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THE CHRISTIAN'S OPPORTUNITIES AND TEMPTATIONS IN THE SUMMER

MIKE WILLIS

Summer has arrived. The children are out of school and the weather is nice enough that you can grill hamburgers, go on a picnic, and enjoy the beauties of God's wonderful creation. Summer lends itself to some wonderful opportunities and some temptations as well. This month's theme is "The Christian's Opportunities and Temptations in the Summer."

I want to thank David Dann for organizing the lessons and choosing the writers for this month's *Truth Magazine*. I have a high regard for David, inasmuch as we spent a year together in a two-preacher arrangement. He became fast friends with my son, Corey, and a better friend could not be found. Teenagers look up to those who are a few years older than them and David was there at just such a time for Corey. He could not have had a better person to talk to than David. What David may not know is that Corey is the one who asked the men's business meeting to invite a young preacher to work with the congregation for the summer and then suggested just the man for the job – David. What pleasant memories!

THE CEI LECTURE SERIES

This series of articles discusses various opportunities for spiritual activities that summer brings. One special opportunity is to attend the CEI Lecture series that will be held July 8-12th. On Friday, July 5th, there will be a singing held at the Athens Bible School auditorium that will "kick off" our lecture program. Last year, we had 350-400 people in attendance and it was an inspiring evening. The lecture program itself will begin on Monday evening, July 8th. Our theme this year is *Build Strong Homes*, in order to have strong churches and a strong nation.

Another of the opportunities families will have is to attend this series of lectures which reminds us of some of the problems confronting American homes. Christians we can do much to overcome the dangers these problems present. The American home is broken, in many cases; the government is trying to redefine what constitutes a marriage (homosexual "marriages") and has made divorce easy (no-fault divorce

laws). The result is that many children are raised in single-parent homes, mostly in such cases, in fatherless homes. There are evils lurking in our society that threaten the home: pornography, sexual infidelity, being too busy. Husbands need to be reminded of these dangers and how to escape them. Women are tempted to be "supermoms," sometimes neglecting the hours needed to develop their own spirituality and to train their children. And, children need attention – the right attention at the right moment in time. We will have a special children's track of lectures on how to develop character in children.

The CEI lecture program is one of the spiritual opportunities that the summer presents to families. We hope that you can and will join us in this special series of lessons.

SUMMER JOBS

Summer jobs offer a special opportunity for young people to grow and mature. From an early age, we gave our children tasks around the house. They needed to learn their part in making the home function. They were not paid for these tasks anymore than I was paid for mowing the lawn. This was part of being a member of the family.

When they were old enough, they were allowed to work outside of the home. Frankly, driving them to and from their entry level jobs was sometimes more costly than the money they made. However, it was wonderful training ground. They learned to be responsible to do the jobs assigned to them by their employer. They learned how to manage the money they earned. They learned to pay for their mistakes and foolish choices. When they were old enough to go out on their own, both of our children were prepared and have been able to care for themselves from the beginning.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Our children attended summer camps for many years. This was especially useful to Corey, who made many lifelong friends from that circle of friends. We also enjoyed the family trips we took together to

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SUMMER

MARK MAYBERRY

Creating the heavens and the earth, God placed our planet in a circular orbit around the sun. Seasons exist because the earth is tilted on its axis (at an angle of about 23.5 degrees) as it moves around the sun. Depending upon the time of year, this tilt may direct more sunlight on one hemisphere or the other, providing more or less sunlight.

Summer is the warmest season of the year, falling between spring and autumn. The date for the beginning of summer varies according to climate and culture. Typically, it runs from June to August in the northern hemisphere and from December to February in the southern hemisphere. Calculated astronomically, it extends from the summer solstice to the autumnal equinox, i.e., June 20-21 to Sept. 22-23. In the United States, the summer season traditionally begins on Memorial Day weekend (the last weekend in May) and ends on Labor Day weekend (the first weekend in September).

In an age of doubt and denial, let us recall the Biblical affirmation: God made summer and winter (Psa. 74:17). The Master of All has decreed that while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease (Gen. 8:22).

Changing seasons are filled with contrasts. Winter brings cold, while summer brings heat. Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, autumn begets maturing fruit and falling leaves. Winter storms of snow and rain are followed by the cloudless days and parching drought of summer.

In nature's tapestry, greens follow grays, which yield, in turn, to an explosion of fall colors. Jesus alluded to such cycles in the parable of the fig tree (Matt. 24:32-35; Mark 13:28-31; Luke 21:29-33).

A concordance search of the Bible produces 25 occurrences of the word "summer." When these are arranged according to content, contrasting themes emerge. Spiritual lessons are communicated through the natural realm and the changing seasons.

“Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.”

CONTRASTING DUE DILIGENCE AND LOST OPPORTUNITY

For many, especially students, summer represents a break from regular routines. Alice Cooper's 1972 hit song, "School's Out," remains popular, having been used in many movies, television shows, and commercials. "No more pencils, No more books, No more teacher's dirty looks . . . School's out for summer . . . School's out forever. . . ." Yes, a change of pace is often refreshing. Jesus recognized the benefits of rest and recuperation after strenuous labors: "Speaking to His disciples, He said, 'Come



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away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.' For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat" (Mark 6:31).

Summer is a time for manifesting due diligence, but for those who are neglectful, it is a lost opportunity. Although the ants are not a strong people, they prepare their food in the summer and gather provision in the harvest (Prov. 6:8; 30:25). A wise son shows similar industriousness, but a son who sleeps in harvest acts shamefully (Prov. 10:5). The Bible often refers to "summer fruits" (2 Sam. 16:1, 2; Isa. 16:9; 28:4; Jer. 40:10, 12; 48:32; Amos 8:1, 2). Summer is a time of ingathering, i.e., reward and return on one's labors.

Speaking of fields being white unto harvest, Jesus communicated a sense of urgency in saying, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work" (John 4:34-38). We also must redeem the time, making the most of each opportunity (Eph. 5:15-16; Col. 4:5). Neglecting such may result in the plaintive cry, "Harvest is past, summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20).

CONTRASTING THINGS APPROPRIATE AND INAPPROPRIATE

Biblical references to summer sometimes signify events that are inappropriate or inopportune. "Like snow in summer and like rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool" (Prov. 26:1). "For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer" (Psa. 32:4). In like measure, our behavior may be inappropriate (in wearing of immodest attire), or inopportune (in facing unexpected illness or injury).

Similarly, material blessings must be properly employed. Amos rebuked ancient Israel for their iniquities and transgressions, including their idolatry and also their indolent affluence: "I will also smite the winter house together with the summer house; the houses of ivory will also perish and the great houses will come to an end," declares the Lord (Amos 3:15). In this context, summer houses symbolize affluence and wealth.

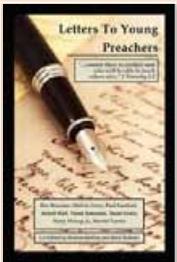
Wealth may be a blessing or a curse. There is nothing sinful with plenteous possessions, including having the wherewithal to travel south in the winter (like proverbial snowbirds), and also enjoy summer houses, cottages, and/or timeshares in the mountains. Yet, we must not neglect our spiritual responsibilities, such as faithful attendance (Heb. 10:23-25) and regular giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

CONTRASTING DIVINE FAVOR AND DISFAVOR

This special series will focus upon popular summer pastimes that are inappropriate for Christians. Spirituality should not be seasonal, but constant and consistent. Please consider each of these articles, proving them by divine precept, and making proper application. Summer may be a time of divine blessing (Zech. 14:8), as well as an occasion of judgment and reckoning (Isa. 18:6; Dan. 2:35). Let us resolve to use the blessings of summer in an appropriate manner, conducting ourselves as Christians, being good stewards of the grace of God, incurring His favor, and not His wrath.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

STEVEN DEATON

VBS is a terrible idea if it is turned into a VES, Vacation Entertainment Session. Churches that have fallen

into the denominational trap of “me-too” in an attempt to attract a crowd shame the cause of Christ and ought to be rebuked. The church is the pillar and ground of truth, not a summer day camp with spiritualized games, entertainment, and recreational activities (1 Tim. 3:15).

That being said, a Vacation Bible School can be a great tool in teaching the gospel. With many children out of school for a good portion of the summer, it is an excellent opportunity to have a special series of Bible classes. During the school year it can be difficult to gather a group of young people for more than a day or two. With a long break in the summer months an extended series of studies can take place that allow for more in-depth concentration on a subject.

CONCENTRATED STUDIES

Churches routinely host specific Bible studies for the benefit of various segments of people. This is a sound practice based on Titus 2:1-10, where Paul breaks down brethren into older men, older women, younger women, and younger men. It is an acknowledgement that different groups need teaching directed at their level of growth and relative situation in life.

A week of lessons focused on school-aged children will help them to gain greater

knowledge, maturity, and zeal for the Lord. The lessons might be about any number of things that will help them as they live in a world of trials, temptations, ignorance, and opposition to truth. Some themes might include:

- Creation VS. Evolution
- The Reliability of the Bible
- The Existence of God
- Respect For Authority
- Choosing Friends

Children need to be taught and strengthened against the influences of the world. While it is the parents’ duty, namely the father’s, to teach them, the church has a role too (Eph. 6:4).

BENEFITS TO THE CHURCH

Beyond the growth of children who regularly attend services, a VBS is an occasion to invite other young people to study the Bible (Mk. 16:15). If conducted properly, the visitors can be greatly impressed with the difference between what they normally experience and a true vacation BIBLE school. Thus, doors may be opened to entire families through the children. Also, why not offer classes for adults at the same time?

Additionally, members have another occasion to work in the Lord’s kingdom. All can invite others to attend. Some might apply their talents in preparing materials, helping set up the classes, or creating invitations. As Christians engage in the work, they grow.

A VBS also provides an opportunity for a number of people to grow by teaching the classes. The teacher always learns and benefits more than the students. Thus, the church can develop teachers, including high school or college-aged Christians. This always adds a layer of strength and maturity to a church.

MATERIALS

Puppets are not needed. Children can learn without all the props. So, the excuse of “how can we make all the stuff needed” is not really a reason to avoid a VBS.



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As with any other teaching done by the congregation, it must first be biblically sound (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 4:11). It should be directed and developed for the audience, that is, tailored to a degree to the different age levels. The content should also be solid, not shallow. Many materials on the market are so watered down good teachers spend about as much time trying to beef up the content as they would starting from scratch.

If you do not want to develop your own material or labor to strengthen weak content, then you might want look at Shaping Hearts or other materials offered by CEI Bookstore. You can contact them at 855-492-6657 or www.CEIbooks.com to find out more.

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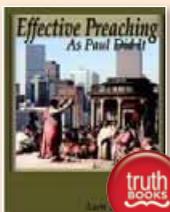
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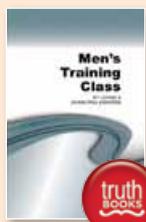


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SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM FOR A YOUNG MAN WHO WANTS TO PREACH

JESSE FLOWERS

believe that one of the greatest needs in the Lord's church today is for young men to be trained to preach the gospel. Think about it. In any other profession training is required, whether it be an electrician, welder, plumber, or doctor. Even when a young person is hired to work at a fast-food restaurant, training is required.

However in this case, we are talking about those who are responsible to handle accurately the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15), the inspired Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16), and the words of eternal life (John 6:68). So then, it should come as no surprise that we should expect and demand some training for a man who is charged to: "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Tim. 4:2).

Of course, the Lord does not require any degrees or initials by our name in order for us to be qualified to preach. However, the Lord does require certain characteristics (see 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus) from those who would "preach the word," and summer training programs can help immensely with this.

Briefly consider the teaching and training that young Timothy received from Paul during those crucial years he traveled and worked side-by-side with the great apostle (Acts 16-20). In fact, Paul fully expected Timothy to pass on that instruction to other men. "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). Should we not do the same?

Surely we would not expect a young man to possess the knowledge, ability, and experience to preach if local churches do not take the time and make the necessary efforts to train them. I am so thankful to God for the four congregations that helped me a great deal in my training and development as a gospel preacher.

When I first expressed a desire to preach around the age of 18, I was tremendously blessed to be invited by the elders of the Silver

Street church of Christ in New Albany, Indiana to participate in their summer training program. Talk about being "green" or "wet behind the ears" – that certainly described me when I arrived there in the summer of 1993. That being the case, it's hard to imagine a better arrangement for me personally than to be able to work with and learn from Guy Roberson.

Brother Roberson possessed a lot of great qualities that made the arrangement ideal for a young man in a summer training program. He was very patient with me and attentive to me. He spent a great deal of time with me each week.

1. After I preached a lesson, he would go over my sermons with me and give me helpful pointers. Even on one occasion when I unintentionally taught something wrong, he kindly corrected my misunderstanding and explained the truth clearly to me (Acts 18:26).

2. He gave me a workbook on "Authority" by Billy Moore that contained around 26 lessons, and would go over those lessons with me each week (Col. 3:17). Allow me to add here how important it is for all young men who desire to preach to also thoroughly study, understand, and respect the authority of the Bible. I'm convinced this one area alone would have such a profound effect upon the content and soundness of preaching today (1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Tim. 4:1-5)!

3. He would take me with him to visit the sick in homes and hospitals (Matt. 25:36).

4. He would take me with him to visitations and funerals (Eccl. 7:2).

5. He would have me over in his home to eat lunch and visit with him and his sweet wife Juanita (Rom. 12:13).

6. He gave me two very important books to aid me in my teaching and preaching – *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*. I still have them, cherish them, and use them.

Not only did I gain experience from the

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preaching opportunities, but also teaching Bible classes, doing studies with the young people in the members' homes, speaking on the radio (with Greg Litmer), and writing articles for the bulletin.

The encouragement I regularly received from Guy, the elders, and the members was so important at the early age and stage of my development as a preacher (Acts 11:21-23). In fact, I'm convinced that more young men would preach if they also received the sort of encouragement and constructive criticism that I received along the way (1 Thess. 5:11).

I was also greatly helped in the training I received at the Danville church of Christ in Kentucky when I spent the summer of 1994 working with Steve Wolfgang. I, of course, gained more experience in preaching sermons. I taught the high school Bible class. Once again I did Bible studies with the young people. Steve studied restoration history with me (1 Pet. 4:11). I was able to grow in my ability to write bulletin articles as well as teach God's Word on the radio.

I then spent the next two summers in Bancroft, Ontario working with a small congregation. In the summer of 1995, David Dann and I worked together, and the next summer I was there by myself. This work was unique in a number of ways. For the first time I was not working and learning from an older preacher. I gained a lot of needed experience from teaching adult Bible classes (Heb. 5:12-14). And those two summers helped me tremendously in personal evangelism with doing cold door-knocking and teaching home Bible studies (Matt. 9:37-38).

And then finally, in the summer of 1997 I was invited to come work with Terry Slack in Marion, Indiana at the Woodland Hills church of Christ. Naturally, I continued to grow and gain more experience as I developed and preached sermons, taught the high school class on Sunday morning, and the adult Bible class on Wednesday nights. I continued to write bulletin articles. I did Bible studies with the young people. Terry also spent a lot of time with me each week in the work that we did. He helped me in a number of ways, especially in helping me become much more effective in teaching the lost the gospel (Mark 16:15-16). This phase of my life was really crucial as I was about to make the transition to full-time preaching.

Something else that was very special about that summer was the two intense weeks that I spent with other men in the preacher-training program of the Ellettsville, Indiana church of Christ. Countless younger and older men have been taught sound doctrine about the work of the preacher through the years by the tireless efforts of Johnie, Johnie Paul, and John Isaac Edwards (as well as others). The Guardian of Truth Foundation provided each student with many Bible related books and material.

I look back with great fondness and gratitude upon all of these congregations for providing me with the opportunity to develop into a preacher of the gospel. I was fortunate to take a number of Bible college courses that no doubt helped increase my knowledge a great deal. However, it was these summer training programs that helped me the most in being the preacher that I am today.

I am so thankful for the many churches that continue to offer to help train young men to preach the gospel. I hope and pray that more churches will become involved in this noble and rewarding work. Of course, it is vital that the young man work with a preacher and eldership that are sound in the faith (Titus 1:9, 13; 2:1-2). And it is crucial that the young man be an example to the believers, so that the brethren will have no reason to despise his youth (1 Tim. 4:12).

Long ago the apostle Paul penned these words: "For 'whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.' How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!'" (Rom. 10:13-15). Elders, older preachers, and brethren everywhere – there is a desperate need in this lost and dying world for more faithful gospel preachers! Will you rise to the need and challenge to train young men that desire to preach the gospel of peace? The Lord is counting on you to say "Yes!"



SUMMER: TIME AVAILABLE FOR DRAWING CLOSER TO FAMILY

KEVIN D. MAXEY

What are your plans for this summer? Relax? Grill out? Tackle the yard? Take a well deserved vacation? All these are wholesome activities, but what are your specific plans to lead your family closer together and closer to the Lord? God is blessing you with three short months to purposefully use or mindlessly squander. Thirteen weeks to redeem the time with your family (Eph. 5:16). Ninety days that your children will remember for the rest of their lives. Two thousand one hundred sixty hours to treasure or regret. How many parents with grown children wish they could go back in time and have just one “do over” summer?

I WILL DRAW MY FAMILY CLOSER TOGETHER THIS SUMMER BECAUSE:

1. The average family will drift apart this summer. According to current statistics the average family will **NOT** spend much time together. Average parents will have only 5.5 minutes of meaningful conversation with their children per day (A.C. Nielson Company) and 57% won't even make time to eat a meal together (*Journal of American Medicine*). Thirty-three percent of those who do eat together do so with the television on. This same distracted parent, however, will find time to spend seven hours surfing the internet and thirty-four hours watching television each week. Children are embracing this era of disconnection, led by their parents, and this summer the children will spend more than fifty-three hours a week on electronic media such as cell phones, I-pads, video games, and computers (*USAToday*, January 20, 2010). If you have no specific, intentional plan to unite your family this summer, your family unit will be like most others following the path of least resistance, which leads down the road of mindless, worldly, electronic entertainment.

2. Satan is determined to separate and destroy my family unit. What is so dangerous about the previously listed time statistics? Listen to the powerful words of the angel Gabriel, “who

stands in the presence of God” (Luke 1:19). This messenger of the Almighty explained to Zacharias that one of the main purposes for John’s ministry would be to prepare the world for the coming Christ by turning “the hearts of the fathers to the children” (Luke 1:17). Satan fully understands the converse of this point. In order to harden the world against Jesus, he must turn the hearts of the fathers away from the children. Satan must distract, preoccupy, and divide the family unit. If I do not make time for my children this summer, Satan certainly will. “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psa. 127:1).

3. Time with my family is an immeasurable blessing from God. “But I’m tired . . . I’ve been working all day . . . I need a break . . . I need some ‘me’ time.” These thoughts race through our minds as we try to justify telling our children for the umpteenth time, “Not now, honey. Run along and go play another violent video game or watch another disrespectful, sexually charged TV show.” This is your moment of opportunity. Do not fail in this. Time is a gift from God, to be used to HIS glory. God’s protective blessing can be bestowed through the efforts of purposeful, determined parents. (a) *God surrounds the blessed man with peaceful family time.* “Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table” (Psa. 128:1-4). (b) *Family time is a reprieve to the godly man who lives in a wicked world.* As Solomon describes the numerous vanities of living in this unjust world, he repeatedly concludes, “Live joyfully with the wife whom you love . . . there is nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink and be merry” (Eccl. 9:9; 8:15; 5:18; 3:12-13). Do not let the injustice of life discourage, distract, and distance you. Go home and enjoy your family. (c) *The time you invest in your family now will return exponential blessings upon you later.* “Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but

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shall speak with their enemies in the gate” (Psa. 127:3-5). *(d) Family time not only blesses your future but blesses the future of your children and your children’s children.* “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up” (Deut. 6:7). This focused daily, hourly family time will bless “you, your sons, and your grandsons all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged” (Deut. 6:2; 11:18-21). *(e) Family time is a training ground for future leaders of the kingdom.* “If a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?” (1 Tim. 3:4-5). Consider the negative example of the leader Eli who did not invest time in his children. Unthinkable and irreparable physical and spiritual damage followed (1 Sam. 2-4). This is not complicated. God wants to bless you. You just need to listen to His word, trust Him, and build your family His way.

