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What's Your GPS? by Bill Powell

have some questions I would like you to ponder. My goal is for us to ponder what makes us do the things we do and be the way we are. Let me start by asking where you get your ideas, your values, your direction, your purpose. How are your habits and behavior formed? How are your actions determined? Why do you do the things you do? I am talking about the way you talk, the way you dress, the places you go, the work you do. I mean your opinions, your faith, your beliefs.

I think too many times we don't really give much thought to many of the things we do and say. Have you ever said, "Oh, I didn't realize that." I like the saying, "I said it before I had a chance to think it." If we are honest with ourselves we are too often shaped by our environment, our upbringing, our emotions or personal desires without giving it much thought. Now that doesn't mean all those things are bad, but should we go through life willy nilly, c'est la vie? Should we take the position - I am the way I am. This is the way God made me so don't judge me. Now deal with it.

Let's face it. Something we all have in common is we all have an opinion. My article last month was discussing reasons vs. excuses. I submit my opinion is we should have a reason for why we do the things we do, say the things we say, and be the way we are. This brings us back to how are these things formed and determined in us. Are we going to adapt to the world, live like the devil and be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive? (Eph 4:14) Or are we going to be transformed by the truth of God's word? And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable,

and perfect, will of God. Rom. 12:2

Let me explain. The only judging I am talking about here is us judging ourselves. In order for us to do that, we must determine what is our litmus test, our gauge, our base, our foundation, our standard. What should we use to compare or approve? Jesus is the standard and the Bible is His word. Too often we look to the world, our own emotions, or personal opinion and desires. We are like sheep, and either Jesus is our Shepherd, or we are sheep being led to the slaughter. Too often we compare ourselves among ourselves. For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. 2 Cor. 10:12

In the Christian community there is a real uptick in teaching about grace. No question we are not saved by our works, how we dress, act, or speak. We are saved by grace. It is not of ourselves; it is a gift from God lest any man should boast. Does that make this article moot? Some would say, "Accept Jesus as your Savior. Then you're in. Nothing is required of you. Let your human nature take over." I don't think that is how it works. Let me leave you with a just a few of the many scriptures that speak to how we should comport ourselves. I hope you realize Jesus left us an example so we can follow in His steps. He is the standard which we can never match, but our lives should reflect our desire and effort to emulate Him.

- Matt. 5:48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
- 2 Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

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Looking Ahead August 10

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- 1Co 6:15, 19 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid ... What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- 1 John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
- James 2:24, 26 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only ... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
- 2 Tim 3:12-17 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

We are to be a light that shines, and that light is everything about us - how we look, how talk, how we act and what we do. We should ask ourselves what kind of light are we giving off. Matt. 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Thank you for loving His word and laboring with The Cornerstone to preach and to reach our community for Jesus and His Word. We must continue to remain steadfast. We must unite together and hold each other up as we see our society crumble around us and know He will never leave us or forsake us.

Matt. 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



Programmer of the Month God's Great Outdoors Join Us on the Trail to Adventure!

The Cornerstone offers a wide variety of local and national programming designed to nourish and enrich believers and beckon the lost to the Savior. Check out this one:

WKWJ FM 91.9 - Key West - Saturday 10:30 am • Website - http://www.ggoutdoors.org/

God's Great Outdoors is an adventurous twenty-five minute weekly syndicated radio program hosted by producer and outdoorsman Gerry Caillouet. Join us on a journey to meet with well-known pro sportsmen. "Lindners' Angling Edge's" Ron and Al Lindner, Chuck Buck of Buck Knives, Joni Eareckson Tada of "Joni and Friends," Jimmy Houston, "American's Favorite Fisherman," and David Hale and Harold Knight the "Game Call Pros" are just a few of the people who give helpful tips regarding the outdoors while reflecting on their Christian walk.

The program traces its start to a group of men and women who joined together in 1993 and started a chapter of Christian Bowhunters of America. As the chapter grew and developed outreach programs, an idea for a hunt began to take shape. The Trophies Of Grace Whitetail Deer Hunt became the ministry's vision to see unsaved loved ones become the "Trophies," not the deer that were harvested. From this, God's Great Outdoors was born.

