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Is Your House In Order?

by Warren Berkley

Isaiah 38:1

Hezekiah was sick. The Bible says he was at the point of death. Isaiah went to him and warned: "This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover."

What should that mean to us today? "Put your house in order!" This is not about re-arranging furniture or cleaning house. This is not about getting your last will and testament ready, signing a living will or anything like that. The house, here, is life! The order is not about worldly affairs, but spiritual. The urgency is to have your life right with God! That includes:

Full repentance of all sin. Think of this as holding nothing back – giving up every sin you know you are guilty of and taking nothing against God to your death. The goodness of God leads us to full repentance (Rom. 2:4).

Full submission to God. We cannot get our house, our life, in order – without full submission to God. God means everything; God is first; God is perfectly trustworthy, and I obey Him with a whole heart to glorify Him now and to prepare myself for death. Jesus describes this as loving the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind (Matt. 22:37).

Full trust and obedience in Christ.

Are you aware of God's love, as expressed in the death of Christ (Rom. 5:6-8)? What impact has that awareness had? Let that conviction result in obedience to Christ. He is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him (Heb. 5:9).

I must get my house – my life – in order through full repentance of sin; full submission to God and full trust and obedience in Christ.

Now keep in mind – **Hezekiah had notice.** There is nothing in the Bible anywhere that could be understood as a guarantee that we will have notice before our death! So there is no recommendation out of Isa. 38 – to wait till you have notice.

The recommendation is to **get your life right before you die by full repentance; full submission to God, and full trust and obedience in Christ.**

Never Give Up!

by George Slover

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Gospel Meeting - Benchley, October 8-11

Gospel Meeting - Cedar Park, October 15-18

Ladies' Class - Tuesday, October 10 at 10 a.m.

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)

Pete Dawkins was born March 8, 1938 in Royal Oak, Michigan. Dawkins was stricken with polio as a child. At the age of eleven he developed scoliosis, a debilitating back condition.

Due to his health Dawkins was told he would never play sports. However, Pete Dawkins' love for the game of football motivated him to persevere. Thus, he entered into an experimental training program that included aggressive physiotherapy. A regimen of weight lifting was considered to be a cure for curvature of the spine.

Six years later the 180 pound Dawkins, a quarterback for Michigan Prep School, pursued a career of football at West Point. In 1956 Pete Dawkins joined the Army football team. After a few varsity practices coach Earl Blaik gave Dawkins two choices 1) quit the team, or 2) become a scrub. Coach Blaik made it clear that Pete Dawkins would never play a game of football for Army. Dawkins chose to be a scrub. His brutal job was to return punts, or become tackling practice for a team of hungry cadets. In 1958, against all of the odds, Pete Dawkins won college football's most coveted award – the Heisman Trophy.

The secret to Dawkins' success was an exercise he'd learned during his early years with scoliosis. Each night after taps, when the lights were out, this determined cadet would lift weights on his room floor. This was an exercise prohibited by college coaches. It was believed that lifting weights would be harmful to a player's agility.

In 1958 this one-time scrub unleashed his 220 pound body to reap the fruit of years of hard work. Dawkins likes to say, “Sometimes the things you think are the most awful disappointments turn out to be the most important opportunities

you ever had.”

The Christian's life is full of setbacks and challenges, but we must give all we've got. We must run hard for the finish line. One day God will award the victory crown!

[Prayer Requests](#)

Jack Wilson is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

Jerry Richardson's lymphoma has returned and is undergoing chemo.

Dinah Williams continues to have mobility issues.

Don Simmons is still struggling with his breathing; he is on oxygen at all times. **Alene** is having hip issues.

Lisa Mullen (Darrell's sister) is undergoing chemotherapy.

Vicki Stevens has cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Debbie McMurray is undergoing immunotherapy.

Mike McMurray had triple bypass surgery and is recovering at home.

Terry Behrns has been moved to rehab in Belton.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

**To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making s
upplication for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)**

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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