4. Without a specific, decisive plan I am sure to fail. “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Prov. 28:19). This is Satan’s moment. He is craftily armed, and in pursuit of the souls of our children.

After one more week of near exhaustion of our family running in twenty different directions (soccer practices and games, boy scouts, music lessons, American heritage girls, karate, home school groups, birthday parties, sleepovers), I had had enough! A good parent keeps their children involved in multiple activities, right? God did not charge anyone else with the blessing of nurturing and admonishing my children. He charged fathers, and gave fathers their own “family pack.” I am not saying that outside activities are wrong, but I do caution that an overloaded social calendar that routinely divides the family unit is detrimental to the health of the family. Before committing to another event you must ask yourself, “Does this strengthen or splinter the family unit?”

So I called a family meeting and we gathered around the white board. I asked my children (ages 2-12), “What do you want us to do together as a family?” They quickly threw up their hands

in excitement and said they wanted to go to the library, do crafts, and building projects, shoot their bb guns and bow and arrows, read books, have game nights, go to the Recreation Center, take fun field trip outings, etc. I also led them with questions like, “What does God want us to do?” Their solemn answers were that God wants our hearts, our worship, thoughtful time in His word, and purposeful times of actively serving others. Together, we charted out our own family schedule: Monday is Library night, Tuesday is Craft Night, Wednesday is Bible class, Thursday is Rec. center night, Friday is family game night, Saturday we do a family work project and a family fun project, and Sunday we worship God and give ourselves and our home to hospitality. Every night that is not a worship assembly night we have a 5-15 minute devotion. Once a week the children pick someone to serve – by writing a card, making cookies, paying a visit, etc. And once a week I have a one-on-one meeting with each child for 5-10 minutes during which we discuss progress, correction, praise, and any concerns each child wants to discuss in private.

Now it’s your turn. Look at this upcoming summer as a trial period. You have thirteen weeks. What will you make of this gift from God? Mindless “me” time? Or, time becoming mighty in the LORD?

Turn off the TV, shut down the internet, get off Facebook and Pinterest, turn off the cell phone, Gameboys, iPads, Kindles, and the Wii and TURN ON the spiritual hearts of your children. Get out a pen, notepad, calendar and a Bible. Determine now to make this summer a mindful, meaningful, positive, and purposeful investment with the gift of time.

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TIME AVAILABLE FOR SPENDING TIME WITH FELLOW CHRISTIANS

MICHAEL WALLS

Ahhh Summer!

The kids are out of school, the weather has turned everyone outside, the lake beckons, and there is finally time to have some fun! Mom and dad do not have to worry about getting the kids to bed at a “reasonable hour.” There is time to take that vacation to the mountains the family has been waiting for. For two solid months the normal routine of daily living is thrown off and it is time to relax.

Amid all of this rapturous freedom let us not forget about our brethren! Sure, we all need recreation time – even Jesus took breaks from his normal routine. Sure, we all need to spend time with our families – Jesus took time out with His family and close friends. But we also must be careful about wasting time. We still have responsibilities to our brethren. Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:15-16, “*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*” The context continues with the need to

understand God’s will, to admonish one another in song, and to submit to one another. Thus, redeeming the time in part requires attention to our brethren and summer provides the perfect additional opportunity to “*stir up love and good works*” (Heb. 10:24)

By all means take that vacation. Sleep in a little if you can. Take the boat out on the lake. But do not forget about your brethren. Just as you have a little more time, so do they. Take advantage of the fact that the new couple at church with three kids does not have to worry about early bed times and invite them over for dinner and conversation. If you do not have children, or perhaps home school your own, it is easy to forget how difficult having children in public school can be. Summer provides the perfect opportunity to get around that. Take advantage of the good weather and invite people to go fishing or boating with you (or readily accept an invitation to do so). Everyone has his fishing buddies, but cast the net wider while you can – you just might be surprised at the company. You might invite brethren to learn a new hobby. Several years ago some of the men from my home congregation decided to learn to scuba dive. Several men were asked, a few learned, and closer friendships were made! Some were recent converts, some old hands. Some were teenagers, some older men. ▶



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Several men who have come since have also learned, and the circle of friendship widened further. The point is, take advantage of the greater recreational opportunities to get to know your brethren better, you will not regret it. I write this as a man, but you ladies can do much the same thing. For example, more than once several of the ladies have taken a short vacation together, without husbands and kids, for much needed bonding time. It works! Take the initiative and do something with your brethren; do not wait for them to ask you.



More time can and should also be devoted to Bible study.

The summer is not all about recreation, however. More time can and should also be devoted to Bible study. Many congregations of God's people schedule meetings during the summer so that more people can attend. Go! Do not make excuses! Redeem the time! Meet new brethren, see old friends, and hear different preachers proclaim God's Word (I know I get tired of hearing myself preach week in and week out). Florida College and other entities offer various camps held during the summer where young people can congregate. There are often opportunities to attend or hold vacation Bible schools. At my congregation we typically have a much more wide open Bible class format on Sunday mornings, choosing special topics of particular interest to the local body. Often men's training classes and teacher training classes are held during the summer. Over and above these types of congregational activities, summer affords us more opportunity for small Bible studies as well, and for the same reasons it affords more time for recreation – the children are freer which frees the parents as well. I am certainly not saying that we can avoid these things during the school year only to "catch up" on them during the summer. Far from it, but we

should not squander the opportunities summer provides either.

Paul, in laying out the qualities of a sound church in his letter to Titus, makes reference to several characteristics that are applicable to our discussion. Older men and women are to be examples to the younger men and women on how to behave in general, with their spouses, and with other brethren. Is it possible to teach or learn proper behavior in the roughly four hours per week we spend at church where we are largely engaged in sitting and listening? I say no, this can only be done via constant contact – contact that can often be boosted during the summer months. James urges Christians, "*Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another. . .*" (James 5:16). Again I ask, can this be accomplished in the short time we spend together in church? No, I do not believe so. While "going forward" after an invitation has its uses, it is not really what James was referring to. Rather it is only through constant meaningful contact that we learn to trust one another, rely on one another, and to confide in one another. Can an elder "oversee" his flock (1 Pet. 5:2) if he is not constantly out among the flock seeing how they live and move, himself a part of that flock? Of course not, that is absurd.

Many other commands, such as, "*Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another*" (Rom. 12:10) or "*This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you*" (John 15:12) or even "*For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'*" (Gal. 5:13), cannot possibly be fulfilled in four hours time. So, once again, while you are contemplating all the things you will be able to do during the summer months, do not neglect your brethren. Just as you have more time, so do they.

Now go and use your time wisely and profitably!

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TIME AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN TO WORK

Idle hands are the devil's workshop. While that statement is not Scripture, it is true. It is illustrated by the Lord's story about the man who rid himself of an evil spirit but put nothing in its place and he was overtaken again (Luke 11:24-26). Summer time is down time for our children; therefore, it can be a spiritually dangerous time. In years gone by young people worked jobs along with going to school so that when summer arrived they just spent more time with their jobs they already had. Today, our modern American society is different. There is a great premium placed on education and learning. We spend our school years studying, studying, and more studying, and when summer arrives, we are FREE! While it is good to take a break from time to time and go on a vacation, it is important to remember what we as parents are trying to do with our children. We want to prepare them to be able to stand on their own two feet one day. Scripture says, "Each one shall bear his own load" (Gal. 6:5). Our children should learn this early. In fact, they should be reminded that all their schooling and part-time working is leading them to full-time work to provide a living for themselves one day. Summer time is a great time to instill this training.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6).

Summer time should not be lazy time. Scripture says much about the lazy man and it never put a positive spin on being lazy.

A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame (Prov. 10:4-5).

The sluggard does not plow in the by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing (Prov. 20:4).

Further, we know how important work is to God.

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground (Gen. 3:19).

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: if anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat (2 Thess. 3:10).

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ (Col. 3:23-24).

I remind young people to treat school as their work and they should work hard unto the Lord.



I remind young people to treat school as their work and they should work hard unto the Lord. When school ends then they should find some other type of work. Godly parents should help them do this. Nothing can be better for them. At a young age give special house projects and yard projects that require them to labor and sweat. Show them much satisfaction comes from a job well done. God had satisfaction when He finished His creative labor and saw "it was very good" (Gen. 1:31). Having been made in His image

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we can feel such satisfaction from our labor, too. Parents should also not neglect our spiritual work during summer breaks but lead by example. This is a great opportunity to take our children door-knocking in the community.

In high school I worked different jobs for different companies. You learn the importance of being on time, working with others, and the reward for hard work. It is also true that these lessons are learned while working with the saints locally. However, with secular work you earn a wage that begins to demonstrate you can live off of your labor. One of my first jobs was a fast food restaurant. It was hard work, and it also taught me that I didn't always want to work fast food. I did it for over a year and learned many lessons from it, even if one of the lessons was I don't want to do this forever! Don't let your children think they are above such labor. There are lessons to be learned from any good honest labor (1 Thess. 4:11).

During my college summers I spent time honing and closing the gap on what I wanted to do for work. My degree was in Computer Science, so I did some internships along

those lines. I also had a desire to preach the gospel and so I spent three summers working with different preachers and churches. When graduation day came, I knew what I wanted to do. I chose to preach the gospel and am thankful I did. I knew the "pay" was not going to be equal between the two choices. But you learn that "pay" is not what life is all about. We must provide for our own, and sometimes preachers must work secularly in order to do that. Working secularly at an early age gives you skills you can use again if necessary. It was the summer time that allowed me to test these waters. And it will do the same for your children, too. Let us train our young children. We would love for them to be children forever always in our care, but that is not realistic. Treasure your daily moments together, but if we truly love them then we want them to have a happy life. And life goes beyond childhood. And Scripture says you can't have a happy life without a strong work ethic.

