

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Speaker, Robert Emerson
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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"I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced,"

— 2 Corinthians 12:21

**Servants during July:**

Songleader: David (3), Peter (10), Stanley (17), Larry (24), David (31)

Reading: Robert

Announcements: Stanley

Table: Marty, David, Peter, Mike B

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (6),

Stanley (13), Kris (20), Larry (27)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Robert (3), Kris (10), Marty (17), Stanley (24), Larry (31)

Area Meetings:

Northside (Lexington) (10-14);

Truth Lectures (11-14);

Jones Road (10-15);

Eastside (Red Bay) (10-15);

Russellville (10-15);

Phil Campbell (17-20)

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"Examine everything carefully..." —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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Good Heart-Keeping

By Dan S. Shipley

In his popular little book Flesh and Spirit, William Barclay recounts an interesting history of the Greek word akatharsia (ἀκαθαρσία, Strong's number 167). He reveals that when transferring ownership of a house in ancient Greece, the sales contract would often require the outgoing tenant to leave the house clean of all akatharsia (dirt). Later, in medical parlance, this same term was used to denote impure substances in sores and wounds. In the Septuagint, ritual and ceremonial impurities were referred to as akatharsia. Such uncleanness could cause one to be cut off from Jehovah, Jer 22:5.

In the New Testament, akatharsia appears as "uncleanness" and is found in company with such words as fornication, lasciviousness and covetousness. Such uncleanness is listed as a work of the flesh, Gal 5:19; to be repented of,

2 Cor 12:21; not to be named among saints, Eph 5:5; and can keep one from heaven, Gal 5:21; Eph 5:5. Thayer defines akatharsia as "the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living". Considering all evidence, it becomes apparent that in this word is conveyed the idea of a general moral uncleanness such as to be avoided by the people of God.

From other New Testament teaching we learn that defiled lives are but the products of defiled hearts. "For out of the heart cometh forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: these are the things which defile the man..." Mt 15:19,20. As the seat of man's moral nature, the heart-house is to be kept clean from all akatharsia. "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life," Prov 4:23. Heeding the admonition to "keep thyself pure" begins with the heart—it requires good heart-


keeping.

Man's heart-house has many doors through which uncleanness may enter and defile; such as those of seeing, hearing and thinking (note 1 Cor 2:9). Leaving these doors open to all sorts of indiscriminate traffic degrades the heart to little more than a moral trash dump. Through the open eye-door is tracked in the smut of salacious literature, immodesty, and even the "respectable" pornography of television to defile the purest of hearts. Other pollution enters through the ear-door left open to obscene, vile, and evil language. In addition, there passes through the unguarded heart-door the re-runs of this seen and heard filth, plus such soil—soiling guests as lust,

greed, hate, envy, and jealousy. No heart-house can host such company without flavoring one's conduct accordingly—a lesson that many have not yet learned. It is useless to think of attaining a clean heart without first controlling these sources of defilement.

Accordingly, good heart-keeping demands diligence; the continual exercise of will-power and self-control. Satan and his polluting devices only need resisting, Jas 4:7; with God's help we endure, 1 Cor 10:13.

As man repents and obeys in faith, God cleanses the heart-house with His forgiveness, thus making it fit for the King who seeks a dwelling place there, Eph 3:17.

—via *Plain Talk*, May, 1971 (V8N3) 

salvation of their souls, to an eternal home in heaven, to an escape from the fires of hell. The young couple thanked him, but said they were not interested in studying at this time.


Before we criticize the young couple, we need to analyze **why** the difference; viz, the first family recognized their need for what was being offered, while the second didn't. That young couple probably never realized what they were in reality refusing. If they ever awaken to their need, they will accept the gospel with a joy and excitement that will even surpass that of the first family mentioned.

We approach different types of people in our work for the Lord. Some know they are lost and are seeking help. Others do not know they are lost, but are interested in the Bible, and will agree to study the scriptures. They can be brought to understand their lost condition through study. But still others are unconcerned, have no interest in Bible study, and really don't want to be bothered. These require a completely different kind of approach, a great amount of patience, and much prayer. We must

not give up on these. In time many can be brought to see their lost condition and repent.

The 3,000 who were baptized on Pentecost had no concern for learning about Jesus when the day began. The same could be said of the jailer of Philippi. Saul's only interest as he started out for Damascus was to imprison and persecute Christians. He would have hardly agreed to a study at that time. The woman of Samaria had little concern for her soul as she went to Jacob's well for water; but oh! the skill with which the Master Teacher brought her to see her sinful condition! Each of these demonstrated a complete change in attitude as soon as he saw his lost condition.

This complete change in attitude on the part of so many unconcerned, even belligerent, ones of the first century gives us hope for the unconcerned of our age. In fact, maybe someday, with the Lord's help, we can report the obedience of the young couple mentioned above.

—via *Two Men: Articles on Practical Christian Living*, p154-156 

They Must See the Need

By Bill Hall

An acquaintance of mine, hearing recently of a family that had suffered considerable misfortune, went to the home to investigate. He found a father suffering from multiple sclerosis. The mother had just been involved in a serious automobile accident. A son, injured in the accident, was in the hospital. Moved by the misfortunes of the good family, he wrote out a small check, and gave it to the mother.

Tears welled up in her eyes as she thanked him and expressed how kind everyone had been. She was so grateful.

The same man went that week to see a young couple who were not Christians. He offered, to study the scriptures with them, specifically suggesting the book of Acts. He was trying to give this couple something far greater than a small check. He wanted to bring them to the

Remember in Prayer

Betty has had her surgery to remove cancer from her leg, but is having a difficult time with her blood sugar; Robert is wearing a heart monitor. Please don't fail to

remember the Beddingfield's, and all those with chronic health issues, including Carolyn Dennis, Dot Hice, and Joyce Smith. 