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How Was Your Day?

Today has been a tough day for so many. I have seen many people coming in and out of Vanderbilt Hospital. Critical Care units are full of patients both young and old. Many today are dealing with the death of loved ones. During the same day others would say this is just another day on good ole planet earth. They have enjoyed soccer, baseball, and softball games. They have taken pleasure in the beautiful sunshine, some are enjoying a vacation, or special time with their family. Others have completed another day of work, meals have been cooked, clothes cleaned, and its time to get some rest and do it again. How was your day?

We never know what a day may have in store for us? In **Hebrews 3:7,8,12,13** we read *Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice, ⁸ Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, ¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.* Here the Hebrew writer tells us a few things we can focus on today.

1. Don't let anything that happens today keep you from hearing God's voice. Don't allow hardships to harden your heart and cause you to fall away from the living God. Make sure temporary things don't take your focus off of eternal things.
2. Always encourage others as long as it is called "Today".

Let's always do our best to be aware of the hardships of others and make the decision to take every opportunity to encourage others to resist sin and listen to the Lord. Let's decide to make the most of today.

John

Why Are You Doing That?

Luke 6:9 Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"

The Old Testament law had a great number of rules. One category dealt with the keeping of the Sabbath. God gave instructions through Moses as how to deal with this holy day. Sadly men began to add their own rules that they thought were necessary to follow God's laws. As Jesus lived his life, he required men to really consider where their religious ideas came from. The Pharisees had declared that to pick grain on the Sabbath day was a violation. They saw Jesus' disciples and accused them of wrongdoing. Jesus boldly and with his authority challenged these men to consider the Scriptures. Have you read what David's men did? They ate of the consecrated bread in order to satisfy their hunger. They had not used good reasoning skill. Then an accusation was made against Jesus because he healed a man whose right hand was shriveled. Apparently they thought more of the interpretation of a law than of a human being. Jesus responded by asking, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath" to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"

Are there laws which were intended for us to do good that we are using to harm people? Christians should be looking to do good and to save life. Doing evil or destroying life is never alright. This passage calls upon us to seek truth as presented by the Lord, look to help people and to serve God. To our amazement, this type of thinking from the Pharisees led many to begin to plot the death of Jesus. Let's not hold on to our traditions but rather to the holy word of God.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Jerry Barber MRMC Rm. 664
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown - Home
- Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 104
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman - Port surgery March 29 for dialysis
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Danny Lasater - Vanderbilt (heart surgery)
- Linda Luna- home
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Elaine Pope
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White-Vanderbilt Rm 6637
- Elaine Whitehead
- Wanda Workman - MRI March 30 on liver

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Sherry Nicholson - sister-in-law of Larry, Linda Collier - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Stacey Brown - niece of Cindy Hargrove has cystic fibrosis, Marie Skelton, Jean Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Natalie Kuykendall - undergoing chemo, Linda Hambek - friend of the Mobley's - cancer, June Crigger, 108 Riverside Dr., Eunice Oliver - Life Care, Rm. 217, Aaron Way - great nephew of Barry Brown - 5934 Ash Hill Rd., Spring Hill 27174, Claire Miller, Hannah Haywood, Shawn Skelton - brother-in-law of Roberta Bolton, Maddox Jackson - nephew of Clyde Farris - Vanderbilt Hospital, Shannon Buchanan - friend of Abby Smith, Beatrice Baker - NHC Walnut Ln., Rm. 104-B, Edith Sharp - sister of Betty Lentz, William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Ctr., 3333 Burnett Ave., Unit A5S, Rm. 5541, Cincinnati, OH 45229, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Ann Graham, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8

WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 2, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Donnie G. Davis
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Blair Keeling
 Randy Jones Jeremy Britt
 Trent Thomason Ed Johnson
 Charlie Willis Brennan McNeese
 Max Ballard Cheyenne McNeese
 Read: Acts 8:36-39.....Greg Gray
 Sermon: What Do I Need?.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Daniel Thomas
 Read: Acts 20:17-21.....Nathan Hixson
 Sermon: Growing the Church at Ephesus.....Joe Macer
 Presiding.....Jacob Pollard
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

Sympathy to Reba Jones on the death of her sister Annie Hill.
 Sympathy to Lorene Hickman on the death of her brother,
 Robert Baker.
 Sympathy to Michele Clark on the death of her mother,
 Theresa Sparks.

Ushers: Jerry Ballard, Tommy Hight, Tommy Skelley
 Greeters: Jimmy & Anna Quirk, Linda Weaver, Lorene Hickman
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Jimmy Quirk
 Security Team: A.M.& P.M. - Chris Mobley, Bobby Daniels

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NURSERY CARE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Angie Massey, Reba Jones
 P.M.....Jackie Hargrove

Song LeaderJerry Wilson
 Prayer.....David Morgan
 Announcements/Spoker.....Kevin Mick