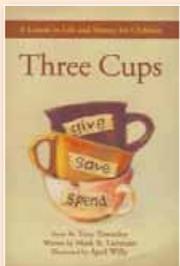
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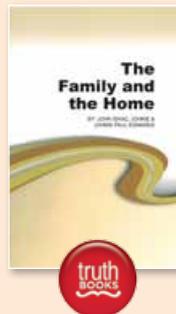
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TIME FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

PHILIP MARTIN

With summer here, the schooling schedule over, longer days of sunlight, families everywhere are looking forward to a bit of respite from the daily grind of the everyday work week. Albert Camus wrote: *“In the midst of winter, I found there was within me an invincible summer, and it made me happy because that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me there’s something stronger – something better, pushing right back.”* Summer certainly is a great time to relax, build a better relationship with your family and enjoy God’s creation. When set against the starkness of its opposing season it might be better seen as a great time for productivity and growth.

8 KEY PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESSFUL GROWTH

1. Spiritual growth is a choice. Spiritual growth does not happen by accident. You must make it your intention to grow> You choose to refine yourself and it begins with that decision. Just as a child moves to maturity, the Bible reminds us that our faith makes that same journey. “. . .like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation” (1 Pet. 2:2). Growth will afford us not only new strength, but greater responsibility as well. Each step forward is a commitment to choose God, to choose His will, to pick up your cross, and to follow after Him. We must know His will in order to accomplish it. Bury yourself in His word, study and meditate upon it.

2. Spiritual growth is incremental. When we sing the sweet refrain “Each step I take just leads me closer home,”¹ we acknowledge that our journey comes one step at a time. We see it in the creation around us; little ones stumble then run; mutter, then speak. So it will be as we walk closer to and with the Christ. What was a dim lantern hard to see through the chaos and confusion of our world becomes a blazing fire where we find shelter in the strength of the Lord and in His path. We grow with each step as a bit more of the world’s ideals are left behind and we become more like the Son.

¹ Mercer.

“...a great time for productivity and growth.”

3. Spiritual growth is personal. In Paul’s letter to Ephesus it is affirmed that we all profit from our part in the body’s growth, but it stems from our individual willingness to do our part. “But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love” (Eph. 4:15-16). No matter how hard one may try, you can’t force someone to grow; he has to desire it enough to show the needed discipline. You can be a positive example in the lives of others when you are growing spiritually. Your growth can inspire others to seek change in their lives.

4. Spiritual growth is practical. James Anthony Froude wrote: *“You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.”*² A vital tool to help us grow into more zealous and effective disciples is only found “outside the camp”. Far too often, we shy from opportunities that require effort or a pushing out of our comfort zone. I encourage the young men to spend time assisting our elders as they visit the flock. This not only strengthens their connection to the shepherds but it allows them to see a living faith as they deal with the challenges that it affords. Young men and old alike can grow by other means as well. Put together a devotional talk or invitation, start a small group Bible study and invite a teacher to come with you if you’re unready to lead, attend the gospel meetings in your area. Seek out ways to care for others who need your help. The same is true for young women. Sometimes we read the text in Titus 2, and box it up in a neat class study. Great gain is found in time spent with one another in day-to-day settings sharing a positive example. Women can make plans to serve together; visit the sick and shut-ins (You will all be encouraged by it.), care for the elderly of your congregation who may need assistance with

² Froude, 1849.

chores or meals, summer is a great time to maintain and improve the meeting place of the saints, share the bounty of your summer garden, spend time together creating and implementing children's Bible class material, and take advantage of the numerous summer gospel meetings by making plans for your families to travel together to hear the gospel preached.

5. Spiritual growth is building relationships.

We profit best from our effort to grow when we share it with others. Hebrews 10:24-25 reads: ". . .let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near." Make sure to include plans to assemble with Christians while you are on vacation this summer. I know it is tough sometimes to find a place to worship, but the effort is always worth it. You set a great example to your friends, family, and brethren back home and you will be built up by the experience as well. You might even decide to plan a trip around spiritual things. A number of Christians plan trips to Israel and the Bible lands, attend summer camps together, participate in singing classes, or visit museums with special exhibits that pertain to God and His word.

6. Spiritual growth is multifaceted. Train your weakness. When working toward progress in any endeavor it will entail success in spite of failures and triumphs over weakness. In fact Paul wrote: "*And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me*" (2 Cor. 12:9). We need to become fully mature, not tied to a corner of comfort where we do *just enough to get by*. How much is that? God expects us to work towards our full potential for Him. You do not want to be a child of His trying to reach some bare minimum requirement. Recall the slave who was entrusted with one talent, which he hid in the ground. It didn't end well for him. "*Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth*" (Matt. 25:30). You will never achieve the full scope of what you might do for the Kingdom by never trying to build on your faith and improve your weaknesses.

7. Spiritual growth is cyclic. A huge blow to any planned growth is the dreaded plateau; no longer seeing any dramatic change we choose to ignore the long term goals. Hebrews 2:1 notes: "*For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.*" It is imperative that we not only recognize the danger of the plateaus of our spiritual journey, but that we plan for them toward our success. Pick smaller goals, ones that can be achieved in the midst of greater matters. Maintaining our faith and zeal is crucial during the slow seasons, even in the shortness of one solitary summer. Allow Paul to encourage you when you're losing steam, "*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 3:13).

8. Spiritual growth is in Jesus. The most poignant fact about our growth is that it must be in Jesus. In Galatians 2:20-21 the Spirit provided Paul these words: "*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.*" Paul aptly describes the practical part of being a disciple of Christ. We through our willingness to mold and craft our hearts after His, take on His goals, His vision, and His plan. As we continue through life our willingness to do so is evident in every facet of our existence. We lead more like Him, we love more like Him, and we serve more like Him. By maintaining and growing our faith in this life we will ensure a life to come with our King.

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TOO MUCH FOCUS ON RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

DAN BUNTING

Taking a break from serving the Lord, just like taking a break from work or school; too busy having fun to think about God, etc.

Dramatic change in American society came with the Industrial Revolution. Gone were the days when a family lived in their workshop, working as a family nearly every day. Young men and women instead spent 40-60 hour work weeks in a factory owned by someone else, coming home in the evenings or weekends with less to do than before. Cue the American entertainment industry! Plays, shows, sporting events, and day trip destinations clamored for American “free time.” A century later, we have more free time than ever and invest more energy, money, and time to recreation and entertainment.

Recreation seems less of an opportunity, and more of a “right” demanded by employees and students across the country. Young or old, we expect what’s owed to us: “me time” and “retreats” from our responsibilities. In a country “living for the weekend,” we fall prey to our culture’s motivation and behavior. We need to fight back. Godliness, devotion to God, is not something we should recreate from. Godliness is what we should spend time on.

Think for yourself, “What does the Bible say about play?” Paul used sport metaphors (1 Cor. 9:24-27), and David “played” a harp (1 Sam. 16:16-17), but play for its own sake is a rare Bible idea. On the positive side, Isaiah 11:8 describes the peace and rest found in the Lord with the phrase, “The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra.” Exodus 32:6 expresses what I think is the strongest reference: “And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” In Exodus, “play” is connected to reckless abandon of God’s commands forty days after “seeing” God. Paul quotes this phrase in 1 Corinthians 10:7 with the expressed purpose of discouraging us from engaging in idolatry today. And isn’t play idolatrous today? We slug it out in a cubicle just to get the chance to sit for hours in front of TV, video games, and movies, or to vacation “away from it all.”

God made us for work, not recreation, entertainment, and play. Some may think that Adam was cursed with work, but Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:15 speaks to the contrary. Placed in the garden, Adam was commanded “to work it and keep it.” In God’s image, we are workers. Sin has cursed our ground with thorns and pain, but we were designed for work. Devotion to recreation and play is not in God’s image; hard work and devotion to righteousness is.

And yet, God did rest on the seventh day. I don’t think God’s rest is the same as recreation and play. Rest in the Bible is provision from the Lord. Consider in Exodus 16:22-26, when the Israelites gathered Manna on a Friday for the first time. They all gathered two omers each, apparently without even trying to! God provided double for them on the Friday, so



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that they could rest on Saturday. Their rest on the Sabbath was possible because of God. Consider the commands to release slaves and debts on the seventh year. Though they taught mercy and forgiveness, they also forced the Israelites to depend on God for provisions rather than themselves. The Sabbath rests were not vacations from the daily grind, but active fulfillment of blessings from God. I think that’s what the author of Hebrews wants us to understand in chapter 4. There is a Sabbath rest we look for and hope to receive from God. It’s not entertainment, recreation, or play. Instead it is the peaceful blessing of godly rest from our labors.

A family that “lives for the weekend” will not live for God. Devotion to your child’s travel soccer team will not pull your family closer to God. Instead, it will pull you away from your

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spiritual family every weekend. It will distract your mind from thoughts of godliness to thoughts about gas prices, hotels, and entry fees. Devotion to the cruise ship vacation may not pull your marriage closer to God. Instead, it can pull your eyes to lust after the other people you see.

Why don't you "draw near to God" (Jas. 4:8) instead? Use your summer free time to start a

daily family Bible reading! Invite families from church over for a BBQ and sing together! Spend time resting with your family while counting the blessings God gives you! Let your family travel be built to include meeting new Christians across the country! Seek rest in and through the Lord, not an "escape from it all."