Tune in and learn about the sacrifices of both time and money that are being committed to reach unsaved outdoorsmen. Men, women, and children who will not attend church or other Christian functions are finding Jesus Christ because of these Christians' efforts.

If you don't live in the Key West area, you can stream the program at wjlu.org, or on the Cornerstone Broadcasting app for the Apple and Android devices.

The Most Important Meal of the Day by Donna Bramlett



ave you ever noticed that breakfast meats generally receive top billing? Take the Panera Ham & Swiss

soufflé, or the Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit. The meat is listed first, but I can assure you it is not because there is more meat in there than anything else. It isn't listed like grocery ingredients, in order of volume. No, it's because we really like breakfast meats, and marketers know it. So does my mother. Making pounds of bacon whenever the grandchildren are around is one of her more successful tactics to maintain "favorite" status. You should see the morning hugs she amasses!

So what can we learn from a breakfast meat? How about what King Solomon said: *A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver*. (Prov. 25:11) A well-placed word of encouragement can be like waking up to the smell of crispy bacon and fresh coffee. It gives the downhearted a reason to get up again. It draws people with eagerness and anticipation. Imagine being loved as much as bacon!

Unfortunately, it seems the tone of the day, of the world around us, is thick with cynicism, discouragement, and defeatism. When we talk about the Lord's return, is it with great joy and anticipation at the glory ahead, or does it come up in conversation just because the world seems on the brink of Armageddon? It was the joy set before

Christ that took Him through the cross, and we can set that same overcoming joy before ourselves and others with just a timely word. If you need inspiration and a place to begin the conversation, try Isaiah 52:7. It's laid out pretty clearly - proclaim peace (with God through Christ), good things (pertaining to eternal life), salvation, and the sovereignty of God above all our troubles:

How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who proclaims peace,
Who brings glad tidings of good things,
Who proclaims salvation,

Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

In the Mission Field by Chris Johnson



y friends Justin & Debbie and their precious little ones (Carson and Mia) are missionaries in Papua, New Guinea. I've known these godly people for many years, and ever since the day we met I've been humbled and overwhelmed by their love for Christ and

their earnest desire to go to the unreached people and lay aside the comforts of life to proclaim the gospel! They've been overseas for quite a while now and I'm often reminded to pray for them as they continue to adjust to a new world. Due to the incredible world of social media we're able to keep in touch and stay up to date as to what's going on and the various trials and successes they face. So many times we are tempted to think of missionary work as easy labor in an exotic country filled with wonder and mystery. However the truth is quite the opposite of those rose colored notions. In truth, my friends are thousands of miles from family and the country

they grew up in, modern amenities are a rarity, and even water and food can sometimes be scarce. Language barriers are great, and learning a new dialect can take years and be wearisome at times. Disease and dirty conditions can make even the strongest Christian weary. These reasons and many more reveal why it's so important for we who know missionaries to never cease to pray for them, to sacrificially give to them and to do all we can to encourage them. Not everyone is called to the jungles of Papua, New Guinea, but the Lord has led some of my dear friends to that exact location. As they follow his lead, raise their little ones, and seek to win the lost and serve as tangible expressions of our Lord and Savior, may the Lord help me to continue to support them in any way I can. As we wrap up another summer, let us all consider those we know who serve the Lord near and far, and let us encourage one another as we see the return of the Lord approaching!

Prayer Corner

hildren (and teachers and administrators) return to school this month. Pray for a smooth transition out of summer, and for the climate in our schools to be favorable to the gospel. Pray for the safety and wellbeing of our children on the way to and from school and in the schools.

The St. Augustine station has taken some twists and turns, but the road is finally leveling off, and we can almost see the end. Please continue to pray for the final details to be ironed out and the equipment to work the first time out. Also, we would really like some business support in St. Augustine to help with costs of getting a new station on air. Pray for businesses to jump on board with support.