Scriptures Used In Today's Sermon

Jeremiah 10:23
Lord, I know that people's lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps.

Proverbs 27:12
The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

Proverbs 3:5-7
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

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WELCOME

We would like to welcome and thank each of you for being here as we have all come to worship the Lord. If you are visiting us today, we welcome you back anytime. We would also ask if you would remain briefly after services so we may have the opportunity of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. Again Welcome!

Looking for a church home? Interested in setting up a study? Know of a need we can assist with? Please take a moment to visit with us. We would love to know how we may serve.

Facebook is a great way to reach out to others. Thanks so much to the many of you who like, follow, comment and share. If you have not in a while, search our Facebook page and stay connected. Find our Facebook at University church of Christ Lawton.

The Bible tells us, in a few places of scripture, not to "lean on our own understanding". Let's be truthful. When was the last time we did that? Isn't that all what we do? Lean on what we have learned, what we think, what we have come to understand. It's called wisdom, correct. Today we will look a little closer on this subject to see what we can do and who we can ultimately trust. Reminder that scriptures used in today's sermon can be found on the back.

Worship and Study Opportunities

Sunday:
Bible School…….....9:30 A.M
Worship……..….10:30 A.M
Facebook Devotional….6:00 P.M

Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class ……10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class….7:00 P.M.

ELDERS…….. Charles Kelsey and Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS……..…..…. Roy Young

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Study..... 25
On-line Live Stream Bible Study..... 156
Sunday Morning Worship: 37
On-line Live Stream Worship.....107
Sunday Evening On-Line Devotional 135
Ladies Bible Class ……..…….. 11
Mid-Week Worship: 22
Sunday Contribution……..…….. $1,984
Weekly Budget:..……..…..... $3,182

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning (11 October)

Opening Prayer…….. Charles Kelsey

Closing Prayer……. Tommy Bowden

Wednesday Evening (14 October)

Opening Prayer…….... Greg Ray

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Next week's assignments:

Sunday Morning (18 October)

Opening Prayer…….. Eric Sharum

Closing Prayer……..... Glen Wampler

Wednesday Evening (21 October)

Opening Prayer…….... Roy Young

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Lewis Ahrens
Tommy & Debbie Bowden,
Barbara Bolton, Jerry Doughty,
Weldon & Dolores Flanagan,
Jerry and Brenda Golson,
June Hanna, Joshua Kelsey,
Allen Lawler, Jean Leverett
LaDonna McKinzie,
Dana Parrish, Sue Peddy,
Violet Repp,
Jack Treffinger,
Perry & Kim Warren,
Wayne Wicken

Monday Night for the Master is scheduled for Monday, October 12th, at 6:00 p.m. Scheduled to provide cookies are Trena Burch and Karee Curtis. Please bring 2 dozen cookies with 6 cookies per bag.

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Dates to Remember:

Monday, October 12th – MNFTM, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 18th – Monthly luncheon

October Birthdays

10 Earline Gregory
20 Weldon Flanagan
21 Louanna Neeley
23 Jeannie Montague
28 Cindy Byrd
30 Teri Lee
31 Karee Curtis

In Case You Missed It

I find it interesting to read Solomon's conclusion of it all in what he says in Ecclesiastes 12:13. When the conclusion has been heard, when it's all been said, it literally reads, "Fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person." No big fan fare or loud blast of the horns. There's just a simple statement. And Solomon doesn't try to be fancy about it either.

We've been with him through every conceivable emotion, but now he finishes the entire work by saying that there are two things we need to pay attention to—two "musts." First, we must *take God seriously*. Hold Him in highest regard. Respect and revere Him. Second, we must *do what He says*. Obey Him.

You'd think Solomon stopped it all and said, "Now, I'm going fishing. Got it done. Got it said." But that's not all. He knows his readers would ask why. Why should I revere God? Why should I obey His truth? His last statement explains his reason. Because "God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil" (12:14 NASB).

Why does Solomon close with that? Because we cannot live the life we really want and get away with it. We aren't free to run wild and wink in God's direction, thinking that, no matter what, the big Grandfather in the sky will yawn, pat us on the head, and say, "Everything is going to be just fine." No, it doesn't work like that. Our journey, every one of us, is headed for a sudden stop. And all alone, standing face to face with the One who created us, we will give an account of the life we have lived. It's a sobering, serious thought! Don't walk away from it too quickly.

Do you want to know how to handle your life in light of such a day of reckoning? Would you like to know the secret? I'll give it to you in one word—Christ. He alone is the way, the truth, the life. Without "the way," there is no going. Without "the truth," there is no knowing. Without "the life," there is no living.

What it means to "be rich"
By Bart Warren

The story in Luke 16:19 begins so well: "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day." What a life! The sharpest dressed man around. Never lacking a feast that included all the culinary delights. His life was a party. In fact, it may have seemed like a walking dream most of the time. Yet, tragically, after he draws his last breath on earth, he awakes on the other side in anguish!

So, what does it mean to be rich? The man in this story was undoubtedly surprised to find out that he had misunderstood the true meaning.

Is there a certain amount of money one needs to possess to be considered wealthy? That really isn't the point, is it? The point is there is something other than money that matters. There is something other than material wealth that makes us truly rich (Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 16:11).

It is fine to have money so long as it does not rule over us. We are called, "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19).

Jesus once asked, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Mark 9:36). The rich man in our story knew the answer: ***Nothing!*** Nothing is worth being rich in this life only to be in torment for eternity!

The "true riches" that cannot be taken from us are things such as forgiveness, peace, knowing Heaven is our home and Jesus is our Lord, etc. If I am living with the "full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:22), then I am truly and wonderfully rich!

Take inventory of your spiritual bank account. Would the Lord consider you to be rich?

If we have been washed in the blood of Jesus and we are walking in the light, we are rich!