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BUSY IN THE WORLD, IDLE TOWARDS GOD (BEARING LITTLE SOUR PEACHES FOR THE LORD)

JOE HAMM

"As soon as things settle down a bit,

I'll have more time to serve God." Have you ever said these words? I'm sure that we've all been guilty of this at some point. With summer quickly approaching, it's a good time to start thinking about how we can best honor God with our new found "free time." The young people will be out of school. Many of our working members will have the opportunity to take a vacation from their secular jobs. But if we're not careful, our *old* "I'm too busy" excuses will quickly be replaced by brand *new* "I'm too busy" excuses. We need to ask ourselves a serious question. "Am I busy in the world yet idle towards God?" Let's remember that an attitude of spiritual idleness is not pleasing to God.

1. Consider how Ezekiel describes the sin of Sodom. "Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy" (Ezek. 16:49, NKJV). Notice how an abundance of idleness contributed to Sodom's sin. In the same manner, an abundance of "free time" can lead us to neglect our own spiritual duties as Christians.

2. The Proverb writer warns about the dangers of being lazy and idle. "Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger" (Prov. 19:15). This is true in both a physical and spiritual sense. And for that reason, we need to be on guard against idleness toward the Lord.

3. Paul urged those in Ephesus to wake up and make the best use of their time. "Therefore He says: 'Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you

light.' See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:14-16). So how well are we using our time? I think we can all do better. While many excuses we give for not serving God sound completely legitimate to our own ears, how many of these are acceptable to God?

4. Consider the parable of the dinner in Luke 14. "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come'" (Luke 14:16-20). Did God accept any of these excuses? No. Likewise, God does not honor our lame excuses for spiritual idleness.

5. Consider Christ's teaching concerning the parable of the sower. "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience" (Luke 8:11-15).

Stop and reflect on the spiritual fruit being produced in your life. What type of soil best describes your heart? When a seed is planted into the ground, a crop is expected by the one who plants it. Likewise, when the seed of the Gospel is planted in our hearts, God expects

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it to produce an abundant spiritual harvest. However, some Christians spend most of the year consumed by the cares of this life. It's easy to fill our lives with the busyness of work, school, sports, band, civic clubs, social events, etc. When summer arrives, it's even easier to exchange the "cares of this world" for the "pleasures of this life" in the form of fun and frolic. No, it is NOT a sin to enjoy life (cf. Ecclesiastes); however, this kind of lifestyle is described in the parable as a soil that "brings no fruit to maturity." This is spiritual idleness.

When I was young, my grandfather and I were eating peaches and decided to plant one of the seeds in his backyard. That tree grew up and every year produced many small peaches, but was never able to bring any of that fruit to maturity. Year after year, we waited for that tree to produce good fruit, but eventually my grandfather cut that tree down because no ripe peaches were ever produced (Matt. 7:19). In order to please God, we must not only hear His Word with a noble and good heart, but we must also **follow** His Word bringing spiritual fruit to maturity. Are we bringing fruit to maturity in our lives? Or have we been settling for **little sour peaches**?

6. Consider some of Paul's good advice to Timothy. *"No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier" (2 Tim. 2:4).*

When I was in high school and college, I was always so excited when the school year ended and summer vacation began. Years later in my secular work, I still eagerly awaited my annual summer vacation time so I could "relax and do what I wanted." Summer vacation offers the opportunity to do whatever we please, but should Christians take a vacation from serving the Lord? We should view all of our time on earth as a great blessing and stewardship from our Creator to be used in His service. Why not use our new found time to bring more glory and honor to our Lord? Why not serve others and thus become a blessing to struggling Christians and non-Christians alike? Why not take time to encourage, uplift, teach, and reach out our hand

to those in need? Why not reorganize our weekly calendars to reflect a higher level of service to God and be abundantly blessed in the process?

7. Consider the parable taught by Jesus about a man with two sons. *"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said to Him, 'The first'" (Matt. 21:28-31a).*

The modern day application is that we've committed to be workers in God's vineyard and should seek every opportunity to bear spiritual fruit in His Kingdom. If we've made that commitment and do not follow through, we cannot expect God to be pleased; nor can we experience the full blessing and joy of producing a spiritual harvest.

IN CLOSING

I am confident that you will be diligent in your service to God this summer. May God forgive our past idleness and bless our future work in His vineyard. And may all His people have the same mind to work (Neh. 4:6).





UNGODLY RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

DAVID MCPHERSON

W beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom. 12:1-2). It is God’s desire that His people glorify Him with and through their bodies. Our bodies are to be used as instruments of righteousness (Rom. 6:13). And the need for such management and refined stewardship of our “earthly house” (2 Cor. 5:1) does not cease during the summer months.

Sadly, as the mercury rises, the school bells halt, and vacation time is taken, countless souls succumb to the temptations of ungodly recreation and entertainment. Gambling, alcohol, lasciviousness, fornication – though common year round, tend to be even more prevalent for some at summertime.

Gambling. Frequently the cry is heard, “What’s wrong with gambling?” Perhaps the better question is, “What’s right with gambling?” Plain and simple, gambling is covetousness. The gambler has an excessive desire to gain what is not rightfully his. Those who are raised with Christ are to “*put to death*” their members which are on the earth, including (but not limited to) “*covetousness, which is idolatry.*” Why is covetousness “idolatry”? Because the covetous man makes money and things his god. Think you can have some clean fun throwing down a dollar or two at the dog tracks? Think you can board a Riverboat Casino on a warm moonlit night, pull the slots and remain pure? Are you really so naive to think what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas? Don’t bet on it! Let us say with the Psalmist, “*Incline my heart to Your testimonies,*

And not to covetousness” (Psa. 119:36).

Alcohol. An ice cold beer on a hot summer night is the ideal situation for far too many. It is high time for folks to understand that drinking is wrong, period. Writing to the sons of light, Paul said, “. . .let us watch and be sober” (1 Thess. 5:6). To resist the devil, we’re to “*Be sober, be vigilant. . .*” (1 Pet. 5:8). God’s command that we be sober (Greek: *nepho*) means “to be free from the influence of intoxicants.” Who would dare say that they were trying to be free from the influence of an intoxicant while knowingly and willingly consuming one? Dear reader, all levels or stages of drinking are condemned in the warnings against “*drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties*” (1 Pet. 4:3). This summer, whether at the ballpark, the back porch, or anywhere else, “*Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper*” (Prov. 23:31-32).

Lasciviousness. “Wanton acts or manners, as filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females” is one highly respected definition of lasciviousness. Activity or thoughts that produce or promote lewd, lustful, juicy emotions fits as well. Often in the summertime, unmarried couples will engage in dancing of this sort. It might be on a sandy beach or in front of the stage at a County Fair. Body on body, arousing a desire that should be withheld until marriage. Lasciviousness is wrong. It is evil and defiles a man (Mark 7:22-23). It is sinful, and those guilty are to repent (2 Cor. 12:21). As a work of the flesh, those who practice it shall not inherit the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21). It is opposite to the walk of the new man in Christ (Eph. 4:17-19). Oh, the host of immodest, indecent, lascivious sins of the summer! Abstain.

abstain, oppose, expose!

Fornication. Garth Brooks made a sack full of money singing of a boy losing his virginity to a lonely widow for whom he worked. The song? "That Summer." Deana Carter did the same thing with "Strawberry Wine," a song about a young girl who experienced the "loss of my innocence" to a summer laborer on her grandpa's farm. "The hot July moon saw everything" pertaining to her "first taste of love" so the story goes. Friend, the Bible says, *"he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body"* (1 Cor. 6:18). Paul shows that fornicators are included in the unrighteous who will not inherit God's kingdom (1 Cor. 6:9-10). Fornication is not to be named among Christians. It is not fitting for saints (Eph. 5:3). How many will be sexually immoral this summer? How many will choose to destroy their purity, honor, morals, home, body, mind, and soul? Please, please, flee fornication.

Rather than seek pleasure through these sinful means, Christians are to abstain, oppose, expose! As Paul told the Ephesians, may we *"... have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: 'Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.' See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil"* (Eph. 5:11-16). How are you doing? Will you redeem, make wise use of the (summer) time?

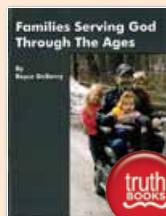
Oh how this world needs more like Joshua of old, who will declare, *"as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Josh. 24:15). Dear friend, from Memorial Day to Labor Day (and every day before and after) choose to serve the Lord. Honor Him with your body. Say "no" to ungodly recreation and entertainment!

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FOUR BIBLICAL REASONS FOR CHRISTIANS TO COVER THEIR NAKEDNESS (A STUDY IN MODESTY)

JOSHUA GURTLER

Some Christians believe that biblical modesty pertains only to putting on costly clothing, and not to a **lack** of clothing. While the Bible certainly warns against showy, attention-grabbing garb (1 Pet. 3:3-5; 2 Tim. 2:9), God also address a **lack** of clothing.

An older preacher once told me that, in India, it would be wrong for preachers to tell Christian women to cover their midriiffs. Likewise, he said, it is wrong to impose our “American custom” of covering our breasts on topless Christians in Africa. You heard me right. (This in a continent where HIV and AIDS are at all-time epidemic levels.) Another Christian once told me that, if you converted a man in Africa, who had a harem of wives, it would be wrong to tell him to divorce all but his first wife (see Rom. 7:2-4; Ezra 10). Both of these men believed that biblical teaching, regarding **nakedness** and **multiple marriages**, pertained *only* to the violation of social mores. In like fashion, *some Christians, who would never invite a guest into their home in only their undergarments, will, nevertheless, go to the beach, pool, park, or gym in attire that covers the same amount of flesh as their undergarments.* In response to those who teach that nakedness, or a lack of clothing, is not addressed in the Bible, here are four Biblical reasons for Christians to cover their nakedness:

1. *The word “naked” or “nakedness,” in the New Testament, can indicate nudity or simply a lack of clothing, which the Bible treats as something that should be remedied* (see Matt. 25:36-44; Rom. 8:35; 2 Cor. 5:3; 11:27; Jas. 2:15; Rev. 3:17, 18; 16:15; 17:16).

2. *Displaying physical nakedness (a lack of physical clothing) in public, is viewed as shameful* in both the Old Testament (Exod. 20:26; 28:42, 43; Isa. 47:1-3; Lam. 1:8; Nah. 3:5) and in the New Testament, where John says, *“I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see”* (Rev. 3:18). The Lord’s illustration, comparing (by analogy) the Christian’s spiritual

depravity with physical “nakedness,” would have made absolutely no sense to the Laodicean church, **unless** there was a premise of “shame” in being **physically naked**, which would be understood by the Christians there. John’s teaching was a spiritual precedent from God. It was not based on a “social more” because nakedness wasn’t considered a “shame” within the pagan Laodicean culture.

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3. *Removing clothing to expose the body to the opposite sex incites sexual arousal, which should be reserved for the “marriage bed”* (Heb. 13:4; Prov. 5:18-19). The first reference to Solomon’s bride having her clothes removed in his presence, was in her dream (S. of Sol. 5:3) only **after** their wedding ceremony (S. of Sol. 3:11), and not before; although some Christians today feel we can remove our clothing in the presence of the opposite sex when at the beach, pool, park, gym, etc.

- Is it any wonder that surveys find that roughly 90% of adolescent boys go to the beach to see girls unclothed, and 90% of adolescent girls go to the beach to be seen by boys unclothed?
- Is it any wonder that scantily-clad women are a lucrative marketing technique today?
- Is it any wonder that the best-selling book *Every Man’s Battle* (Arterburn et al., 2000) specifically deals with the day-to-day problem many men have, lusting after scantily-clad women in advertisements, billboards, while exercising, driving, in the work place, while watching entertainment, and on the internet?
- Is it any wonder that the *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue* is the most lucrative issue of the year?
- Is it any wonder that, when women in the world are trying to attract a man, they wear less

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clothing to get his attention? This was told to me by a former colleague, from another country, as a technique she used to woo her (now) American husband away from his former wife (Prov. 7:10).

4. Related to the previous point, the “shamefast” woman of 1 Timothy 2:9 does not want to be a stumbling block, inciting lust in men by her apparel, or lack thereof. Many women (or even men) do not realize the result that wearing tight, see-through clothing, or even a lack of clothing produces on the opposite sex. Psychologists, sociologists, Hollywood producers, executive advertising firms, and teenage men will readily admit that women exposing their thighs, backs, and breasts induces arousal in men. Yes, this is an uncomfortable subject to discuss with our children and brethren, but it is the way God made us – a fact of life that must not be ignored.

THE WORLD AND EVEN SOME ERRING BELIEVERS GET THE POINT – DO WE?

It is possible that for some Christians, who are advanced in years, for whom “*the caperberry (i.e., aphrodisiac, JBG) is ineffective*” (Eccl. 12:5, NASB), it may be easy to forget how easily the adultery of the heart was committed in their youth: “*But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart*” (Matt. 5:28). Let’s not forget the great battle against adultery of the heart, being fought by (1) young men (or women) with “raging hormones,” and/or (2) single Christians who are not married and, thus, may be more-easily tempted to burn with lust (1 Cor. 7:8, 9). The teaching in this article is not “Victorian tradition,” but should be common sense, based on scriptural precedents, stated above. These are principles that even the world and many (otherwise erring) denominational believers understand. Do we? I’ll leave you with a quote from another writer, who seems to get the point.

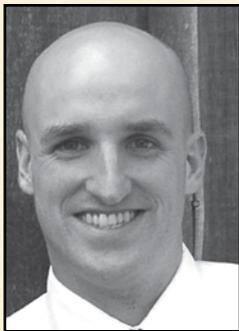
Men are very easily aroused sexually. That is why semi-naked women are used in television and magazine advertisements. Parents need to explain to their daughters how easily man is aroused sexually by a woman’s body. They need to know, because many of them do not understand what happens to a man. At one church, after I had spoken on the topic of clothing, a young

woman came up and told me that she had only been a Christian for six months. She was dating a young Christian man and was perplexed as to why he often told her not to wear certain things. Every time she asked him why, she started to feel embarrassed. She had not realized before that what she wore (or did not wear) could put a stumbling block in a man’s way by causing him to commit adultery in his heart. Fathers need to explain to their daughters about how men react to a woman’s body. They also need to explain to their sons that although women’s clothes, or lack of them, can be a stumbling block to a male, it is not an excuse for them in relation to what their mind does with what they see. . . . We must understand how men are created. Man was designed to be easily aroused sexually and to respond to one woman (his wife). This was, and is, necessary for procreation in marriage. However, sin distorts this, and it is wrong for a man to look lustfully on any woman other than his wife. Therefore, clothing should minimize to the greatest extent any stumbling block laid in a man’s way. But a man is no less guilty if he succumbs to the “second look.” One should not simply accept the fashions of the day. There is a moral basis for clothing; therefore, there are standards (Ken Ham, *The Lie: Evolution, Genesis – The Key to Defending Your Faith*. 1987, Master Books, pp. 59-62).

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DON'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION...

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Following the disruption of the normal operation of nature brought about by the flood of Noah's day, God said, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22).

Of all the seasons, we look forward to summer because we look forward to taking a break from work or from school in order to spend time in relaxation and recreation. The summer season is vacation season and vacations that have been planned several months in advance are finally taken at this time of year. We look forward to having some time off and some time away from the daily grind and there is nothing inherently wrong with taking a break or a rest from the ordinary activities of life (cf. Mark 6:31). And so it is that the summer vacation is looked to as a time to relax and to be refreshed so that we're ready to return to the normal everyday activities of our lives.

The life of a Christian, however, is not seasonal. Christians are expected to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58) whether it is winter, spring, summer, or fall. The life of the faithful Christian is not intended to be one in which we focus on serving God diligently for certain portions of the year and then back off of our responsibilities during other parts of the year. When it comes to vacations, a break from work, school, or the routine of life can be good and helpful. But at the same time, God does not intend for His people to take a break from everything and everyone in this life. While many of us look forward to the activities the summer brings and to "getting away from it all" during some part of the summer, it helps to be reminded that we are expected to be servants of the Lord all year round and in every location and circumstance in which we find ourselves.

With this in mind, don't take a summer vacation. . .

FROM GOD

1. Some take a vacation from God during the summer. As school or work schedules are relaxed and as there are more daylight hours,

the summer can provide some additional time to pursue whatever it is that one wants to pursue. There are games to play, picnics in which to be involved, trips to take, and fun to be had. With all of the fun and exciting things there are to do during the summer, sometimes the Lord gets left out of the planning process. We can focus so much on having a break from it all and having time away from it all to the point that "all" starts to include things like prayer, Bible study, meditating on spiritual things, and service to the Lord. For some, getting away on vacation in the summer provides the temptation to get away from God, or at least, to get away from anybody who might be watching so that we can have some real "fun" by engaging in sinful activities that we would never want to be caught doing in front of those who know us at home. The thought seems to be that a little drinking, gambling, or dancing doesn't really count because, after all, we're "on vacation."

2. The faithful Christian will not take a vacation from God. We must recognize that, even if we try to take a vacation from God, He will not take a vacation from us. The Bible says, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3; cf. Heb. 4:13). Faithful Christians aren't careful about what they do while on vacation and about how they use their time during the summer just because they're afraid that God is watching. Instead, they behave in a godly manner at all times because they know that the Lord's instruction for His people to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33) applies just as much in the sunshine of summer as it does in the cold of winter. Do you have some extra time this summer? Why not use some of that time to work on truly devoting yourself more fully to the Lord?

FROM WORSHIP

1. Some take a vacation from worship during the summer. As summer vacation trips are embarked upon plans that were made well in advance finally come to fruition and a long-awaited and highly-anticipated journey is finally undertaken. But sometimes in the course of planning out the perfect vacation and organizing the perfect trip with all kinds of great activities something gets left out of the planning process. What gets left out is the necessary planning

ahead that it takes to assemble with the Lord's people for worship on the first day of the week. Sometimes we're just having too much fun and we've only got so much time to work in so many activities so something has to give. What ends up getting left out is gathering with the saints to worship God. And so it is that worship becomes one of those things from which we take a little break during the summer.

2. The faithful Christian will not take a vacation from worship. Since the life of a faithful Christian is not a seasonal thing, we have to recognize that those passages which instruct us concerning the importance of assembling for worship are passages that apply at all times. The inspired writer of Hebrews points out that, as the people of God, we are to be careful about "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb. 10:25; cf. Acts 2:42; 20:7). I am sometimes amazed when my brethren return from a summer vacation and tell me how much fun they had and about all the places they visited and all the things they did and the miles and miles they covered, and then mention that they never did find a church with which to worship while they were gone. Arrangements for worship should have been made ahead of time as part of the vacation-planning process. If a faithful church cannot be found anywhere near your vacation destination, why not change your plans? Sadly, for some vacationing Christians it seems that worship was just another one of those things, like school, work, or the daily grind, that they didn't mind having a little break from. Faithful Christians will make sure to faithfully worship God while on vacation during the summer just like they do when they're home during the rest of the year.

FROM MODESTY

1. Some take a vacation from modesty during the summer. The apostle Paul warns us against taking on the ways of the world, saying, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2). One of the most obvious ways in which Christians conform themselves to the ways of the world is by dressing in a lust-producing and revealing manner and the main time of year that this is done is during the summer. The Bible speaks of the need to dress in "modest apparel" in a manner which is proper for those who are "professing godliness, with good works" (1 Tim. 2:9-10). But when it's hot outside and when time

is spent at the public pool, at the lake, or at the beach, appearing in public almost completely undressed suddenly seems like the acceptable and appropriate thing to do. The excuses for wearing bathing suits, short shorts, or otherwise revealing, immodest clothing in public range from, "It's hot!" or, "Everyone else is dressed this way," to, "It's appropriate to dress like this because this is the way you're supposed to dress at the beach!" I wonder which one of those excuses is the most impressive to the Lord.

