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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Proverbs 21:13
“He who shuts his ear to the
cry of the poor will also cry
himself and not be
answered.”

*“Opportunity is missed by most people because
it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”*

Thomas A. Edison

*“The only place where success comes before
work is in the dictionary.”*

Vince Lombardi

Elvis Presley's Bible

(The following section in italics was written by Steve Higginbotham and posted on his website.)

Last week, a Bible that was given to Elvis Presley in 1957 by his aunt and uncle was auctioned off. It is clear that Elvis actually read and used this Bible, for it contained several marginal notes written in his own handwriting. One such note is found in the margin of Luke 9. It says, “For what is a man advantaged if he should gain the whole world and lose himself or be castaway.” Interesting insight from a man who had so much of what this world values.

But to the real point of this article. The Bible sold for \$97,000.00. What I find

of particular interest is that the value of this Bible was determined by the person who owned it. Oh, I understand how the whole “celebrity thing” works, but I just thought it was ironic that (from the world’s point of view) the owner of this Bible brought value to the Bible. However, the Bible is “priceless” no matter who owns it, and frankly, the value of a Bible is not increased by its owner, rather the Bible brings value to its owner. Give it some thought.

Higginbotham’s words are powerful and true. How much is a Bible actually worth? It reminds me of the rich man who was in torment. He begged Abraham to go to earth and teach his brothers so that they would not

experience the same fate. Abraham said that his brothers had the law and the prophets. In other words, his brothers had the Bible, but they didn’t obey it. Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep my commandments.” He didn’t say, “Just know My commandments.” He didn’t say, “Choose your favorite commandments and obey those.”

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter” (Matt. 7:21).

James Hayes

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The Dignity In Dignified Work

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In all things, Christ is our example (I Peter 2:21). Work was among the many things Christ taught us how to do right. Even though He spent many years as a carpenter, He considered His ministry His Father's "business" (Luke 2:49)—it was how He would spend days. Jesus' work was physically taxing and emotionally draining. His ministry was not a profit-making venture; it was a disciple-making venture, which made it very different from most professions. (Members of the Lord's church would do well to recognize those differences.)

Paul mentioned work in his epistles. To the Thessaloni-

ans he wrote, "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you" (I Thess. 4:11). He later commented that some in Thessalonica were "leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies" (II Thess. 3:11). He even said that "if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat either" (II Thess. 3:10).

Even though our national economy is still struggling, and many people are trying to find work every day, over 91 percent of Americans have a job. But the question is, does your work glorify God? Are you em-

barrassed to say what you do for a living? We dishonor Christ when we spend 40 hours a week serving the interests of the world and living by its standards.

Not only should our professions be honorable by name, but we should also do that job with integrity. Managers should treat subordinates as they would treat themselves if they were in that position, and vice versa. Salaries, benefits, job requirements, and work expectations should be fair. All workers should be accountable for their actions.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Faye Waller is continuing to have tests in order to diagnose a digestive disorder. She has been sick on and off for two months.
- Dan Stockmeyer is recovering from oral surgery.
- Addie Farmer is currently at NHC in Springfield, being treated for anemia.
- Steve Brewer is only awake for one hour a day.
- Carsyn Thornton is still struggling to find good health.

Building Fund Contribution This Month, September 30 Happy Haven Contribution Today

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Gupton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: E. Walker

Serve: Donkin, L. Newell, J. Newell

Pray: M. Newell