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Of all the things that should be in our vessels as believers, delight in the Lord should most definitely be present. To delight in the Lord means to take pleasure in Him as well as in His service and to enjoy His fellowship. How fitting and right that delight in the Lord should follow “Fret Not—Envy Not;” and “Trust in the Lord and Do Good.” Notice that the Bible text says “also.” Delighting in the Lord will follow trusting in Him, for one pleasant duty will be rewarded by another pleasure.

Looking back on this past year I can testify that delighting in the Lord and trusting in Him truly brought me the desires of my heart above and beyond what I could ever have imagined. I say this not to my credit, but all to His. When we choose to trust Him, obey Him, and delight in Him, He blesses us. It is not a blank check for anything we want; there are conditions. When we delight in the Lord His desires become our desires—we want what He wants for us and what will please Him. The marvelous thing is that this promise is for all who trust and delight in Him. I can honestly say that it is true, for as I reflect back on the blessings of this past year I am amazed at how many of my desires He lovingly met.

One desire was for a tank or a helicopter at Retreat! I thought to myself, “Now seriously, there is no way that can happen!” But it did—we have the pictures to prove it, and Scott Stoskopf to thank for securing it for us as well as the men who willingly guarded it all night. What possible purpose could it serve? People came by out of curiosity, and tracts were handed out—so God’s Word went forth because of one little desire.

God lovingly cares about the desires of our hearts. He also cares that those desires are desires that will please Him. As we learn to trust Him, we learn how to make our requests known unto Him—we learn to pray according to His will and not our own.

*He who was bidden not to fret, was then commanded actively to trust, and is now told with holy desire to delight in God. Make Jehovah the joy and rejoicing of thy spirit. There is no room for fretting if we remember that God is ours. Delight in God has a transforming power and lifts a man about the gross desires of our fallen nature. If we let our heart be filled with God till it runs over with delight, then the Lord Himself will take care that we shall not want any good thing.
Charles Spurgeon*

Our next lesson will cover the next two great precepts of Psalm 37. Delight and Commit.

Join us Monday, October 17, as we study these two precepts and apply them to our lives so that our vessels will be useful ones for our Lord.

Mrs. Twila

Memory Verse Challenge

Come to the October Ladies Meeting prepared to say your verses or you may quote them to Crystal or Jodi at any service.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him:
fret not thyself because of him
who prospereth in his way,
because of the man
who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:
fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
Psalm 37:7-8

2011 Fall Challenge

August - Psalm 37:1-3

September - Psalm 37:4-6

October - Psalm 37:7-8

November - Psalm 37:9-11

December - Psalm 37:23-25

WEEDS, SEEDS, AND VESSELS?

By Crystal Ratcliff

I was surprised to realize that the June/July issue began the seventh year of our ladies newsletter. In recent months, I have also had questions from our newer members about the newsletter title and its origin. At the same time, I have come across the parable of the soils in my daily reading in Matthew. Each time I study this passage, God seems to breathe new life into it and this time as I studied, my mind kept returning to our theme of vessels. Through this series of events, God led me to share my heart and a bit of history from our newsletter with you. Here is the first explanation of the newsletter name from so many issues ago...

The Parable of the Soils (Luke 8:4-15) has always interested me, and the lessons I've found within it are endless. We all know the seed is the Word of God. Those by the wayside hear the Word, but the devil snatches it away before they believe. Those on the rock receive the Word with joy, but without roots fall away in time of temptation. Those among the thorns (or weeds) hear the Word, but are choked with the cares, riches, and pleasures of this world. And finally, those on good ground with a good and honest heart hear the Word, keep it, and bring forth fruit.

As believers, we should strive to bring forth fruit. So, together, I hope we can all learn how to pull some weeds (sin) from our own life and sow precious seed in our hearts and in others.

As I studied the parable in Matthew 13:1-9, 19-23 this time my notes are quite similar.

- ♦ Wayside—those that hear the Word, but do not receive it. Satan will come and “remove” that seed of conviction by distraction or deceit.
- ♦ Stony Places—those that receive the Word, but do not grow. They do not develop roots in God's Word so when trouble comes they fall away.
- ♦ Thorns—those that receive the Word, but allow the things of this world to “choke” their faith.
- ♦ Good Ground—those that receive the Word, get rooted in God's Word, and grow, bringing forth fruit of good works and winning others to Christ.

Lessons for us:

- ♦ From the wayside—Be ready to hear. Even as saved people, we need to be ready to hear from God about what He wants to do in our life. And not just hear—but respond—before Satan distracts us or deceives us into thinking we don't need to.
- ♦ From the stony places—We must be rooted in God's Word so we don't fall away. How? Study! Pray!
- ♦ From the Thorns—Be sanctified, set apart. Don't allow sin to take root in our lives. Don't “love” the things in this world (1 John 2:15-16). Doing so will choke out our desire to please God and render us useless for Him.
- ♦ From the good ground—Be good ground! Continue to grow spiritually through Bible study and prayer so that we can bring forth fruit of good works and win others to Christ.

