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**Assembly Times**

*Sundays*  
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
*Wednesdays*  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard  
Of Sound Doctrine***

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**Know Your Bible: Answers**

1. Peter's (Mark 1:30)
2. The marriage bed (Heb. 13:4)
3. Elijah (1 Kings 17:19)
4. Michal, wife of David (1 Sam. 19)
5. The rich woman of Shunem (2 Kings 4:10)

**This Week's Assignments & Events**

**Sunday Worship**

Greeter: Truett Blazek  
Announcements: Gary Tuttle  
Encouragement Talk: Charles Willis  
Opening Prayer: John Van Baale  
Scripture Reading: John Franks  
Luke 6:39-45  
Song Leader: Kevin Buckner  
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco  
Contribution: Josh Emerson  
Helper: Corwin Richardson  
Fruit of Vine: Eddie Bowen  
Helper: Lester Mabry  
Helper: Verlin Wilson  
Closing Prayer: Scott McDearman

**Sunday Afternoons**

Feb 2 Nothing  
Feb 9 3PM Weekend Study  
Feb 16 Nothing  
Feb 23 3PM Visitation Day  
(no meeting at the church building)

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Leader: John Franks  
Speaker: Josh Emerson



# Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”  
Ephesians 6:13

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## The Little Things

Mediocrity is the result of not paying attention to details. Precision, exceptionalism, and excellence are only achieved through great effort in getting details correct. This is true in any endeavor in life, and especially true in our service to God. The vast majority of people who claim to be serving God offer Him a mediocre service, just enough to soothe their own conscience. We must understand God's revealed word about diligence in our service to Him.

*“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much”* (Luke 16:10). If we fail to get the details right, there is no way the overall effort can be right with God. While this is true in regard to the gospel plan of salvation, the application for this article is to the Christian and his service to God. We must not deceive ourselves but understand, if we are a Christian, we must be active, diligently doing the will of God. The little things cannot be overlooked nor dismissed.

We are to be *“zealous of good deeds”* (Titus 2:14), and Christians need to learn *“to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful”* (Titus 3:14). We know passages like this, but we get tired of being the one who always is doing when other Christians do not. We become discouraged by the lack of zeal in others. Nevertheless, *“let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith”* (Gal. 6:9-10).

Some do not have the financial means to contribute large amounts. They may be like the poor widow who came and *“put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent”* (Mark 12:42). She is praised for having given all she had to sustain herself, even though it was so small. The amount of the gift is not what pleases God, but the proper attitude to trust Him and obey Him even in the little things.

Our society believes throwing money at a problem is how you take care of it. Money is

sometimes helpful, and as previously noted, should be given righteous attention. But the vast majority of passages about our service are really not about money, but doing little things that please God. Dorcas is praised for having helped widows with clothes she made (Acts 9:39). Those who will inherit the kingdom are those who gave something to eat or drink, gave someone a place to stay, gave some clothes, visited the sick and those in prison (Matt. 25:34-40). *“And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward”* (Matt. 10:42). *“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world”* (James 1:27). All of us must be diligent to actively participate in doing such little things. We must get involved personally in doing for others. No one can do these things for you—not elders, preachers, deacons, nor any other Christian.

There will always be some who have the ability to make money and thus contribute large amounts. There will always be some who cannot give such large amounts. My experience has been that those who can't give much money tend to give of themselves in service to others to a greater extent than those who have more financial means. I have also seen the opposite attitudes in that some who have little do little for others, and those who have much spend great amounts of time helping others. The lesson we must all learn is that it doesn't matter what your income is. God is not really interested in your financial success. God wants you to be holy, righteous and spiritually successful.

He tells us to pay attention to the little things. Don't let them slip. We must *“be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless”* (2 Pet. 3:14). We cannot be faithful in much till we have learned to be faithful in little. Consider the application of this concept to your prayers, teaching others, training your children in the ways of God, your relationship with your spouse, loving the brethren, attendance to the assemblies, and much more. We must not adopt a view of ourselves as a faithful person when we know we have failed to be faithful in some of the little things. The one who is faithful in the little things will grow stronger in faith and please God. Do a little something for God today, and everyday! by Charles Willis

### Know Your Bible

#### Beds

1. Whose bed-ridden mother-in-law was healed by Jesus?
2. According to Hebrews, what bed should be kept pure?
3. Who raised a dead boy by laying him on a bed and lying on top of him?
4. Who saved her husband's life by putting an idol in his bed, covering it, and pretending it was he?
5. Who put a bed in her home for the prophet Elisha?

Answers On Back

#### Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.

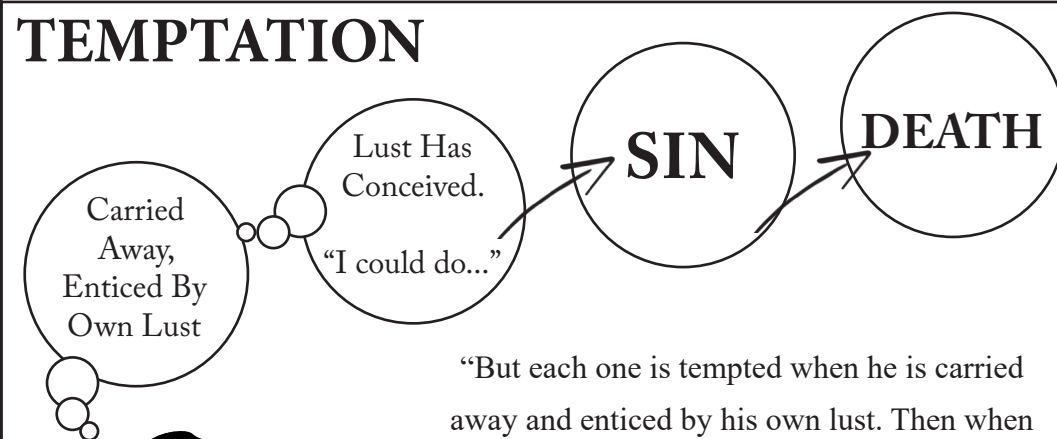


## About a gospel meeting held in Indiana in 1869:

“On Tuesday night, March 23rd, 1869 our meeting at Bloomington, Indiana, of seventeen weeks and two days closed resulting in 224 additions. About 12 from the Baptists and 30 from the Methodists, while both sects were holding protracted meetings during part of the time. More than 100 were heads of families, and near the meridian of life, and of the most respectable citizens. No excitement at any time, and not more than six additions at any meeting, and yet the interest continued to the close and the auditorium was all the time filled, often a number having to go away for want of room. William Black preached 147 sermons, the last as interesting as the first. The church, now numbering 500 members, has been greatly edified and manifest more of the apostolic love and ardour, than is to be seen anywhere in this country. None of us ever witnessed a meeting of such zeal and interest, or a preacher of such untiring energy.”

(From *The Mellinial Harbinger*)

## TEMPTATION



“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

**Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”** (James 1:14-16)

