

**Schedule of Meeting Times:**

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM  
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM  
*Singing every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening*  
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“He who has found  
 his life will lose it,  
 and he who has lost  
 his life for My sake  
 will find it,”



— Matthew 10:39

**Servants during June:**

**Songleader:** Peter (4), Stanley (11),  
 Larry (18), Peter (25)

**Reading:** Mike M

**Announcements:** Stanley

**Table:** Marty, Larry, Peter, Stanley

**Wednesday Lesson:** Larry (7), Stanley  
 (14), Kris (21), Larry (28)

**Lawn Mowing (week starting):** Larry  
 (4), Kris (11), Marty (18), Stanley (25)

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“Examine everything carefully...” —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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# Expendable

by Robert F. Turner

During WW II, when British troops were facing Dunkirk; when our boys were pushed from Bataan... someone applied the term “expendable” to forces left to cover the withdrawal. They were considered certainly lost—given to the enemy—their death or capture, the price paid for what was hoped to be some greater gain. There were examples of men accepting, even choosing this role, because they too believed in the greater end. One must believe in and greatly love his country to freely make such a sacrifice.

How many soldiers of the Cross are willing to consider themselves (their pride, their comforts, not to mention their life) expendable in order that the greater purposes of

His kingdom might be achieved?

Do we dare consider that “giving ourselves” to Christ means just this? The Apostle Paul could ask others to pray that Christ be magnified, whether by his life or his death, Phil 1:19,20. He considered himself expendable. He had long ago “died with Christ,” Rom 6:6-11, so that his own life, his earthly desires and appetites, were “hid with Christ in God,” Col 3:2,3. The greater end, service to his Master and the eternal reward, so dominated his thinking that no demands were too great. He was not his own, 1 Cor 6:19; 7:22,23, but was, and urged others to be “a living sacrifice,” Rom 12:1,2.

Had you rather suffer wrong than see Christ’s cause suffer? Will

you swallow your pride rather than see the greater work damaged? That's what it takes when one is expendable. But this is no easy role to accept. We find ourselves reasoning that others get by without making the sacrifice—why me? “If any provide not for his own—” is always good for rejecting the financial pinch; and we “live to fight tomorrow” in the more important battles—which

somehow never come.

To us “expendable” says “worthless” but to Christ it was the way to find one's life, Mt 10:39. He “died for the people, that the whole nation perish not,” Jn 11:50,51; Jn 12:32.

Full service to Christ begins the day we see ourselves as “expendable.”

—via Plain Talk, Feb 1974 

# Our Tattling Priorities

by Dan S. Shipley

As someone has wisely noted, “life is governed by esteemed values.” It's what men consider important that really counts in the ordering of personal priorities. Obviously, not all consider the same things important. What one views as trivial may be another's treasure, and vice versa. But this much is sure: no man ever treats his own “treasure” as a trivial thing.

On the contrary, one's devotion to his special interests will likely be conspicuously manifest, even when he might wish it otherwise. As Jesus has said, “for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also,” Mt 6:21. Again, “for out of

the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh,” Mt 12:3b. The heart is where the treasure is and the mouth will soon reveal where the heart is. Our priorities tell on us because we like to tell about them. Sooner or later, the topic of conversation will be centered on our interests—maybe not with the enthusiasm of a golf or fishing “nut”, but like ants at a picnic, they'll keep on showing up. Our auditors hear what we are concerned about. What do they hear? Is it ever spiritual subjects? It may be enlightening to see a list of what our friends consider to be our priorities. Chances are, they wouldn't be far off because if our


conversations didn't tell on us, our schedules would.

Like our speech, the employment of free time says much about our interests. That's why we always seem to find time for doing what we want and seldom find time for the don't-wants. Worse, we may even become unconscious to making such distinctions—even to the extent of habitually first doing what we want, then, if necessary, invent excuses for our failures. Mostly, Christians with excuses are just Christians with wrong priorities. Think, for instance, of how Christians could redeem the time, not only by attending Bible studies and worship, but by visiting the sick and weak and teaching the lost. Yet, it is not unusual to hear of those who put in more time watching TV in one or two evenings than on all of these activities put together for a whole week! We ought to be ashamed! —not for watching TV, but for neglecting the other. Redeeming the time (Eph 5:16) becomes an impossible task without right

priorities.

Finally, the use made of financial resources says something about what we consider important. In fact, some say it says most and loudest. Anyway, like time and tongue, it does tell where the heart is and its use can be a proof of love, 2 Cor 8:24. Certainly, that which we profess to be the most important and urgent cause on earth deserves to be supported accordingly, financially and otherwise.

Remember, our priorities do tell on us. And they always tell the truth! The Lord hears what they say. The brethren hear. So does the world. The real question is, do we? If so, we may conclude that changes are needed. Not superficial changes that force external “improvement”, but the kind that get to the heart of the matter—the kind that come from facing up to our true condition and real needs and make us see the need for the Lord and **seeking Him FIRST**.

—via Plain Talk, Sept 1976 

## Remember in Prayer

**Mark Horton** is recovering from pelvic/spinal surgery. **Buddy** is in a good deal of pain, and will have an injection in his back, soon. Mike Beckman has had some relief from leg

pain, recently! Please continue to remember these, as well as **Betty; Carolyn; Dot; Joyce;** and **John and Sylvia Pollard's newborn, Paige.** 