So what does this have to do with vessels? Take for example, the thorns or weeds that are talked about in the parable of the soils. This represents the worldliness and sin that we allow into our life. Weeds are a perfect picture of the constant battle that we face to keep our hearts clean and pure before the Lord.

This summer Chaz and Harley were in charge of our garden. I took some time one day to show them bind weed leaves and how it would wrap around their plants and choke the life out of them if they didn't watch for it. They did an “okay” job, but the bind weed still threatened and took some of their plants. Why? Because it was sneaky and took hold where you couldn't see it right away. Sounds a bit like sin in our life, doesn't it?

In the same way, our vessels can become dirty with sin and worldliness. It doesn't seem too bad at first, but before we know it, we are filthy before Christ and in need of a good scrubbing. The clean vessel is a lot like being good ground. It is what we should strive for in our Christian life—continually growing spiritually and bring forth fruit.

So after seven years, our desire through the newsletter is the same. We want to challenge the ladies of TBC to get sin out of their lives, continue to grow spiritually, and bring forth fruit for the Lord.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory:
no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.



JOSH & RENEE WARNEKE
FIJI ISLANDS

“What an honor and a privilege it is to serve the Lord!” The past two months have been months of blessings for the Warnekes. In July, the Pastor and several of the members from their sending church flew to Fiji to help organize the mission church into an official church. It was a glorious event!

In August, the Warnekes took 21 people to camp and they experienced revival! Three teens were saved, other teens got things right with the Lord and apologized to their parents, one teen burned her worldly magazines and CDs, another teen chose to decline an invitation to a beauty pageant because of the worldly vices to which she would be exposed, and two surrendered to full-time ministry. Bro. Warneke's heart is over-flowing with God's goodness. The Warnekes have also seen six other souls come to know the Lord as their Savior. “God is so good!”

To view this letter in its entirety please visit the *Oceania Missions* page on our website.



MONTE & KRISTA BARLOW
SLOVENIA

“God has blessed His work in several ways and we want to give Him all the glory.” In the past month the Barlows held their first Baptismal service in Slovenia. It was a landmark event. Since they were baptizing in the river they had to wait for a hot day to warm the frigid waters. The day finally came and their son, Micah, and a new Slovenian believer were obedient to their Lord in baptism!

A new work has been started in the capital city of Ljubljana. The Barlows were delighted when 20 people attended. But as with anything new, people are always interested until they find out what is involved. The Barlows desire that the 250,000+ people of Ljubljana would be reached with the Truth before it is too late. Will you pray for them?

To view this letter in its entirety please visit the *European Missions* page on our website.

GRANDPARENTS! (FINALLY)

REX & JAN HARMON
JAMAICA



IT'S A BOY!

Cole Harmon Park
Born: June 14, 2011



DAVE & NANCY MCCRAKEN
EVANGELIST



IT'S A GIRL!

Adeline Joy Moseley
Born: July 7, 2011



PRAY FOR
MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2011
NOVEMBER 16 – 20

Bruce & Sheila Carr – Australia
Furlough Travels

Kenton & Cynthia Connor – Rock of Ages
Deputation Travels

Derrick & Jamie Pemberton – North India
Returned from their Survey Trip on September 30

Jeremy & Mandy Pittman – Uganda
Furlough Travels

Joshua & Wendy Pyle – South Sudan
Deputation Travels

Ron & Kathy Reasoner - Russia
Furlough Travels

Be assured,
if you walk with Him
and look to Him
and expect help from Him,
He will never fail you.
He has never failed me;
but because I was enabled
by His grace to trust Him
He has always appeared for my help.
I delight in speaking well of His Name.

GEORGE MUELLER

Ladies Ministering to Ladies Reminders

The ladies on 'notice' to provide meals
for the month of October:

Kim Long & JoDee Swank

Darlene Melugin & Christine Melugin

Bonnie Cooper & Norma Mystic

Opportunity to Encourage

Send a note to encourage these ladies:

Norma Mystic
459 Eunice
El Dorado, KS 67042

Muriel Mae Whiteside
2764 NW Ohio St
Towanda, KS 67144

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER IS...

...Pastor Appreciation Month
(Pastor's Birthday is October 16)

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – OCTOBER 16 IN HONOR OF OUR PASTOR

A finger food fellowship will follow the evening service.
Use the guide below to know what you can help provide.



<u>Last Name Begins With</u>	<u>Please Bring</u>
A – G	Fruit/Veggie Trays
H – R	Sandwiches/Wraps
S – Z	Chips/Cheese & Crackers

LADIES MEETING

Monday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m.
October Challenge - Psalm 37:7-8

DAY AWAY - LADIES RETREAT - FREDONIA, KS

Saturday, November 7 | Cost \$20.00
Sign-up at the Welcome Center | Deadline 10/19

MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2011

Wednesday - Sunday, November 16-20

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call
upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.
He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him:
he also will hear their cry, and will save them.
Psalm 145:17-18



OCTOBER
PULLIN'
WEEDS
PLANTIN' SEEDS

We waste much time and energy in worrying instead
of simply trusting, delighting, and committing our
ways to the Lord. That's how to find His strength and
wisdom to face our problems and responsibilities for
tomorrow.
Kenneth Osbeck