


# The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX

## “Moments Make a Life”



What is man, that You should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him, That You should visit him every morning, And test him every moment? (Job 7:17,18)

Growing to be a person of Godly integrity is the work of a lifetime, but whether we grow in this direction or not is determined by the many “little” decisions we make moment by moment. A human life is the accumulation of all its moments, so there is no such thing as an unimportant decision.

Remembering the simple, momentary nature of life ought to be helpful to us if we’re serious about seeking God. Daunting tasks lose their power to discourage us when we break them down into each moment’s doable deeds. At any particular moment, whatever should be done can be done. Taken individually, single moments are always manageable. But when we take on the burden of doing more than one moment’s work at a time, our burden is both impossible and foolish. “The next hour, the next moment, is as much beyond our grasp and as much in God’s care, as that a hundred years away . . . The moment which coincides with work to be done is the moment to be minded; the next is nowhere till God has made it” (George MacDonald).

One of the most empowering questions a person can ever ask is this: *what is the very best thing I could actually do right now, in this present moment?* Forget the *next* moment or some *other* moment, what is the main thing that lies before me at just *this* moment? In the end, lives of great, climactic godliness result from a decision to do right by the ordinary moments. Obedience is not impossible. Right now, we must simply embrace whatever we know the Lord would want us to be doing . . . right now!

Did our Lord not warn us to be careful about the “little” things? Did He not say, “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much” (Luke 16:10)? Life is a long journey indeed, but although the steps that take us toward God are many, they should be taken — indeed, *can* only be taken — one at a time. The key to life is the peaceful, persistent management of the moments.

“Take care of the minutes, and the hours will take care of themselves” (Lord Chesterfield).

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### Schedule of Services

#### SUNDAY:

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Bible Study

5:00 PM Worship

#### WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Bible Study



## “Balance”

### Morning Lesson

“Trial of Faith”  
Steve Garrett

### Evening Lesson

“Puzzling Truths from  
Ecclesiastes”  
Jack Smith

### News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Other than long term health issues, really don't have any updates since I've been gone all week. I look forward to catching up with everyone.

Romans 12:3 "For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith." Our attitudes eventually reflect how we treat others.

There is a balance. The text says not to think more highly of himself than he ought to. When we think too highly, we become arrogant and begin to think that we are better than others. The superior attitude is a long way from the lowly Jesus who surrounded Himself with outcasts, lepers, tax collectors and those that society had given up on.

The other extreme isn't any better when it comes to our attitude about self. Some would never think too highly of themselves, because they think too lowly of themselves. They beat themselves up all the time. Paul said, "I can do all things though Christ who strengthens me." He also said, "We overwhelming conquer." We are not junk, because God saw value in saving us.

Too high...too low. That's the problem. It's like sitting on a teeter-totter. Up and down. Up and down. Too much of self, too little of self. Back and forth. Finding that right balance, the Biblical balance is hard. It is a struggle.

Jump Starts Daily

## ASSIGNMENTS

### MORNING SERVICE

Announcements -  
Hymn Director -  
Scripture Reader -  
Luke 23:39-56  
Opening Prayer -  
Closing Prayer -

### EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director -  
Opening Prayer -  
Closing Prayer -

### EVANGELIST

Jack Smith  
Steve Garrett

### ELDERS

Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris  
Jack Smith

### DEACONS

Scott Clanton  
David Davila  
Dan Kimbrough  
Jesse Knapp  
Alex Morolez  
Gregory Williams

## BIBLE CLASSES

- World Religions
- John and Romans
- Graded Classes for Children