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Morning Worship	10:45am
Evening Worship	5:30pm

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Bible Class	7:30pm
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We too are just individuals, but we can be a mighty power for good. We may think we don't have much to offer, but God can use us if we will yield ourselves to His will.

Christians must not be discouraged or question our humble position or talents. Remember, great things are done by those who depend on God and His might.

— Shane Williams



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The Lilbourn Light



“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” -Psalm 119:105



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Power of a Few

God often accomplishes great and powerful tasks through a few not so powerful people. In this way He is glorified and man is humbled. These victories can only be credited to His power and direction.

Shamgar (Judges 3:31), for example, had nothing to rely on but his ox goad and the Lord. The goad was a long pole with a point on one end that was used to prod oxen. This, however, did not deter him from the job at hand. With trust in God, he won a tremendous victory, killing 600 Philistines.

During the time Noah was building the ark, he was only one man but through him man was able to repopulate the earth. When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was only one but because of him his family survived through which Israel descended. When Gideon and his 300 followers went up against the Midianites, they sent them running. They were only a few but won against an enemy *“as numerous as locusts... and as the sand by the seashore in multitude”* (Judges 7:12).

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Our own Yard

What would you think of a business establishment if you passed by everyday and saw the same thing: grass needing to be mowed, weeds taking over, the color is not a uniform green, and maybe there were dead spots scattered about? You might not think too much about it or maybe you would.

However, IF the place of business was home to a lawn care company, you would probably take notice. The irony would be too great. You probably would not accept an excuse that they were too busy or didn't have time to showcase their talents on their own place.

Throughout history, the people of God have been in a similar position. They have always been on display, representing the true and living God. Unfortunately, as the apostle Paul pointed out, many professing Christians have been a poor example for the Lord.

The Jewish Christians thought themselves better than the Gen-

tiles, even though they were guilty of the same sins.

Romans 2:1, *“Therefore you are without excuse, every man of you who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself, for you who judge practice the same things.”*

Vs. 3, *“And do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things, and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?”*

Vs. 24, *“For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you...”*

Today, as we call ourselves Christians, we have a name to live up to. People naturally watch us, just as we do others. They want to see if what we claim to have is really working —right in our own yard. Are we consistent? Or do we blaspheme the name of God because of our claims vs. actions?

— Shane Williams

How old are you?

Hebrews 5 was addressed to Christians who should have been mature enough to teach others but they were still babes in Christ. They were like infants, lacking spiritual growth and in danger of discipline from the Lord. They were urged to get with it and grow up!

The writer said, *“Leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection”* (Heb. 6:1). He is talking about "maturity." The recipients of this letter were to get beyond the milk stage and grow up to be mature (5:14) by feeding on the solid meat of the Word.

Heb 5:14, *“But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”*

Many churches today have this same problem. They should be strongholds of faith but instead they are just nurseries for infants. There's nothing wrong with a "nursery" for new Christians, but how sad it would be for the babies to not grow up. You would be a terrible parent if you only fed your

baby milk for years and years. It's unnatural. The baby would suffer and you would also.

Heb 5:12, *“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”*

How long have you been a follower of Christ? How much have you grown? The apostle Peter challenged us to *“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* (II Pet. 3:18). We must not settle for where we are but rather aim for maturity!

— Shane Williams

God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Live Faithful (Heb. 10:35-39)

Do we blaspheme the name of God because of our claims vs. actions?

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