

# Thought For The Week...

## Your Most Valuable Gift



Time is your most precious possession. Do you spend it on what matters most?

*“Don't give holy things to dogs, and don't throw your pearls in front of pigs. They will stomp on the pearls, then turn around and attack you.” Matthew 7:6 (CEB)*

One of the most irreplaceable, valuable things we possess is our time. We cannot go out and buy more time, we cannot go into the kitchen and whip up a couple of extra hours. And yet time is one of the things we squander the most easily.

We waste time, we spend time doing things that sap our energy. If someone asked you to give them money, you might decline, but when they ask you for your time, how do you respond? There's nothing wrong with giving someone your time, but I have often been sucked into commitments I should have avoided by thinking—well, it's only a few hours of my time. I forget time is a pearl of great price.

This odd saying of Jesus forces us to consider: what are the holy things I possess? What are my pearls—the things I value most, the things that are rare and precious to me? My stuff is not holy. My possessions are not my pearls. But the hours I have each day—these are precious.

As my children get older, and move toward independence, I realize I do not get these days to do over. When other people try to demand those pearls from me, sometimes the most holy thing I can do is refuse. One of the more countercultural ways I spend time with my family is to take a weekly Sabbath.

The Bible tells us the Sabbath is to be kept holy. Those precious hours, when I set aside my work and busyness to focus on my relationships with God and my family—they are pearls. In order to protect them, I sometimes have to say no to the requests of others. I think Jesus would approve.

*Faith Step: What do you need to say no to in order to protect the holy things in your life? Think particularly of your schedule—have you thrown your pearls before pigs?*

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**TUNE IN FOR GREAT  
GOSPEL MUSIC  
KJIC 90.5 FM**

**KING JESUS IS  
COMING**

# NO PRAYER PRACTICE... IT'S THE REAL DEAL POWER HOUR PRAYER MEETING!



Tues night 7:30 pm  
**Make it a habit too hard to break!**

## WESTERN DAY NEXT



Get your cowboy get-up on and let's have some "devil stompin" church!! There will be a "best western-dressed" Cowboy, cowgirl, Man and Woman. ☺



We will be sharing a pot-luck western grub dinner – whatever you cook up ..and bring a bunch! **There will be a community outreach on Saturday morning** inviting those in the community, friends, family and neighbors to join with us for a great time of worship, food, and fellowship! There will be NO EVENING SERVICE.

## BUILDING PROGRESS

**It's Happening NOW!!!** We are progressing on the new building. **POSF is MOVING FORWARD!** It's TIME now--We've got a mission and SOULS to win! – Keep your spiritual eyes open for the enemy is lurking! Be diligent – Pray. Fast. and Prepare for the HARVEST!



## Candy Candy Candy



POSF will be having a community candy rain soon. Asking everyone to start bringing your candy donations now. Best to have individually wrapped candy. Stay tuned for more information as the time gets closer. Bring on the sugar~!!! ☺

### New Converts Classes



Don't forget about the New Converts Classes now meeting on Monday nights at 7:30pm with Bro. Darrell Boone. Lots of good reports so be in prayer for this class and those attending!

# *Birthdays and Anniversary's*

*Week of September 22-28*

23 - Carlos Martinez

24 - George Wetzel

26 - Janice Smith



**Life Is Fragile**

**Handle With Prayer**

## **A Difficult Place**

When a sudden change in technology made his job obsolete, a highly trained scientist found himself working in a fast-food restaurant. One evening after our Bible study he described the situation as difficult and humbling. He said, "One good thing I can say is that the young people there seem very interested in my faith." A member of the group responded, "I admire you for being humble. I know your faith must have something to do with it."

Like my acquaintance, Philip may have wondered why God would pull him off an assignment in Samaria (Acts 8:4-8) and plop him in the middle of the desert (v.26). But then he found that the Ethiopian needed help understanding the Scriptures (vv.27-35), and his place made sense.

When Jesus promised He would never leave us alone (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5), He meant in the hard times as well as in the good times. Our mission in the difficult seasons of life is to work or serve remembering we are doing it for God, and then to watch as God works to accomplish His purposes.

Look for God in your difficult place and discover what He's doing in and through you there.

Disappointment—His appointment,

No good thing will He withhold;

From denials oft we gather

Treasures of His love untold. —Young

**What's better than answers to our why questions?**

**Trusting a good God who has His reasons!**

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