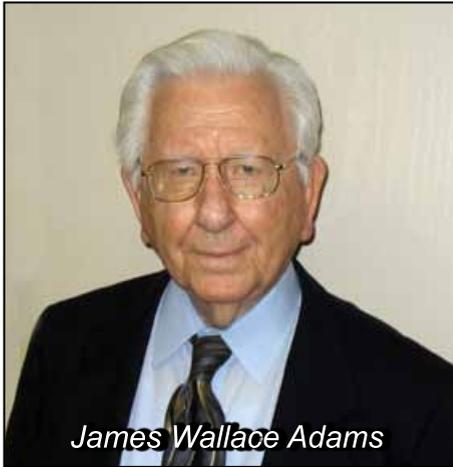
2. The faithful Christian will not take a vacation from modesty. The issue of modesty can be a touchy subject because women express that it's a "male problem," in that if the men didn't have their minds in the gutter then they wouldn't have any problem seeing a woman in a bathing suit. On the other hand, the men express that it's a "female problem," because they figure they're entitled to view whatever comes into viewing range, and if ungodly thoughts are stirred by seeing an immodestly dressed woman, then the woman is to blame for dressing in that manner. But faithful Christians won't pass the blame around and ignore their own responsibilities when it comes to the issue of modesty even in the summertime. The truth of the matter is that it's a male *and* female problem. One need only take a stroll up to the rooftop with King David in order to understand the impact that catching a glimpse of an undressed woman, who is not his wife, can have on even the most spiritually-minded and godly of men (2 Sam. 11:2-4). Faithful Christian women will understand that "whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matt. 5:28), and so they will be careful to not dress in such a way so as to lead men down that path. Faithful Christian men, who understand that same principle, will not go to places where the women of the world are paraded in front of them in various states of undress so that they can avoid that temptation. Faithful Christian parents will set the right example for their children when it comes to modesty. If you really are a faithful child of God, why would you want to expose your body in front of those of the world who have "eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin" (2 Pet. 2:14)?

CONCLUSION

You may deserve a much-needed break this summer, but when you get that break don't turn it into an opportunity to take a break from God, from worship, and from modesty. Don't take a vacation from godliness this summer. Summer and the brief rest it provides will be gone before we know it, but the need to obey God so that we can have eternal rest in heaven continues on.

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RANDY HARSHBARGER



James Wallace Adams

James Wallace Adams was born August 27, 1914, in Brawley, Imperial County, California, to Felix A. and Mary Roberta (Mittie) Adams. Adams' maternal grandfather, Robert Levi Bates was one of the first Christians in Texas; he was also an able pioneer preacher. Batesville, Texas, got its name from Elijah Anderson Bates, James' great-grandfather (Batesville, Arkansas is also named for members of the Bates family). Elijah was baptized by well-known Restoration preacher, Tolbert Fanning.¹ James spent his childhood years in California, Arizona, and New Mexico. In these early years, Felix Adams worked as a "call boy" for the Southern Pacific Railroad. While living in Lordsburg, New Mexico, James delivered his first speech in a Christian Church. He was four years old! When the Panic of 1920-1921 forced the Adams family out of New Mexico, James' father moved the family to Douglas, Arizona, where he bought a grocery business. James started school in Douglas. When the three copper smelters in Douglas closed, the local economy floundered, forcing the family back to Texas. James began attending the common schools of Texas. He graduated from La Pryor High School in 1931, earning distinction as Class Valedictorian, Declamation Champion, and as a debater.²

The Depression years found young Adams traveling with his father on selling trips, especially during the summer months. Father and son often rode the rails throughout West Texas pedaling their wares. Felix sold high dollar men's clothing, first taking orders and then having the clothes sent from Chicago. Ranchers and townspeople alike were frequent customers. Many nights found young James setting up tent and a stove for cooking supper; father and son "lived off the land" as they traveled between towns such as Junction and Brady. At different times, Felix Adams continued his work as a signal maintenance man on the Southern Pacific Railroad.³

Early influences of the gospel came from the preaching of W. D. Bills. J. D. Jesse baptized Adams at La Pryor, Texas, in November, 1926. It was here, when James was nineteen, that he preached his first sermon on "By Faith We Walk With God." His text was Hebrews 11:1-11. He was soon busy teaching Sunday Bible classes for the newly married. Brother Jesse and Walter W. Leamons were frequent encouragers of Adams' early attempts to preach God's word. Jesse frequently took the young preacher on Sunday appointments. Adams' preaching expanded to the hill country towns of Menard, Quemado, Brady, Hext, London, Goldthwaite, Millersview, and Doole. Seeing great potential, Brother Leamons tapped the young preacher to "fill in" during the summer of 1935 at Junction, Texas, when the older man was away in gospel meetings. Coke Stevenson, well-known Texas politician was from Junction; it was common to see this "giant" of a man around town. James H. Childress, writing in the *Firm Foundation*, reported on Adams' work in Junction during the summer of 1935, while the local preacher was away. Childress said Adams' work "met the approval of brethren" and that the young preacher was a "very congenial fellow-laborer." Adams' first article for public consumption was entitled "Home Sweet Home" and appeared in the *Firm Foundation*.⁴

Soon, though, Adams was hitchhiking to Vivian, Louisiana, where he arrived only with the recommendation of brother Leamons. On November 18, 1935, Adams began working with the church in Vivian. Here he found room and board with brother and sister L. Q. Butler. Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus Butler was the town's most respected citizen. Butler's excellent library gave the studious Adams an opportunity to "cut his teeth" on such works as T. W. Brent's sermons, and J. W. Shepherd's *The Church, The Falling Away, and The Restoration*. Those early studies in the literature of the American Restoration Movement, so-called, served Adams well in his later studies and writings on institutionalism. During Adams' tenure at Vivian, well-known Texas preacher, J. D. Tant, came for a gospel meeting.

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Nineteen thirty-five was an important year for other reasons. That summer, Gertrude Leamons, half-sister of Walter Leamons, traveled from Grapeland, Texas, to Junction to visit relatives. It was here that James and Gertrude met for the first time. A budding romance grew to great depths of love and mutual admiration. The two were married July 30, 1936. The ceremony took place in Houston, Texas, in the home of Woodrow O'Dowd, brother of well-known Texas preacher and debater, John O'Dowd.⁵ James preached in Vivian for two years; the second year was in the company of his new bride. In the fall of 1937 the young couple moved to Mt. Enterprise, Texas, for gospel work, staying until the summer of 1938. They found room and board at the Westfall Hotel, owned by one of the sisters in the congregation. Jimmie Nell Adams was born in 1938. During this time, James spent one Sunday each month preaching in Stanley, Louisiana, where he baptized a number of people and helped stabilize the church. The young couple moved next to Greggton, Texas, where they stayed in the home of preacher and debater, John Hedge, who was busy holding protracted meetings. In the summer of 1939 James and Gertrude moved to Granbury, Texas. The congregation in Granbury numbered two-hundred members. Adams remembers preaching a number of funerals during his stay there. Despite the fact that the congregation contained a wealthy rancher, a mail carrier, and a medical doctor, the young family almost "starved to death."⁶ Near Christmas time in 1939 the young parents moved again, this time to San Benito, Texas, staying until 1941. While working with the San Benito congregation Adams had a close association with veteran gospel preacher J. D. Tant. When Tant died in June 1941, Adams and H. D. Jeffcoat preached the funeral service. Adams honored his old friend with remarks based on 2 Timothy 4:1-8.⁷

In 1941 at the older, mature age of twenty-seven, Adams attended Freed-Hardeman College, Henderson, Tennessee. John W. Akin, friend and benefactor to many preachers, made Adams' college work possible. Akin lived on a farm located near Kilgore, Texas, between what is now Interstate 20 and Longview. When the oil boom hit in the early 1930s, Akin, along with thousands of others, became a wealthy man. Generous with his money, Akin became the benefactor of many preachers and churches.⁸ Even though Freed-Hardeman did not charge tuition for young men studying to be preachers, Adams said brother Akin sent fifty dollars

to help with living expenses.⁹ During his school days at Freed-Hardeman, Adams preached in Paducah, Kentucky, for the Clement Street church.¹⁰ The summer of 1941 found Adams engaged in meeting work while sister Adams remained with her family in Grapeland "canning vegetables."¹¹ While at Freed-Hardeman, James taught classes in the New Testament when brother Briggance was sick. On December 7, 1941, James was preaching in Jackson, Tennessee. After the United States' declaration of war, James (and other young men) left Freed-Hardeman. Even though, N. B. Hardeman, president of the college, wanted James to advance his education and return to teach at the college, Adams moved his family to Paducah for full-time preaching work.

In late spring of 1945, brother and sister Adams moved to Temple, Texas, to labor with the 7th and Avenue G congregation. While in Temple, Adams developed a close relationship with well-known gospel preacher, Foy E. Wallace, Jr. When not engaged in meeting work Wallace made his home in Temple, at least for a short time. During this time Wallace developed a "nervous stomach," but was able to seek treatment at the famous Scott and White Hospital. Adams, in remembering the condition of the church in Temple, said Cled Wallace, Foy's older brother, had "just about killed it (the church)." Attendance was down to "twenty-five" on Wednesday night. A new building was needed and the church was full of "worldly-minded members."¹²

In 1947 Gayle Oler, Sr., superintendent of Boles Orphan Home, located at Quinlan, Texas, influenced Adams to move to Terrell, Texas. Adams viewed Oler as "a good preacher, a hard hitter." During Adams' work in Terrell, a new meeting house was constructed.¹³ Preachers moved more often during this era. In 1949, after nearly two years in Terrell, the family moved to Longview, Texas, to work with the congregation meeting at 2nd and Whaley. A good work followed with this substantial congregation of nearly five-hundred members; nearly one-hundred worshippers overflowed to the basement during the Lord's day assemblies. Adams' only oral, public debate took place in Longview, when he met Baptist preacher, A. J. Wall. Standard propositions representing both sides were contested. During Adams' stay in Longview, a new congregation, Mobberly Avenue, was formed, with Second and Whaley giving up nearly one-hundred members to the new work. A gospel meeting was conducted

