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# The Messenger



*"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15*

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## Some Hot Advice for Cold Christians

A story is told of a man making his way across a mountain in a terrible blizzard. He became colder and weaker with each step. His body ached and became numb. He staggered and almost fell, but he plunged on in a daze. Again he stumbled, and failing to stop his fall this time, he said, "This is the end". But in falling, his hand struck the prostrate form of another man who had fallen in the storm. He arose to his knees and began to chafe the hands of the unconscious man and to rub his face until he revived.

He saved another's life; but in doing so, he saved his own. The exercise kept life in his own body and both survived. How many Christians are there who are freezing to death spiritually? How many could save themselves by saving others?

We are indeed saved to save others, and in doing that we save ourselves, or keep ourselves saved. We are ministered to that we might minister to others, and in ministering to others we are benefited as much as they – perhaps more so. Unless we have a desire to share the joy of salvation with others, it is doubtful that we have truly received that joy. Unless we are truly concerned about the lost and want them to have forgiveness, peace and hope, there is every reason to question our own condition. As Christians, we should be sowers who sow the Word of God in the hearts of men and women. As Christians, we should go out into the "streets and lanes of the city" and out into the "highways and hedges" and persuade lost souls to come to the feast of God's kingdom. Christians are those who come to Christ and learn of Him and who then go and tell others of the Lamb of God.

Jesus said to Peter, "... and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22:32). Paul told Timothy, "... for in so doing, thou shall save thyself and them that hear thee" (I Timothy 4:16).

## Ezekiel 3

*17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore, hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: 18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.*

<sup>20</sup> *“Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>21</sup> Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul.”*

## Teaching Children to Tell Time

*By Mike Scrimshire*

Solomon teaches us in Eccl. 3:2 that there is a time for every purpose under Heaven. Our children need to learn that there is a time for everything too. This is especially true when we are training them to “behave in church.” As parents, we must teach them to “tell time.” Consider the following thoughts:

### **There is a time to make noise, and a time to not make noise.**

Young children don’t know this by instinct. They must be taught. Instilling the understanding of “quiet time” at a young age will serve you well in many instances, not just during the worship assembly. With a little training, children can understand “Shhhh.” They may not always obey it, but that is a different problem.

### **There is a time to play loudly and a time to play quietly.**

Can babies be taught this? Eventually, yes. Until then, provide only quiet toys during worship time. Some people reserve a set of toys that children can only have during worship, so they hold the attention due to their relative newness to the child.

### **There is a time to talk and a time to listen.**

While we don’t want to stunt their verbal growth, we must teach them to whisper and understand that talking is not allowed sometimes.

### **There is a time to walk around and a time to sit.**

How hard it is to keep all that bundled energy still! There may be times when their desire to walk around is very hard to subdue. Crying is bound to be the result. This is when the teaching might need to move from the auditorium to the cry room. If the “cry room” is being used as a class room, the child should not be allowed to get down and play, else he will desire to go there. Here you can train without causing a scene.

### **There is a time to entertain and a time to not distract others.**

It is often very difficult to keep our mind on serious spiritual things when our little entertainers are working the crowd, but we must strive to do just that. It is bad enough that they are distracting us; we must take care to keep them from distracting others. Sitting toward the back of the auditorium is sometimes the best short-term approach. There are times when we cause more distractions than do the children, by entertaining them. They must learn to entertain themselves.

The wise man also said “Train up a child in the way in which he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). After we teach them how to “tell time” in these ways, we can move on to teaching them about the times of which Solomon spoke: “A time for every purpose under heaven.”

## **News and Notes:**

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

*“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”- James 5:16*