest came thundering down.



So, too, apparently insignificant things often make substantial inroads into our spiritual lives, and if left unchecked may cause our downfall. The idle word spoken, the prayer time omitted, and the occasional fleshly pleasure all “spoil” the vineyard much more than we realize. If Satan gets an entering wedge on inconsistency, the leverage he then exerts is greatly increased.

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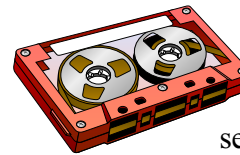
Sunday, June 28, 2009		
Classes	15	Matthew 4:
Preaching	21	Hebrews 5:12-13
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Evening	17	Daniel 3:1-
Wednesday, July 1, 2009		
Classes	17	Exodus 21:

Visitors—

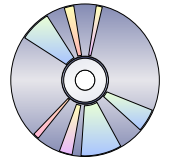
Bible Quiz

A Hebrew servant was to go free in what year?

Last Week's Answer— Honor your father and mother (Exodus 20:12)



—We are recording the audio of each service. If anyone is interested in a recording of any service, they are available on cassette or compact disk.



—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)