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“Milk For the Meat Eaters” Daily Email Devotional Invitation

Dear Hunger For Truth readers,

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Proverbs 11:30 (“Righteous Evangelism”) (By: Bro. Tim Dunkin)

The following sermon outline was written by Bro. Tim Dunkin who is from NC and is a dear friend and brother in Christ. He is the editor of Studytoanswer.net where back issues of Hunger For Truth are posted. I encourage you to visit Bro. Tim's site at www.studytoanswer.net for it will help you grow in your walk with the Lord and in knowledge of His word. There will be more, Lord willing, from Bro. Tim in future issues of HFT.

Proverbs 11:30

“Righteous Evangelism”

Theme: The righteous person will bear fruit and be a source of spiritual refreshment and aid as he or she faithfully serves God, and will particularly do so as they glorify God by seeking to evangelize the lost.

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.”

I. The Characteristics of the Righteous Man (v. 30a)

- A. He bears fruit.
 - 1. Fruit, in scripture, is most often used in the sense of being that which is associated with productivity, vigor, healthfulness, and blessing.
 - 2. As used here, the life of the righteous man is characterized by being faithful to God and beneficial to those around him.
 - a. His walk with God is blessed by being used of God in ways that bring glory to the Saviour (Psalm 1:3, Jeremiah 17:8)
 - b. He will also be a blessing to those around him – as an encourager, an exhorter, and as a witness.
 - 3. This man or woman will not have a barren and empty life with no crowns to lay at the Lord's feet!
- B. He is righteous
 - 1. First and most importantly, he is positionally righteous in that he is saved, he has been born again through faith in the risen Saviour.
 - a. A dead limb lying on the ground separated from its tree cannot bear any fruit at all (John 15:6)
 - b. So cannot a lost person bear any fruit at all for the Lord, no matter how sincere they may believe themselves to be (Isaiah 64:6, Matthew 7:21-23).
 - c. Even the most zealous effort, outside of Christ, is nothing but an affront to God until it is rooted in faith in Him, rather than in self-righteousness (Proverbs 21:24).
 - 2. Second, he is practically righteous – he seeks to walk with God in purity and truth.
 - a. He knows that without Christ, he can do nothing (John 15:5) so he takes pains to stay in close fellowship with God (II Timothy 2:20-21).
 - b. He avoids sin and resists temptation (Proverbs 1:10)
 - c. He stays in God's Word, which cleanses us (Psalm 119:9)
 - d. He maintains an active, diligent prayer life – you are like those with whom you keep in your closest fellowship.
- C. He is a source of spiritual aid to those around him.
 - 1. In scripture, the tree of life is always a source of spiritual nourishment, connected with the life given through salvation by our Lord.
 - 2. As such, the righteous here does not merely give good advice, but is one whose life and works serve to point people to the Saviour.
 - 3. In word and deed, he has a fount of living water springing up from within him (John 7:38) that will draw people to Christ and then strengthen them in that faith as they walk with Him.

II. The Action of the Righteous Man (v. 30b)

- A. This verse is an example of Hebrew poetic device known as “climactic parallelism,” in which the first clause states a proposition, and the second extends or strengthens its theme.
- B. This is what we see here – the first clause tells us of the character of the righteous, the second now explains and expands with a concrete example.
- C. His action – winneth (to seize, take, snatch, acquire)
 - 1. In his evangelism, he is active, forward, and insistent – he doesn’t just rely on so-called “lifestyle evangelism” (Luke 14:23)
 - 2. He understands the importance of saving souls from that literal place of eternal, fiery torment called hell.
 - 3. He goes to them – he doesn’t wait to the lost to come to him.
- D. His objective – souls
 - 1. The very eternal souls of men and women, boys and girls, are at stake – they are of more value than anything this world has to offer (Mark 8:36)
 - 2. Man was created in the image of God as a living soul to exist in fellowship with his Creator – evangelizing the lost acts to right what was set wrong by sin and the Fall, to restore men to fellowship with and service to a holy God that will never end.
 - 3. By evangelizing the lost, the righteous both points eternal souls to the way of life and leads souls back to the place where they will glorify the Lord who bought them with His precious blood.
- E. His character – wise
 - 1. In doing all this, the righteous demonstrates the he or she knows and applies true wisdom by fearing God to serve faithfully (Psalm 111:10).
 - 2. He or she fears to disobey God’s Word to seek to win the lost.
 - 3. He or she knows God’s command is to preach (proclaim) the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).
 - 4. They know that wisdom seeks to bring praise to the Lord – in wisdom He established the creation (Proverbs 3:19) and from creation He ought to receive all glory, as He indeed will one day (Revelation 5:11-13).

Challenge – Are you seeking to win souls? Every Christian and every assembly of God’s saints are commanded to evangelize the lost. Are you being faithful to keep this charge?

The Incarnate Christ

Dr. A.C. Dixon once told the story of an agnostic who was studying a colony of ants confined beneath a glass cover. The tiny creatures did such remarkable things that the man could not help but think them intelligent. The thought occurred to him - "How could a human being influence such creatures for good, or impart knowledge to them?"

There seemed but one answer. Somehow man would have to become an ant and go among them. Human intelligence would have to become incarnate in the body of an ant or there could be no approach. Suddenly he saw the reasonableness of the incarnation of the Christ. How else could God communicate with the creatures He had created, reveal His love to them or instruct in His ways those who were living in sin and defeat? He took up the New Testament, to realize for the first time the necessity of the incarnation and to find Christ as his Savior.

