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### Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.  
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

### Wednesday:

Bible Study ..... 7:00 P.M.

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## Take Heed!

Barry Grider

The writer of Hebrews proclaims, "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by who also he made the worlds" (Heb. 1:1,2). Twice God's voice thundered from heaven acknowledging Jesus Christ as His Son. This was heard immediately after Jesus' baptism by John (Mat. 3:17) and also on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mat. 17:5). These words were added on the sacred mount, "hear ye him." When Jesus speaks, heaven's authority is behind it. The Lord has to say something only once for it to be important. But there are numerous instances when He or one of His chosen apostles would say "take heed" to what was being said." Such a phrase implies that the subject is of utmost importance and is not in any way to be neglected. Consider some of the commands of the Savior and His inspired penman.

1. *Take Heed Unto Yourself.* "Take heed unto yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares" (Luke 21:34). As Benjamin Franklin admonished, all need to take personal inventory of self. Often we see the mistakes, failures, and sins of others, but fail to examine ourselves.
2. *Take Heed to Your Hearing.* We are to take heed what we hear (Mark 4:24) and take heed how we hear (Luke 8:18).
3. *Take Heed to Doctrine.* "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:16). Doctrine is teaching. Faithful churches of Christ have no creed but the Bible. However, the precious book divine must be studied (2 Tim. 2:15).
4. *Take Heed Not to Be Deceived* (Luke 21:8). Those who pay no attention to biblical doctrine are often deceived. Do not be deceived and allow a matter of doctrine to become a matter of opinion or allow a matter of opinion to be elevated and taught as Bible doctrine.
5. *Take Heed and Beware of Covetousness* (Luke 12:15). Most people seemingly are discontented with their lot in life, even those who appear to be financially blessed. Paul warns, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10).
6. *Take Heed to Your Brother.* "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another" (Gal. 5:14,15).
7. *Take Heed That You Fall Not Away.* "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). What is under consideration is the one who thinks he can stand alone without the help of God. The fact that a child of God can move away from his Lord and ultimately be lost is a very real and frightening thought. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Heb. 3:12). The reason one should ever be right with God is clearly stated by the Lord Jesus, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is" (Mark 13:33). Jesus is coming! Take heed and be ready!

## Kings and Rulers in Proverbs (Conclusion)

Barry Grider

Righteous rulers respect those who do right. "Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right" (Prov. 16:13). A righteous ruler understands that honest people can only be beneficial to him. Those who are wicked will undermine him, envy him, and lie to him, while seeking his demise (Prov. 25:4, 5; cf. 29:12). Therefore, he honors not those who do evil (Prov. 18:5), but good. The reputation and demeanor of the righteous citizen appeals to the righteous ruler (Prov. 25:15).

He that saith unto the wicked, thou art righteous;  
him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:  
But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a  
good blessing shall come upon them (Prov. 24:25).

Right thinking people are rightly appalled when evil men are honored, therefore, a righteous ruler will respect those who do right (Prov. 22:11).

Righteous rulers fear God. "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will" (Prov. 21:1). How sad to see a ruler lift up himself and forget there is a God. How refreshing to find a ruler who understands he or she is not really sovereign. It is said that whenever Queen Victoria of England heard the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" sung or played, she would remove her crown in deference to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Such was truly honorable!

A ruler can lead his people to greatness or cause them to collapse, not just because of his ability or inability to handle the affairs of state, but also because of how he handles the affairs of his heart. The importance of moral character in the life of the king is clearly seen in the following passage:

Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to  
that which destroyeth kings. It is not for kings, O  
Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for  
princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the  
law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.  
Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish,  
and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him  
drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his  
misery no more (Prov. 31:3-7).

The book of Proverbs is replete with warnings about perverse women and strong drink. The lives of many individuals who had great potential for good have been destroyed because of no control over lustful desires. "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor" (Ecc. 10:1). How sad indeed for a man to rise to lofty positions and be brought low because of his own immorality. His demise will not only destroy him personally, but also bring much reproach upon the nation.

### Respect for Rulers

Peter wrote, "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (1 Pet. 2:17). The most patriotic, respectful, and law abiding citizens should be Christians. America has been blessed down through the years with great

people. Our people have been great because for most of our history the principles of the Bible have been employed and enforced. Many have desired to enter our borders as Lady Liberty, with her shining torch, has cried out to those yearning to breath free. Unlike political leaders in oppressed lands, our governing officials can take pride that many desire entrance into our country. The wise man wrote, "In the multitude of people is the king's honor: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince" (Prov. 14:28).

However, there are those who do not appreciate God's standard for the home, church, or civil government. Thus we are reminded,

"My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?" (Prov. 24:21, 22).

