

# GROW IN GRACE

NEWSLETTER

Volume 38, **No.33, August 14**, 2012 / Southside Baptist Church & Christian School / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."** (2 Peter 3:18)

## **A Biblical CHECK LIST For Christians!** [Original author unknown... EDITED and additions made]

**There are many issues which Christians face in daily living for which there may not be a specific 'chapter and verse'— however, for those situations there are many verses that shed abundant light to guide our hearts and steps. Below are some such verses!**

1. **Is it right?** 1 John 5:17 'All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.'
2. **Will this bring me near some temptation?** Rom. 13:14 'But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.'
3. **Does this give place to the devil?** Eph. 4:27 'Neither give place to the devil.'
4. **Is there anything in Scripture contrary to it?** Isa. 8:20 'To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.'
5. **Am I trusting God or depending in my own strength, feelings, and/or emotions?** Prov. 3:5-6 'Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.'
6. **Is it doubtful?** Rom. 14:23 'And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.'
7. **Will it cause someone to stumble?** Rom. 14:21 'It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.'

8. **Does it appear to be evil?** 1 Ths. 5:22 'Abstain from all appearance of evil.'

9. **Would the Lord Jesus Christ do this?** 1 Pet. 2:21 'For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:' Rom. 8:29 'For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.'

10. **Will it please God?** John 8:29 'And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.'

11. **Am I trying to impress others with my spirituality?** Acts 5:1-11 'But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it, at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.'

12. **Do I hope somebody notices me?** Gal. 5:26 'Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.'

13. **Does it edify?** 1 Cor. 14:26 ' Let all things be done unto edifying.

14. **Am I FULL OF WRATH, being selfish?** Phil. 2:3-4 'Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.'

15. **Am I denying the flesh? Am I making an IDOL out of something or someone, placing it/them before JESUS and his clear Word?** Luke 14:26 'If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.'

16. **Am I putting Christ first?** Col. 1:18 'And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.'

17. **Is it expedient?** 1 Cor. 10:23 'All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.'

18. **Will it bring glory to God?** 1 Cor. 10:31 'Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'

19. **Am I deceiving myself or being deceived?** 1 Cor. 3:18 'Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.'

20. **Do I know better?** 1 Cor. 8:10 'For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols.'

21. **Am I searching for an excuse to justify what I want to do?** Luke 16:15 'And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.'

22. **Do I have to hide it/them from anyone? Sneak around?** 2 Cor. 4:2 'But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.'

23. **Do I handle the word of God deceitfully, twisting it so as to seek to justify my desires?** 2 Cor. 4:2 'But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.'

24. **Will this in anyway defile God's body?** 1 Cor. 3:17 'If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.' 1Cor. 6:19 'What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?'

25. **Can I sincerely thank God for it?** 1 Thess. 5:18 'In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.'

26. **Can I do this in Jesus' name?** Col. 3:17 'And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.'

27. **Can I go all the way with it?** Col. 3:23 'And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;' Eccl. 9:10 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.'

**28. Have I prayed about it?** Ps. 66:18 If I regard [make excuses for] iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. **[Am I 'praying about' what God has already rejected, what God has already commanded... rather than submitting to the clear Word of God?]**

**29. Will it increase or hinder my prayer life?** 1 Pet. 3:7 'Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.'

**30. Am I breaking one commandment in order to keep another?** Jer. 48:10 'Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.'

**31. What do those in godly spiritual authority over me think about it?** Heb. 13:7 'Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.' Heb. 13:17 'Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.'

**32. What do my church brethren think about it?** Prov. 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.' Prov. 15:22 'Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established.' **And how can they give godly counsel if I am hiding the whole truth? Do I seek counselors who will please me or do I seek those who seek only to humbly please God?**

**33. Would I like to be doing this when Jesus Christ returns?** 1 John 2:28 'And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.' 1 John 3:1 'Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.'

**34. How will it appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ?** Rom. 14:10-12 'But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.' 1 Cor. 3:11-15 'For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.'

## **SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES!**

### **1. WEDNESDAYS: PRAYER SERVICE at 7:00PM!**

**2. YOUTH: Wednesdays, 6-8pm** @ Adam and Bethany's home; Fellowship, snacks, Study. Jaden Allen and the Troutts are guiding the teens through **'DO HARD THINGS'** by Alex and Brett Harris.

### **2. Thursdays @ 6:30pm: OUTREACH VISITATION**

### **3. EVERY SATURDAY @ 8:00am: Men's Fellowship and Bible Study**

**[Sunday Schedule for August 19 & 26 will be different from normal— SEE BELOW]**

## **AUGUST 19— A FULL DAY OF JOHN MAKAY, of Creation Research Teaching!**

### **1. John will be teaching at 9:30am & 10:45am— in the church auditorium**

#### **NO MEAL AT CHURCH**

### **2. John will be teaching at 4pm (Coffee/snack break around 5:30pm) and teaching at 6pm.**

#### **JOHN'S STAFF SENT THIS:**

Join the Creation Guy, John Mackay, as he shares on Genesis and the 6 days of creation and looks at— Were they real days? Did God need millions of years to create? **Find out why** you don't need to resort to the Gap theory, Day age or Framework hypothesis. **Learn why** it matters and find out whether the long life spans in Genesis were real? **Come see** the evidence God's word is true from the first day of creation to the last Word in Revelation.

**6 pm DINOSAURS CREATION AND NOAHS FLOOD?** Hear one man who has been on many dinosaur digs as he shares evidence the Bible is real history. Where does Noah's flood fit? GREAT Q&A opportunity!

**AUGUST 26— SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS CELEBRATION! We will have a Missionary during the Sunday School hour, during the morning worship, and during the early afternoon service.**

**[We WILL have our normal Fellowship Covered-Dish Lunch]**

**1. 9:30am- Sunday School: Robin Reeves, North American Mission Board, Kentucky**      **2. 10:45am- A.M. Worship, - Bill Wardlaw, International Mission Board, Africa** Note: Bill Wardlaw and our Director of Missions, Mike Pennington, will

have LUNCH with us!

**3. 1:00pm- Afternoon service: Mike McClanahan,**  
North American Mission Board (Soon to serve in New York)

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**Southside Christian School has a purposed focus—** to team up with Christian families who desire Christian Education. A three-legged stool requires all three legs to be of the same length for the stool to function properly. In a similar fashion, **children need the Home, the Church and the School to model and teach the same philosophy of life. QUESTION: Is it wise** for a child to spend 7-8 hours per day, 180 days a year for 12 or more years in a school system that does not support and encourage Christian faith values?

**Thus, when enrolling children in a School, we encourage parents to ask questions like:**

- 1) What is the philosophy of the curriculum?
- 2) Who are the Teachers and what is their philosophy of life and lifestyle?
- 3) Will your child be placed in classrooms with students who live in and who are already indoctrinated with the evils of a degenerating culture?

The *Presenting Accelerated Christian Education* video will give a comprehensive overview of the **Accelerated Christian Education (ACE)** system of education which we utilize at Southside Christian School, (SCS). The video will explain core concepts and procedures in a SCS classroom— **especially in grades 1-12.**

**CLICK HERE:** <http://www.aceministries.com/curriculum/?content=presentingACE>

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