-From: *The Great "I Am"* by Keith L. Brooks

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

Passage: Hebrews 10:31

Emotion(s): Fear

Cause: Unrepentant sinners falling into the hands of the living God and believers who are not right with God

Effect: Judgment and chastening

What does the passage say?: It is indeed fearful (or dreadful) for those who are lost or those have gone astray in their walk with God to fall into the hands of the living God. One writer once said, "Our lives can be likened to the dial of a traditional clock. The hands of God pass over us again and again. The short hand is the hand of discipline; the long hand is the hand of mercy. Slowly and surely the hand of discipline moves over us; but the hand of mercy, which moves over it, moves twelve times as swiftly. Both hands are fastened to one secure pivot – the unchanging heart of a loving God."

What does the passage say to you and I?: Believer, your spiritual clock is ticking! How is your walk with the Lord today? Examine yourself daily whether ye be in the faith? It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God! Only one life will soon be past and only what we do for Christ, according to His perfect will, will last!

What should you and I do about it?: Praise God for the short hand of trials and discipline which is meant to grow us and make us stronger. It is meant for our good (Rom. 8:28). Praise God for His long hand of mercy and grace which is greater than all our sin! Praise God for that one secure pivot that both hands of the clock are fastened to – the unchanging heart of a loving God who will never leave

knor forsake His own! O' believer, keep on looking up and looking in. Make sure your eyes of faith are on Him and your face is in the book!

How do you and I stay accountable?: If you are not saved, why not trust Jesus Christ today (John 3:16, 14:6, II Cor. 6:2, Romans 10:9-10)! It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God and be judged by Him at the Great White throne if you are not saved (Rev. 20:11-15). Rev. 20:11-12 says the heavens and the earth have passed away and there will be no place for you to stand! You will literally be standing upon the mighty, fearful hands of a thrice Holy God to be judged for your sin and damned to eternal death in hell fire! O' why not repent and trust Christ today before it is too late! He is able to deliver you and give you eternal life!

If you are a believer, keep on keeping on in the faith and strive to serve Him better everyday, living by faith and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth.

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

A House With Many Rooms

The Bible is a book of mysteries, deep, dark profound mysteries. Yet, at the same time, the Bible is a glorious revelation, an open book, easy to understand, simple to comprehend, as open as the face of a clock. These two statements are not contradictory at all, but perfectly harmonious. To the unregenerate mind, the Bible is foolishness and full of inexplicable mysterious symbols and nonsensical folly. To the born-again, enlightened believer, this same book is the essence of logic, the brightest picture of the things which are wholly unbelievable to the unregenerate. The Bible is like a house with many rooms. A house may be full of mystery to the outsider. Yet, its contents and its interior are no secret to the one who holds the key to the lock and has access to the house.

The most important KEY to unlocking the truth of the Bible is “**Ye Must Be Born Again.**” You cannot know this book until by faith you know its Author.

-From the Book: *Signs of the Times* by Dr. M. R. DeHaan

:) Children For Christ :)

The Honor of the Vessel

Memory Verse: II Timothy 2:21 – “If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.”

Please answer the questions below based on this verse:

1. God guarantees the honor of the _____.: A. Vessel B. Toy C. Game
2. I must make the choice to add my _____ to God's sanctification.: A. Pleasure B. Consecration C. Money
3. I do not wish to be a good man but a _____ man.: A. Godly B. Selfish C. Unkind
4. I will not pray to be honorable and useful I _____ to be honorable and useful.: A. Choose B. Don't desire C. Both A & B
5. Choose things we shouldn't do to be vessels of honour to God: A. Nurture or foster forbidden desires B. Dwell on past failures or present weakness. C. Both A & B
6. Choose the things we should do to be vessels of honour to God: A. I will respond to the power of Christ within and that alone; purging my mind, body, and soul of all influences but Christ! B.

I will crucify the flesh with its most righteous and most evil deeds both; bury it and refuse to give it a single breath. C. Both A & B

7. Heb. 4:1-11 says that I am assured of _____ in the promised land of victory.: A. Rest
B. Nothing C. Suffering

<p>“Churches can and do fail, but Christ's Institution can NEVER fail! It's His Church!”</p>	<p>“Master the Bible so that it masters you.”</p> <hr/> <p>“Grow in grace or groan in disgrace.”</p>
<p>“If you don't give away anything God wants you to give, you don't own it, it owns you.”</p> <hr/> <p>Scriptural Mathematics The lad with the loaves and fishes was willing to give up his lunch. SUBTRACTING it from himself, he ADDED it to the resources of Jesus. Jesus DIVIDED the gift, that it might be distributed, and thus it was MULTIPLIED. <i>-Unknown</i></p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for safety and blessings during a recent trip to PA for Brothers Andrew and Craig • Praise God for over 2,500 Bibles (marked NT) distributed in Walpole this spring and summer! <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew • Pray for Pastor Gary Freeman (<i>Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA</i>) who is battling colon cancer. • Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA • Victims of the flooding in Colorado • Pray for the condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision. • Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church • Pray for salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th. • Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)

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Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

His Servants,
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Prov. 3:5-6 1 Thes. 5:18