As we think about our rulers, what ought to be our attitude toward them? First, let us obey them. Obviously, if called upon to do that which is not authorized by God, we must resist all (Acts 5:29). However, we have a responsibility to obey civil authorities. Even if I do not like the speed limit or do not desire to pay taxes, I must be obedient to the powers that be. Remember Jesus' words, "...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25). Of course, the law-abiding citizen has the respect and appreciation of a righteous ruler, for such citizens brings peace and stability to the land. Likewise, the lawbreaker faces the wrath of governmental authorities (Prov. 14:35; 16:14,15; 20:2).

Second, citizens should honor their rulers. President Reagan was so respectful of the office he held, he refused to take off his coat while in the oval office. In turn, we should hold in high esteem those who sit in high places. It takes special people to lead well. We have all seen the negative effects of unqualified individuals in positions of leadership. Hence, "Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes" (Prov. 19:10).

### Conclusion

It is true that many kings and rulers are not kind, knowledgeable, righteous, or deserving of respect. Some are even deceitful (Prov. 23:1-3). There is one thing every Christian can do, regardless of his nationality. Each Christian can pray for his leaders (1 Tim. 2:1, 2). He can be a good example (Matt. 5:16; Phil 2:15). Those living in free societies should vote. Furthermore, let us not be shy or ashamed to preach to our nation (Isa. 58:1) and call upon our leaders and fellow citizens to uphold biblical principles. We must remind them that, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

(from *The Sayings of Solomon*, 2003 Power Lectures)

**LORD'S TABLE**

<b>PRESIDE:</b>	Paul Connell	Isaac McLaurin
<b>ASSIST:</b>	Steve Allmond	Gene Kuehn
	Javier Lara	Edison Ray
	Billy Rodgers	Irwin Thomas

**PRAYERS**

<b>A.M. OPENING:</b>	Greg Mangrum
<b>A.M. CLOSING:</b>	Phil Houston
<b>P.M. OPENING:</b>	Kalon Brown
<b>P.M. CLOSING:</b>	Jackson Greer

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

**RECORD, WEEK of August 21, 2016**

BIBLE STUDY:	180
A.M. WORSHIP:	250
P.M. WORSHIP:	175
CONTRIBUTON:	\$13,835

**OUR SICK**

**Virginia Ditto**, Kirby Pines Rehab.  
**Albert House**, VA Medical Center.  
**Garland Elkins**, Christian Care Center, Room 220.  
**Velton Trimm**, Christian Care Center, Room 212.

**HOMEBOUND**

Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Virginia Ditto	Clarine Justice
Hazel Eskew	Ryan McCullar
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Helen Palazola
Anita Hopper	Jerry & Betty Robbins

**OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** the family of Ann Caughron, sister-in-law of Julia Grisham and aunt of Holly Myers, who passed away Sunday, August 21. There will be a visitation Wednesday, August 24, 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. at Memphis Funeral Home on Poplar. A graveside service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery.



**KIRBY PINES** Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, August 28.

**LEGACY ESTATES** worship service each Sunday afternoon 3:00 p.m. conducted by Forest Hill.



**REMEMBER to Check Your Box!**

**INFORMATION LINE:** 531-8849

**REQUESTED PRAYERS:** Michael Callahan, Holly Clarke and Caleb Hull.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP:** Eddie & Kathi Graham, 8011 Atwater Ln, Apt 103, Memphis, TN 38119, Eddie: (901)288-9440, Kathi: (901)268-6660.

**HEARTS & HANDS**

**TEAM "D" (Randy Elliott)** will receive assignments the week of August 28.

**TEAM "E" (Jim Woody)** will meet Saturday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**YOUNG ADULTS CANOE TRIP** Saturday, August 27 at 8:30 a.m.

**MONEY MANAGEMENT** (9 Week Course) begins Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. More details to follow.

**HEARTS & HANDS REORGANIZATION LUNCHEON** Sunday, September 25 after the morning service. All are invited to stay for this covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall. **ZONES 3 & 4** are responsible for set-up and clean-up. **Zone 6** is responsible for supplying drinks and set-up, serve and clean-up the drink area.

**FLU SHOTS** Sunday, September 25, after the morning service in the fellowship hall. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**MSOP STUDENTS** are attending Polishing the Pulpit this week in Sevierville Tennessee. Please pray for their safety.

**Last week's solution:**

*And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. Acts 4:32*

**CORNERSTONE**

Unscramble the letters in each word below to reveal the passage of scripture.

UTB EW REA UONDB OT VIGE TSNKHA YWSLAA OT OGD ROF YUO, TRRNHEEB VOLEEDB FO EHT ROLD, USEECBA OGD THHA ROMF EHT NNNIIGGEB SONHEC YUO OT VTSONLIAA UTROHHG TTSONNIIIFCCAA FO EHT TSRPII NDA LIFEEDB FO EHT UTTRH:

Solution next week

**COMING SOON**  
**FALL 2016**

**Forest Hill Ladies Day**  
**Saturday, November 12**

*"Sweet Hour  
of Prayer"*



**Lori Boyd**  
of  
Murfreesboro,  
Tennessee

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