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at Mobberly Avenue August 13 through 18, with Adams preaching at the Sunday morning service.¹⁴ Brother and sister Foy E. Wallace, Sr., lived in Longview during this time. In the fall of 1949, brother Wallace, Sr., became ill and soon passed from this life. Adams, along with C. R. Nichol and Boyd Fanning conducted the funeral service.¹⁵

In 1953 the Adams family moved to Beaumont, Texas, to work with the Central church of Christ. A longer work of nearly three years saw much numerical growth and the construction of a new church building. Here the Adams became good friends with the Tomblen family. In 1955 Adams was moving again, this time to San Antonio, Texas, to work with the West Avenue church. Staying only a short time, Adams characterized this move as perhaps the "worst mistake" he had made thus far. With influence from Adams, well-known debater and preacher, Roy E. Cogdill, moved to West Avenue as Adams left for Nacogdoches. During his stay in San Antonio, Adams became good friends with James and Mildred Yates. Yates said of his friend: "Much of my knowledge of God's Word came from his splendid teaching abilities. . . . I had been a Christian for over eighteen years by 1955, but became a Christian with conviction after sitting at the feet of Roy Cogdill, Jim Adams, and Robert Turner. . . ."¹⁶

In 1957 the Adams family moved to Nacogdoches to work with the Mound and Starr congregation. The church in Nacogdoches dates back to 1923, when the Jim Hanna and K. B. Floyd families moved to Nacogdoches to enable their children to attend Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College. These Christians obtained property on Baker Street and formed the Baker Street church of Christ. The Austin Muckleroy family, the Roscoe Witt family, and the John Woods family were early members. Byrne and Lola Pearl Shofner were early members, as were their children, Sue and Vyrne. Brother Byrne Shofner also served the church as preacher. Edd Holt moved from Alabama to Nacogdoches in 1929 to attend college and to preach. His room and board were provided by the Foster Martin family; brother Holt would eventually marry the Martin's daughter, Gladys. The Holts spent most of their adult lives in Alabama. Preachers who worked in Nacogdoches during these early years include John Brusck and W. F. Showers.¹⁷ Foy E. Wallace, Sr., well-known Texas preacher and father to Foy Jr., and Cled, also preached in Nacogdoches. Wallace reporting about the progress of the church in Nacogdoches in the

pages of the *Gospel Advocate*, said: "R. L. Colley, of New London, has just closed with us a very profitable work in a meeting with the Nacogdoches Church. . . . The attendance was the largest and most interesting of any meetings heretofore. Large groups of members from several congregations, with their preachers, made the crowds the best. . . . Five baptisms, several reclaimed, and a very fine spirit were the results of the meeting. Nacogdoches is an important field. It is a very beautiful city of some 10,000 people. The Stephen F. Austin State College is located here. . . . I believe a good church is in the making. . . ."¹⁸

In 1947 George T. Jones moved to Nacogdoches to preach for the Baker Street church. The congregation was active during this time. Brother Jones conducted a daily radio program; the church conducted at least two gospel meetings per year; and every year a "tent" was erected somewhere in the city with brother Jones doing the preaching. This was a time for much growth, numerically and spiritually. Other preachers during this time included Robert Waller and Earnest Finley.¹⁹

After several years on Baker Street the congregation purchased an attractive lot on the corner of Mound and Starr streets. A new building was planned, with Hal B. Tucker as the architect. Sam W. Gandy, Claude Sowell, J. D. Harkrider, Lester Singleton, T. T. Talmadge, and Joe Kinsey comprised the building committee. The new building of 10,000 square feet was finished in 1950. On Christmas Eve, December 1952, after a Sunday night service, a fire raged through the building, destroying everything except part of the west wing and the foundation. Church members quickly pulled together and the building was replaced. A loan of \$35,000 was obtained from the M. D. Anderson Foundation; members subscribed the rest of the needed funds by taking out personal loans at the bank. When George Jones moved to Vernon, Texas, in April 1952, Roy Foutz moved to Nacogdoches to work with the church.²⁰

A 1956 directory of the Mound and Starr church records the names of 243 members; additionally, there were six college students who worshiped with the church.²¹ The attendance of the congregation has remained constant, with 200-250 members; the number of college students worshiping with the church has varied from semester to semester. The number of students has been as low as six and

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as high as fifty. A church bulletin for December 1, 1957 reveals that 232 were present for morning worship; this was an increase of nearly twenty from the year before. Mid-week worship found 132 present. Other bulletins reflect roughly the same numbers.²² While Adams found his association with the Mound and Starr congregation pleasant, there were larger issues at work among churches of Christ. These issues would ultimately prove to be divisive and disruptive of brethren and churches throughout the land, including Mound and Starr.

By 1957 the issues over centralized control and oversight were growing in intensity and dominated the attention of most churches of Christ. In November 1957 a debate of gigantic proportions took place in Birmingham, Alabama. The disputants, Roy E. Cogdill and Guy N. Woods, were widely recognized as champions of their respective positions. Roy Edward Cogdill was born in 1907 in Oklahoma. At the tender age of fifteen he preached his first gospel sermon. After attending Abilene Christian College for a brief time, he was soon engaged in full-time meeting work. When constant preaching caused damage to his vocal cords, Cogdill was forced to seek other means to support his family. Moving to Dallas, he studied law and then entered private practice for six years. When his throat trouble was cured Cogdill resumed his active schedule of preaching.

Guy Napoleon Woods enjoyed a well-earned reputation as a debater. He participated in over 200 debates in his lifetime, taking his place along side Joe Warlick, J. D. Tant, and C. R. Nichol, well-known debaters among churches of Christ. Wood's sharp repartee and vast Bible knowledge made him a formidable disputant.²³ In 1957 James Adams was in his prime, mentally and physically. Adams served as moderator for his longtime friend, Roy E. Cogdill. The *Cogdill-Woods Debate* is a matter of public record and is easily obtained today. While Adams was widely used among the churches in gospel meetings, his work with the pen distinguished him as perhaps the ablest defender of the non-institutional positions being taken by many brethren. A perusal of *The Gospel Guardian*, 1949-1960, will attest to this statement.

Adams moved from Nacogdoches to Oklahoma City in 1958 to work with the 10th and Francis congregation, where he stayed for six years (the elders at 10th and Francis had "lobbied" Adams

when attending the Birmingham debate.) Guy N. Woods claimed Adams was killing the 10th and Francis church in Oklahoma, City. In reviewing those charges, Adams said his record in local work revealed just the opposite. The congregation grew and flourished during the time Adams preached in Oklahoma City.²⁴ Interestingly, Adams regarded Woods as the most able of the preachers taking the "institutional" side of the controversy.²⁵ After six years in Oklahoma City, Adams moved back to East Texas, this time to Henderson. After one year there, he returned to Nacogdoches, to work again with the Mound and Starr church. During some of those these years Adams was associated with Fanning Yater Tant, who taught in the Bible Chair conducted by the Mound and Starr congregation.

Adam's tenure in Nacogdoches ended when he and Sister Adams moved to Baytown, to work with the well-known Pruett and Lobit congregation. While here Adams continued his writing and preaching. In the early 1970s he wrote substantial reviews about a new unity movement that plagued non-institutional churches.²⁶ After two years in Baytown, Adams moved back to East Texas, this time to San Augustine, where he and Sister Adams built a home, which was located close to their daughter, Jimmie Nell. Over the next few years there were shorter stints of local work in Center, Texas (Northside), Huntington (two times), and Beaumont (Central). For four years James edited the *Gospel Guardian* and operated The Gospel Guardian Bookstore (located in Lukfin, Texas). Texas preacher, Jesse Kelley, printed the paper during these years.

For nearly twenty five years Adams was associated with the Timberland Drive church in Lufkin. The influence of James W. Adams is incalculable. His writing and preaching on live issues affecting the Lord's church, along with hundreds of pages of writings on pertinent Bible themes, can still help Bible students today. James W. Adams contributed to a legacy – a rich spiritual legacy appreciated by all who still cling to the Bible principles so clearly delineated in sermons, in debates, and in writings. Unknown to many, Adams was a prolific and proficient poet. His *Words Fitly Spoken* contains poignant pieces about friends and loved ones.

Richard Hughes in anticipating the future of the Lord's church, said that "Churches of Christ would likely continue their almost two hundred year-

old allegiance to the New Testament as their final court of appeal. If past history was any indicator, renewal would come only after serious engagement with scripture and only insofar as change could be justified by the biblical text. The fundamental question facing Churches of Christ as the twenty-first century dawned was this: What kind of book was the Bible, after all?²⁷ To those words James Wallace Adams would surely say "Amen." Will you join him in doing the same?

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just enjoyed doing nothing, but being with one another. We played games – games that Jenny had to win (like me) and Corey wanted to play! Our children were so different, but both have been such a joy. Sandy and I are so richly blessed to have two faithful children who have married Christians and are bringing up our grandchildren in the nurture and admonition of the Lord! And, in March of this year, Jenny's oldest son, my oldest grandson named Corbin, obeyed the gospel! "Children's children are the crown of old men" (Prov. 17:6).

SUMMER TEMPTATIONS

But, summer also brings its own temptations, as different writers in this issue call to our attention and discuss. Vacation can be a time that one chooses recreational activities before the Lord. Summer can be a season for immodesty. Summers can be a time to develop habits of laziness and slothful living (sleeping late, staying up half the night playing video games and watching TV, and repeating that day in and day out).

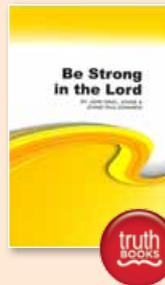
CONCLUSION

How will you and your family use this summer? Several authors suggest different activities that you can do, but do not neglect Kevin Maxey's fine article which raises the issue of the danger of allowing one's time to be so over filled with activities that family togetherness is precluded. This is a practical issue of *Truth Magazine* and we hope you will use it to make your family time better.



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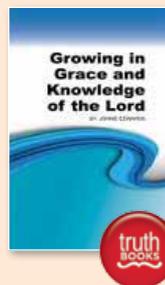
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