



Prime Timer's Newsletter

Mission Statement: Provide opportunities for the senior members to be involved in the fellowship, service and evangelism activities of Meadow view, assisting the congregation in its outreach and growth.

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Not Realizing Our Greatest Resource

Bible thought: "We live by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7, NIV).

There are many great lessons in this passage, one of Jesus' best known miracles: Andrew's people skills; the boy's generosity; Jesus giving thanks; Jesus' power; leftovers not wasted; the people's awakening; Jesus' withdrawal from the spotlight.

But let's focus on how the disciples, when posted with a challenge from the Lord, failed to realize that He Himself was the solution. Too often individual Christians or church leaderships make the same misjudgment when faced with a daunting challenge, but are painfully aware of their own limited resources.

Have you ever heard the saying, "If God brings you to it, He will get you through it!" Many opportunities for individual discipleship or great possibilities for the church and are lost because we forget that God can make things happen and provide resources, but only when we get past what we can "see" and step out in faith.

Always operating within the realm of the "possible" precludes faith, and doesn't get as much done as if we'd been thinking "wonder how the Lord will work in this?"

Keith S. Hodges, Marshall, Texas

Till Death Do Us Part

An invitation arrived recently for a 60th wedding anniversary.

It requires 21,900 days to make 60 years. That's a long time to be married. That's a long time for anything.

"Till death do us part." In our throw-away society, how can a couple hold to a lifetime commitment? In the case of this 60-year marriage, I know the answer.

This is a Christian couple, and they take their Christianity to heart. "Christian" is who and what they are primarily, not casually. They maintained a Christian household, and one of their sons is now a gospel preacher. This is not to suggest that Christian homes are without problems.. It's just a 60-year example of what Jesus Christ can do.

One thing I remember about the marriage for Frances Flynn and Bill Bennett in the living room of the Mason's home in Urbana, Arkansas: the preacher was more nervous than the couple. Theirs was the first wedding ceremony I had performed. I was scared. But at they repeated their vows, the words apparently carried deep meaning for them, and when they said, "I do," they did. Six decades and counting.

In the intervening sixty years, I've assisted in many weddings. The most beautiful setting without ques-

tion was at the wedding for Phyllis Lowe and Charlie Adriano. How can anyone beat the rim of the Grand Canyon for a breathtaking view? The Lord decorated the place. Just be careful about stepping backward without looking first. It's a long way to the bottom!

A long time ago, a wedding took place in Cana, a town in Galilee. The mother of one of the guests asked him to help the hosts who were caught in an embarrassing situation. That's when Jesus performed his first miracle, and this amazing occasion gets mentioned in pretty much every Christian wedding.

It's when Jesus Christ is involved not just in the wedding but in the future lives of the bride and groom that things are truly beautiful, and faith, hope, and love thrive.

Blessings on Frances and Billy on all Christian families everywhere. Way to go!



February Activities:

Potluck Luncheon: Monday 4th @ 12:00 p.m.

Ralpa International / Healing Hands: PrimeTimers are taking a break this month

Sweetheart Banquet: Saturday, 16th @ 5:30 p.m.

Steering Committee Meeting: Monday 18th @ 2:00 p.m.



**Happiness is not something ready made. It comes
from your own actions.**

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