

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Guest speaker Today!
Loyd Barry
All the way from Arkansas

Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Charles Barry will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song**, **Loyd Barry** will present the **Lesson**. may God

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

bless their efforts!

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

Luke 19:17

We are praying for you!

The Lord's Church - for sharing the Word and being a living example.

Don Blackwell - for his full recovery from his recent back operation.

Gospel Preacher Sunl - for all his work for and with the **Church of Christ India Mission Work**.

God's Blessings to Everyone!

It is good to have Loyd Barry and his family with us today!

Welcome brother, may your visit be a blessing to us all.

To Show Your Work Or Not?

Brad Tolbert

When you were a kid were you told that you had to show your work on the math problems you were given to do in class? I will admit I always hated doing that. Showing others our work is one of the things I think Christians struggle with. There are verses in the Bible that can confuse some because they seem to teach things that, on the surface, appear to be opposites. Should we hide the work we do for God from others, or do all our work out in the public eye so they can see it?

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven” (Mathew 6:1). This chapter goes on to warn us not to do our giving, praying, and fasting so that others can see us doing these things. Doesn't this verse teach us that we should hide our work from others? If we receive praise from men are we giving up our reward in heaven?

On the other hand, we see other verses like 1 Peter 2:12, “Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.” Doesn't this verse teach us that the work we do has a purpose? That our work is to be seen by those around us to point them toward God?

I can see why some people struggle with knowing what to do. The chapter in Matthew 6 warns us against doing things to be seen by others. Each of the activities that Jesus warns us about are ones that only involve God and us. These activities are not work that helps others or shows God's love to other members of the church and the community. They are acts of worship directed toward God, and do not need to be seen by the people around us.

Jesus Himself taught that we have a responsibility to show the love of God to others through our work. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Mathew 5:14-16). Our works of love will gain attention from others. Our job is to make sure they know that God is the reason we work.

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of Josiah, only to be grieved again when he saw the Jews returning to idolatry. He warned and warned the nation of Judah about the coming of the Babylonians, and then he witnessed his prophecies come true, as the Babylonians came and destroyed Judah and the Temple.

He was from a family of Levite priests and was a very honest person, who had a very deep relationship with God. He did not want the people of Judah to receive the judgment of God, and he was hoping that the people of Judah would repent. With the coming judgment upon Judah, God forbid him to marry (Jeremiah 16:2). Throughout the book with his name on it, it shows his grief, sorrow and at times his loneliness. Yet, he was dedicated to serving God.

If you have not guessed by now, this prophet was none other than Jeremiah. He was a prophet who endured, even though at times he wept and wanted to give up (Jeremiah 9:2; 20:1-18). He, however, never did give up. Although we do not have a record of his death, everything we know about Jeremiah points us to believe that he died as a faithful follower of Almighty God.

What an example of endurance and faithfulness! He never gave up. He never surrendered and turned his back on God like the rest of the crowd. He endured. He was faithful. He was righteous.

What an example for us, as we run the Christian race and face many temptations, trials and discouragements. May we have the faith and the endurance Jeremiah exhibited. Like Jeremiah, we are never promised that life will be free of trouble or struggles. Hebrews 12:1 even encourages us by saying, "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (NKJV). May we stay faithful to God, keep running the race and keep abiding in God's Word, just like Jeremiah the prophet who endured.

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Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. — Luke 12:6-7

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