

As Time Goes By

By Tracey Schell

Having just celebrated my 31st birthday, I am aware of just how fast time passes by. My childhood doesn't seem that long ago in my mind, but a lot of years have passed since then. Nothing can stand against the ravages of time. As the song says, "Time is filled with swift transition, naught of earth unmoved can stand."

Entire civilizations have come and gone, buried beneath the sands of time. The Aztecs and the Incas, once great nations, are now nothing more than archeological footnotes. So just how insignificant does that make our lives?

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away" (1 Peter 1:24).

Has anyone ever given you cut flowers? Their beauty is great, but temporary, and they quickly wither and die in just a few days. So also are the days of our lives. We all want to live a long life, but is there really any such thing? Adam, the first man, lived 930 years. Noah lived 950 years, and old man Methuselah topped them all at 969 years! Moses, by comparison, died young. He only lived a mere 120 years! Most of us will be fortunate if we live half that long.

We are just passing through this world on our way to Heaven or Hell. There are no other options as to where we will end up.

The length of time we are here is irrelevant. What is important is how we live our lives. Will we spend our brief time here in service to God so that we can have a home with him in Heaven, or will we squander our time and end up in eternal damnation?

If you are a Christian already, the task before you is to continue down the road you have wisely chosen and not stray from the path. If you are not a Christian, what are you waiting for? Time is passing you by!

Do not think you have as long as Methuselah to make up your mind. You do not. In fact, you may not even have till tomorrow to make up your mind.

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that" (James 4:14-15).

Do not be like Felix and attempt to wait for a more convenient season. That time may never come. As many a preacher has said, if you are subject to God's call, now is the time of convenience!



Classes This Week

Sunday 5:00 PM Song leading/learning class at 5:00 in college classroom	Tuesday 8:00 PM Truth-seekers Campus Study in Room 2225 in Student Center	Thursday 7 PM Ladies Class at Paula Davis' Home on "Amazing Women of the Bible"
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Sick

Brad Marshall (Allie Hosey's Cousin)	Owen Mauldin (Seth and Summer Mauldin's Son)	Frank Hand (Laura Humphrey's dad)	Sandlyn Fultz (Davis Fultz's Sister)
Gloria Detmer and Carol Dickerson (Toni Herd's Sisters)	Don Lanier (Father of Greg Lanier)	David Hartsell (Holly and Brad's Father)	Kate Miller (Daughter of Brandon and Erin Miller)
Betty Mcareavey (Mary Ann Roberts' mom)	Jim Trull (Phillip Box's grandfather)	Mark Dean (Father of Logan Dean)	Jerry Foropoulos (Anna Jean's Uncle)
Tom Davis (Walker Davis' Uncle)	Quinton Addison (April Jerkins Grandfather)	Danny Weldon (Rusty Weldon's brother)	Bob Cannon (Friend of Holly Law)
Gerald White (Christopher, Anna and Wesley's Father)	Amy Baswell Hall	Emily Stallings (Anna's sister)	John Marvin Rhodes (Toni Herd's cousin)
Toni and William Herd	Joe Perkins (Scott Perkins' Dad)	Toni and William Herd	

February Birthdays

- 2-Ken Sullivan
- 2-Wesley Herd
- 3-Chris Long
- 5-Jude Hosey
- 5-Chase Counsell
- 6-Jackson Fowler
- 13-Leslie Freeman
- 14-Leighton Daniels
- 14-Anna Jean Selsvik
- 15-Ella Miller
- 15-Dave Johnson
- 16-Seth Humphrey
- 18-Caralise Hunt
- 18-Tyler Cox
- 20-Andrew Tominack
- 22-Elizabeth Anne Calvert
- 22-Alexander Calvert
- 23-Greg Lanier
- 23-Luke Carter
- 24-Jeff Jerkins
- 25-Valerie Liverett
- 27-Julie Johnson
- 28-Cole Graviett

News and Notes

- ☒ - Lets keep in our prayers our expectant mothers, Laura Humphrey and Jana Hall!
- ☒ - Rusty Weldon had successful surgery for his sinuses on Monday.
- ☒ - Group meetings will be tonight!
- ☒ - We express sympathy in the loss Neal May. Our prayers are with the family.
- ☒ - We express sympathy to Will Harris in recent loss of his great aunt.
- ☒ - This year's VBS will be June 8-11. VBS topic: "Heroes of the NT"
- ☒ - David Ogle was able to go home from the hospital on Monday!
- ☒ - Scott Perkins' dad, Joe, has a stroke this week. The doctors are hopeful for a quick recovery.
- ☒ - There are slots on the signup list in foyer to prepare Lord's supper.
- ☒ - There are slots on the list in the foyer to join others in public Bible reading groups.

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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

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Pearls From Proverbs: Glorifying in Glory

By Irvin Himmel



It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory (Prov. 25:27).

