

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ◆ Amanda Hilburn—diverticulitis
- ◆ Jim Ward—Hospital in Ft. Walton, Rm. 302

Others in Need

- ◆ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ◆ Katie Gonzalez—6, rare disease
- ◆ Michael Hudson—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ◆ Christians overseas, Ukraine
- ◆ Sound Bible schools, Government leaders, military, 1st responders, travelers, the lost, and our enemies

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To Our Visitors



We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Events



November 23
Fourth Wednesday Singing

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Caleb Howze, Ethan Howze
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Glenn Howze
 Helper: David Howze
Scripture Reading—Mark Howze

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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"A Real Man"

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As a fifteen-year-old I desperately wanted to be "six foot two and 180 pounds." That was my idea of a "real man." In case you haven't noticed, the 180 pounds came easily, but the "six foot two" – well it never happened.

Like most young boys, I wanted to grow up fast and have people look at me as a "man." One way to do so was to be an athlete and walk with the pretty girls. I was pretty scrawny in those days, but I learned how to do some of those things pretty well. Some took notice, but it only made me a "male," not a "man."

It didn't take me long to hear the big boys "cuss," using words my Daddy did not allow. It occurred to me that "cussing" added nothing to my stature, so I stayed away from that, but I still wanted to be a "man," and kept looking for the answer.

Down on the old Jacksboro Highway were some shady places that sold beer and hard liquor. That was another thing Daddy did not allow. To hear the big boys talk you had to drink beer to be a "man," but you did not have to watch them very long to see that beer made them act more like fools than "men."

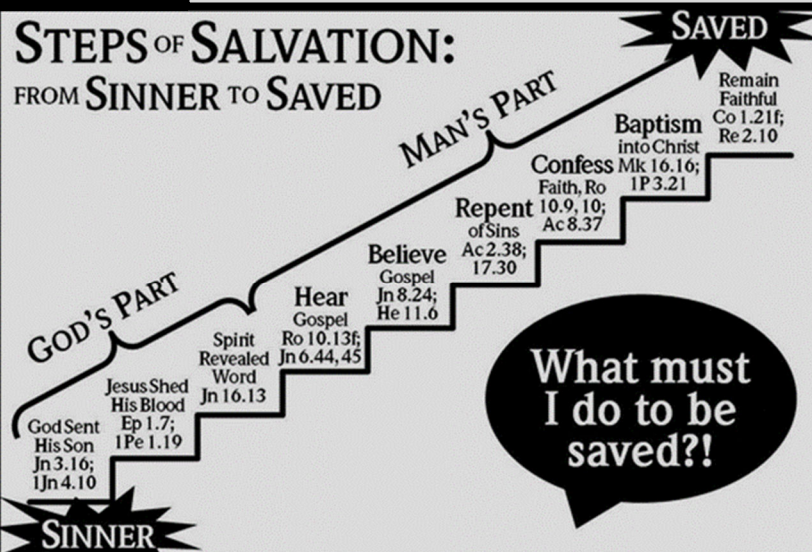
A friend of mine began to wear a tee shirt with the sleeves rolled up, showing his muscles. He looked real "cool", but when I rolled up my sleeves there wasn't much to see.

It took me a while, but I learned that being a "man" did not come from smoking, beer, muscles, athletics or talking to the girls. It came from something inside, something that spelled "character," not "tough." I began to look for some guys that had that character, that were "real men," not just pretenders.

Do you know where I first learned what a "real man" is? It was when I studied my Bible. I found those who had that "character" I was looking for, who had something inside that guided them, not just

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).



What must I do to be saved?!

"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

catching or hitting a ball, not just some external quality. They had something that motivated them to do the right thing, the best thing for themselves as well as for others.

Joseph Was a “Real Man”

How would you react to the situation in which Joseph was thrust? Hated by his brothers, he was sold into slavery in a foreign land and put in prison for something he did not do. Yet, in all that, Joseph did not lose that “character” that makes a male a “real man.”

When he realized his father would not be able to rescue him from his captors, he did not cave in, but determined to do what his father would want him to do. When tempted by a woman to commit fornication, Joseph said, “.. how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” Genesis 39:9. Many today might say fornication is the way to become a “real man,” but Joseph knew better. Sin never makes anyone a “real man.”

Micaiah Was a “Real Man”

Years before Micaiah was born, God inspired Moses to write, “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil,” Exodus 23:2. Being God’s prophet, it was Micaiah’s duty to say what God wanted him to say. In 1 Kings 22, Ahab and Jehoshaphat were considering going to war against an enemy. Ahab told his “prophets” to lie, saying God wanted them to go to war. Micaiah was God’s prophet, not Ahab’s. Note his response to Ahab’s demand: “As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak,” 1 Kings 22:14. He stood alone before the wrath of the king, but he did not waver or hesitate. Truly, he was a “real man.”

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego Were “Real Men”

They had enjoyed positions of honor, but now they faced a fiery furnace, heated seven times greater than before, Daniel 3:19. What must they do to avoid this fate? Merely bow before Nebuchadnezzar’s golden image. They refused, making the king furious. He gave them a second chance to obey, and their response to the king’s threats reveals true manhood, real courage: “Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up,” Daniel 3:17-18. They knew what God could do, but even if He did not deliver them, they would not bow down to the image because God had forbidden it, Exodus 20:5. They were “real men.”

These Deserve Our Respect Today

- Every young man or woman who refuses to dress in the immodest fashions of today.
- Men, whether old or young, whose speech is in harmony with what a Christian should speak, rejecting profanity, Colossians 4:6.
- Elders of the Lord’s church who use God’s Word to stop the “mouth” of those who embrace false doctrine, Titus 1:11.
- Parents who teach their children early in life to do what is right and refuse that which is wrong, and then live in harmony with what they teach, Ephesians 6:4.
- Bible teachers who study, prepare, and teach God’s truth to their students.
- Husbands who truly “love” their wives and treat them with respect, Ephesians 5:25.

Learning to Be Content

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Many young people are constantly wishing to be older, and when they are old, they wish to be younger! Contentment seems to elude most people. When many children are in school, they cannot wait until they get their driver’s license. When they have that, they cannot wait to be old enough to graduate high school. Then they cannot be content until they graduate college or find their dream job, and after that they cannot wait until they retire. Finally, when old enough to retire, they may wish they were young again! If we are not careful, our whole lives will pass without us ever having learned how to be happy and content.

If anyone in this world should be content, it is faithful Christians, who have the greatest blessings in existence (Ephesians 1:3). God has blessed us beyond compare, and He wants us to learn how to be content:

“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (Philippians 4:11).

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content” (1 Timothy 6:6-8; cf. Luke 3:14).

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

There seems to be a direct correlation between a person’s gratitude and his level of contentment. If we are ungrateful or take the blessings we enjoy for granted, we will inevitably become discontented. On the other hand, if we are extremely thankful for every blessing (big or small) from God (James 1:17), this is surely a critical key to contentment and peace. *“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful” (Colossians 3:15; cf. 3:17; Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:6, 7; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Hebrews 13:15).*

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