

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal



The Lord's Day Message

"Winning Against Self"

Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Charles will lead our **Bible Class**, **Kerry** will lead singing, **Paul McCollum** will deliver the **Lesson**. May God bless their efforts!

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

~ Happy Lord's Day ~

*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to
withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

ephesians 6:13

We are praying for you!

Sweeti Parichha - for relief and curing of her stomach problems as well as God's blessed peace.

David Z - for the opening of his heart to the offer of God's salvation.

Matthew McCollum and Tracy Halter - safe travels to and from Washington, Idaho, and Oregon to visit friends and family.

~**God's Blessings to Everyone!**~

The Value of Work

Jerrie Barber

Working is a part of God's plan for man's fulfillment and happiness. After creating the world and making man of the dust, "the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it" (Gen. 2:15). Paradise was not then nor is now a place of constant leisure and no responsibilities.

Whether we are thinking of work by which we provide a living for our family or a task we do in the Lord's service, there are some biblical principles that will help us.

Find a work suited for you. Because of background, natural ability, education, experience, and interest, we do some things better than others. "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Rom. 12:4-5).

Do your best. Whether we are doing "church work" or whether we are on the job, we are working for the Lord. "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23-24).

Schedule times of rest. God set the example by resting on the seventh day after creating the world in six. When the apostles had completed some work and reported to Jesus the results, Jesus said, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31).

Be training others to do your work. It is no compliment to anyone's effectiveness and leadership for any work to show a decline after he or she moves, is promoted, or retires. Paul gave the principle to Timothy when he wrote, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2).

Prepare for work in the future that will call for growth. The challenging task of an elder is being addressed when Paul wrote to Timothy, "If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work" (1 Tim. 3:1).

Work is designed by the Lord to be a blessing, not a curse. How do you

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plan to be blessed in your work?

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10).

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What Do Disciples Do?

David Myers

A dictionary definition for “objective” is an “aim or end of action, point to be reached.” There’s an ancient proverb that says, “He who aims at nothing hits it every time.” As disciples of the Lord, we need to choose a life objective. As Christians, it’s important that we have an aim or an objective in life. Your life can be represented by a straight line that starts at birth with an arrow on the opposite end indicating the unknown. Say you have lived 20 years or so and have 40 years or more left. Here is the question you need to consider: “When you come to the end of those 40 years, and you have nothing but death to which to look forward – and nothing but memories to look back upon – what will you need to see in order for you to conclude, ‘My life was a success?’” You are not ready to live those 40 years until you have answered that question. With the Lord, you have aim and direction. The Lord Jesus was able to say in John 17:4, “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do” (NKJV). Twice in the ministry of our Lord, in His ministry and at the cross, Jesus said He had “finished” the mission on which the Father had sent Him (John 17:4; 19:30).

When it comes to your life as His disciple, can you say the same thing to the Lord? “Lord, I have finished the work you gave me to do” (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Or, do you have a void in your heart? You can fill that void with the Lord Jesus Christ. He wants to fill that void. Please consider, prayerfully, the following questions: (1) What really counts in life? (2) What matters most to the Lord? (3) For whom should a person give his life? What do disciples do? They choose a life objective – Jesus!

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday (via Zoom) Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

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