Honey

A highly nutritious food, honey was often found in ancient times in trees, in holes in the ground, in crevices between rocks, and other places where wild bees might choose to build combs. Samson once slew a young lion, later to return and find bees and honey in the carcass. The honey in the carcass of the lion became the subject of a riddle:

"Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness" (Judg. 14:5-18).

Jonathan once found wild honey in a forest and his eyes brightened when he ate some of it (1 Sam. 14:25-30). Honey was among the food items brought to David and his men at Mahanaim in the days of Absalom's rebellion (2 Sam. 17:27-29). Wild honey was a basic part of the

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diet of John the Baptist (Matt. 3:4).

But because honey is so rich and sweet, it cannot be eaten in large amounts. While it is recommended for food in Proverbs 24:13, there is a warning about eating too much of it in Proverbs 25:16. "Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it."

Some good things can be bad if indulged in to excess. Happy is the person who avoids overdoing.

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Thoughts to Ponder

"How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? (John 5:44)

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Bible Class9:30 AM
Worship10:20 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Classes.....7:00 PM

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Just as too much honey can be nauseous, many things can be carried to harmful extremes. Know when to stop.

Just as it is not good to eat much honey, there is no glory in one's searching out his own glory. The Amplified Bible gives **Proverbs 25:27** as follows: "It is not good to eat much honey, so for men to seek glory, their own glory, causes suffering and is not glory."

(1) Some people fish for praise. Sometimes the real object in one's bragging on another is to solicit a return compliment. He baits the conversational hook with praise, hoping to catch compliments for the feeding of his ego. Sometimes one belittles himself to invite contradiction. He would be furious if someone else said about him what he says about himself. He fully expects to be corrected and told how wonderful he really is!

(2) Some engage in self-centered conversation. They seem to enjoy singing their own praises. But even if one is not praising himself, the habit of talking mainly about one's own self can become offensive to others and appear as egotism.

(3) Preachers are sometimes glory-seekers. And I do not refer now to eternal glory! The example of Paul commends itself to every gospel preacher. "Nor of men sought we glory," said the apostle (**1 Thess. 2:6**). Preachers seeking the praise of men are a sorry lot. "When Christ is to be exalted, the preacher must be willing to be unnoticed" (G. Barlow).

(4) Some allow the love of human glory to keep them from believing on Jesus. The Lord said to unbelieving Jews on one occasion: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall

come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?" (**John 5:43,44**) As Adam Clarke sums it up, "The grand obstacle to the salvation of the scribes and Pharisees was their pride, vanity, and self-love. They lived on each other's praise... This is the ruin of millions. They would be religious, if religion and worldly honor were connected."

(5) Some allow the love of praise to keep them from confessing Christ. "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (**John 12:42, 43**). The Pharisees knew what they were doing when they made it a rule that anyone who confessed Jesus as the Messiah would be excommunicated. Some of the chief rulers believed on him, but they dared not confess him. They did not wish to be kicked out of the synagogue because they were more concerned about the praise of men than the praise of God. What a tragedy!

The person who seeks his own glory is little deserving of honor. Self-praise stinks!

Self-praise is a poor recommendation. The individual who blows his own trumpet and seeks glory for himself is obnoxious. His attitude is the opposite of the spirit of humility taught by the Master.

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"I Don't Want a Divorce"

By Mark White

GOOD! Hopefully, you are saying this when you are not in the process of getting one. It is too late to say "I don't want a divorce" when your mate has hired a lawyer and filed the papers. Married couples must PLAN to stay together. They must make up their minds that they do not want a divorce before some problem brings them to that dreadful point. It is refreshing to hear couples who are facing marital difficulties say, "We don't want to get a divorce." If that is the case, then here are some things that will help you keep that commitment.

1. Don't Marry Someone You Will Have to Change. Marry someone you like just the way he or she is, because that is the way he or she will be! Walking down a marriage aisle will not change what you do not like about the other person (unless it is the bride's maiden name).

2. Put Your Mate Before Every Other Human Being. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends, and even children must play "second-fiddle" to your mate. It's sad that some married people put their children before each other. Actually, the greatest gift parents can give their children is the security which comes from a mother and daddy who love each other more than anyone else.

3. Learn to Express Your Love for Your Mate. Love is never out of style. It is not wrong for mates to be tender with each other. From the wedding day to the golden an-

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niversary and beyond, mates need each other's love.

4. Live Within Your Means. It's easy not to do so. Building up huge debts tends to break down any marriage.

5. Learn Six Important Words. "I am sorry" and "Please forgive me" are phrases not heard very often in many homes.

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6. Build the Self-Image of Your Mate! The tendency is to blast each other with insults and put-downs. Our self-worth in the home is determined mainly by the way our mate treats us. Become a "Chamber of Commerce" for your mate. Be sold on your mate, and let him (or her) know it.

7. Seek Common Interests and Goals. This is becoming more difficult in a society that encourages us to be individualistic; to "do your own thing." Doing things together goes a long way in building a marriage. Christians must make their primary goal that of going to heaven. Work on it together! Find hobbies, etc., that enable both mates to be together.

If you don't want a divorce, then do something to prevent one!

