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Prison Ministry

Century Correctional Institutional:
Sunday 8 A.M.
(excluding 2nd Sunday of each
month)

Century Work Camp:
Sunday 2 P.M.
(excluding 1st Sunday of each
month)

Our Record For Last Week

Sunday A.M. Bible Class 64
Sunday A.M. Worship 102
Sunday P.M. Worship 83
Wednesday 62
Contribution \$ 2517.00

“Upon the first day of the week let
every one of you lay by him in store,
as God hath prospered him...”
1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Sermons for Sunday March 6, 2011

A.M.
“Caleb...Hath Followed Me Fully”
Jesse Claunch

P.M.
“Knowing the Lord”
Jesse Claunch



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Were the Five Wise Virgins Selfish?

The point of the parable in matt. 25:1-13 is the personal responsibility of preparedness. The parable has to do with the spiritual condition of those who “wait for the bridegroom,” which is Christ. In the parable, the five foolish virgins brought lamps but “took no oil with them” (v. 3). The wise virgins took few verses before this, the Lord had said, “Therefore be ye ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 24:44). The parable of the virgins continues the theme.

There are things that cannot be shared. Those who serve the Lord cannot share spiritual blessing with those who do not, even if they wanted to do so! That is the point of the parable. Rom. 14:12 states, “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” And in 2 Cor. 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that ever one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” That a wife is faithful to the Lord: he cannot “borrow her oil.” Each must live as the Lord directs, each must serve the Lord, each must be judged on his or her own life. If one obeys the Lord, another cannot claim “credit” for it before the Lord.

Christians are to live unselfishly. The passage in Matt. 5:38-48 clearly shows that, as do many other passages of Scripture. We are to share the gospel (Rom. 1:14-16), our funds (Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:1-4), our love (1 Pet. 2:17) and ourselves. But we cannot share “all spiritual blessings in Christ” (Eph. 1:3), for that is the Lord’s business. And remember the parable in Matt. 25 again. When the foolish virgins returned from going to buy oil, it was the Lord that refused them entrance! And it will be the Lord who judges each of us. Individually.

-Clem Therman

Schedule of Services

Sunday Services
Bible Study
9:30 A.M.
A.M. Services
10:30 A.M.
P.M. Services
6:00 P.M.

*wednesday
Services*
Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

Radio Program
WPFL FM Sundays
at 12pm

Other Services
Century Care Center
Last Tuesday of
each
Month @ 6pm

Personal Notes:

