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What is Your Identity?

If a person asked you to identify yourself, what would you say? Would you pull out a driver's license? Would you tell them your name, where you live, or what you do for a living? Would you tell them who your parents are or who your spouse is. Are you known as someone's mom or dad, or sister or brother? Who are you? This is a question that could evoke many different responses, but is one that is of utmost importance. How we come to answer this question will determine how we come to handle many aspects in our life. In my next few articles I want to give a few answers we need to be able to give to this question.

One way a person can answer this question will revolve around the fact he or she is a family member. Within God's plan man would not be alone (Genesis 2:18), but would be in committed relationships (Genesis 2:23,24). This is part of a person's identity. Every family situation is different and comes with various challenges, but God has expectations for a Christian toward their family. I am the son of Jim and Myra Thomas. I am Natalie's Husband, and my children's Father. This seems rather simple, but how I allow this realization to affect my life makes all the difference. As a family member, I am called on by God to honor my parents, love my wife, faithfully raise my children. This part of my identity must be important to me, and its priority must affect my schedule, and how I spend my energies. It needs to be nurtured and protected in order to bring glory to God. I am a family member.

John

Instructions For Widows

I Corinthians 7:39 A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.

As we finish this six weeks on the family, let's think about another group that is often neglected by our instructions. Sooner or later to all married couples comes the death of one spouse. The survivor is then a widow or a widower. The Scriptures have much to say about widows. God has always had special care for those that have lost their spouse. All throughout the Scriptures, God has commanded that widows be provided for and that no one should try to take advantage of them. The early church understood they had a responsibility to provide them their daily food. A long set of instructions was given to Timothy by Paul in I Timothy 5. These verses informed the early church as to what widows could be placed upon a list for the church to provide for their needs.

First, widows are to be provided for by their family. If there was no family, then the widow must be 60 or older, really in need and put her hope in God. She was to have been faithful to her husband and known for various good deeds. If these were met, then she was placed on the list where the church provided for her needs. In chapter 5, Paul encouraged the younger widow to marry but with a warning to not let Satan lead her away from the Lord. In today's verse, Paul says she is free to marry but that the man must belong to the Lord. He went on to say that he believed that she would be happier without marrying again. This may be partly due to the trouble given to Christians at Corinth. The church family must always have their hearts open to the needs of others. Find out what is needed and begin to meet their needs. The widow is so very valuable to the church and must not be overlooked.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Bill Carroll
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
- Vera Daniels - recovering from fall at home
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Kenny Jones, son of Reba, is having hip surgery on Monday, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Helen Deen - mother of Sharon Davis, Barbara Skelley, mother of Tommy, Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Linda Hanback, friend of the Mobley's - cancer, Linda Collier - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Stacey Brown - niece of Cindy Hargrove double lung transplant, Ricky Harrington - uncle of Kaye Beard's grandson, Jean Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Natalie Kuykendall - undergoing chemo, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barber's - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Ctr., 3333 Burnett Ave., Unit A5S, Rm. 5541, Cincinnati, OH 45229, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8

WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 2, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
 Prayer.....Shawn Townsend
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Sam Quirk
 E. J. Hill Max Ballard
 Trent Hill Jeremy Britt
 Corey Smith Chase Thomason
 Jerry Ballard Jerry Thornton
 Read: Matthew 25:41-46.....David Thomas
 Sermon: The Terrors of Hell.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Mike Kinzer
 Read: Obadiah 1-4.....Ryan Grice
 Sermon: The Pride of Your Heart.....Joe Macer
 Presiding.....Ed Hargrove
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

Sympathy is extended to the Larry Nicholson family on the death of his brother William. Burial will be at a later date at Arlington Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

Ushers: John Massey, Tommy Hight, Tommy Skelley
 Greeters: Bill & Peggy Jones, Randy & Melissa Jones
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Ryan Massey

Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - Chris Mobley, Addison Duff

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Teresa Lyle, Cecelia Willis
 P.M.....Angie Massey

VBS—WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2016

**6:15-6:30 Registration
 6:20 - Singing Begins
 6:35 - Dismiss to Class**