

The Ripley Reminder



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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

JESUS DID ALL THINGS WELL

*"Know ye not that I must be about My Father's
business?" (Luke 2:49)*

Have you ever wondered if Jesus may have done anything 'halfway' in His entire life? Maybe He was late arriving at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee? Or, when He was learning the carpenter's trade as a young man, do you suppose He ever took shortcuts or did anything 'halfway' so that He could hurry outside to play with the other boys?

Of course, the answer is a resounding, "No!" The Scriptures indicate the astonishment of witnesses to His miracle of healing in Mark 7:37 when they said, "He has done all things well." Jesus was diligent in accomplishing all that God had assigned to Him. He said in John 17:4, "I have glorified You on the earth; I have finished the work You gave me to do." So our Lord was neither lazy nor indifferent toward the mission on which His Father had sent Him!

The Greek word *authus* appears 42 times in the book of Mark. It is translated as 'straightway,' 'immediately,' and "without delay." One can only conclude that Jesus did not procrastinate in doing the will of His father!

We can say, with confidence, that Jesus was a "go-getter," He did what was expected of Him in completing His assigned tasks! Let's emulate His eagerness to do the Father's will in all things!

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study..... 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning 10:20 AM

Sunday Evening..... 5:00 PM

Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 PM

MINISTERS

Dr. Donnie DeBord

Cole Chapman

Tucker Shappley

ELDERS

David Cook

Michael Harrison

Mark Martindale

DEACONS

Ronald Chapman

Rob Elliott

Shane Green

David Hudson

Sonny Meeks

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4 QUESTIONS TO PONDER

“He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify unto Himself a people for His own possession, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2:14)

At a time when our beloved congregation is seeking a successful path into the future, every family, and every member, both young and old, is being called upon to have part in the journey! Following are four important questions for each of us to consider and answer for ourselves!

WHY?

Why should I be depended upon? Why should I learn how to be more involved? Why should I have more people to depend on me? Why should I put myself out? Why should I take on more responsibility? Why should I develop myself to the full? Why try to become all I can be? Why should I try to share as much of myself as I possibly can? Why go that far? Why do that much? Why try to give that much of myself away? This is a good question: WHY? Only you can answer it for yourself! Then the next question is:

WHY NOT?

Why not see how much you can grow? Why not see how much you can learn? Why not see how many skills you can develop? Why not see how strong a Christian you can become? Why not try to see what kind of positive influence you can have on your fellow Christians? If others can do it, why not you? Why not see what you can make of yourself? Why not see how much you can do, and how far you can go, in sharing yourself with others? Now, question # 3.

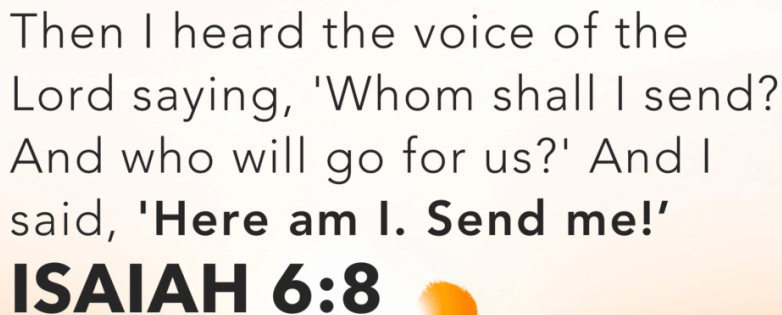
WHY NOT YOU?

I wish I could say that to each of you personally! You have the brains! You can make decisions! Why not YOU in starting to make more of your life? You can improve! You can do better! You can do more than you have been doing! You can grow spiritually! You can get better at whatever you want to achieve! You can be a wonderful influence on others from here on out! If others have done it, you can do it! If others have decided to grow and develop, you can decide to do it, too! Why not YOU? If any one of us can do, we can all do it! Finally, question # 4.

WHY NOT NOW?

This is certainly a good time! The time is right for all of us to make new commitments to do better, to be better, to pray more and to do more! What a good time to set some personal goals, to work to improve ourselves; what a great time to start this process of personal growth and participation in the Lord's work! Why not YOU? Why not NOW?

James A. Horton



Then I heard the voice of the
Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send?
And who will go for us?' And I
said, '**Here am I. Send me!**'
ISAIAH 6:8

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Kenny Schmitz is recovering after surgery and is doing well. Kenny and Donna appreciate all the prayers, texts and calls. Pray that he continues to do well.
- James Johnston is home from the hospital after knee replacement and is in physical therapy. They want to thank our church family for the prayers. Continue to pray that recovery is speedy.
- There will be a memorial for Tom Childers December 13th at Estes Church of Christ in Henderson, TN.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, Lori Chapman, Cora Chills, Alice Cross, Paula Dowty, Roger Cunningham, Grevil Flores, Chris Grisham, Shan Grisham, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Vince Jordan, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Billy Hugh McBryde, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Wallis, Austin Wentz, Jimmy Willingham, Betty Stubblefeild, Dennis Woods ‘

Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- There will be NO fellowship meals on Wednesday night during the month of December.
- Pictures will be made of our youth this Sunday, December 7 down front after morning services.
- On Sunday December 14 our schedule will be Church-Eat-Church. After our morning worship We will have a potluck meal and then will have our evening service at 1:00. Christmas fruit bags will be assembled and delivered after this service.
- Our mid-week service during the week of Christmas will be moved to Tuesday, December 23.
- RYG will be helping 2 children, a 8 year old girl and a 16 year old boy, at Christmas. If you would like to help with this effort donations can be given to Tucker or Cole by December 17.
- Nathan Stanford and Sam Green will be going on a mission trip to Alaska in March. If you would like to aid them in doing this good work, donations can be given to one of our Elders. Please pray that they have a safe and successful trip.
- We will be participating in the Christmas Adopt-a-Grandparent program at Diversicare again this year. If you would like to participate , you can donate items or money to buy the items from their lists. The deadline is Sunday. She Carla Kuhl or Miranda Medlin for questions or to make your donation.

Worship Service December 7, 2025

Welcome.....	Michael Harrison
Song Leader AM.....	Cole Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	Mark Martindale
Read Scripture.....	Haydren Shappley
Lord’ Supper AM.....	Paul Macaluso
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM.....	Justin Thompson, Palmer Jones, Stephen Wallace
	Robert Elliott, Justin Bennett, Jerry Green
Closing Prayer AM	Rodney Chapman
Song Leader PM.....	Tucker Shappley
Opening Prayer PM.....	Kenny Schmitz
Lord’s Supper PM.....	Nathan Roberson
Closing Prayer PM.....	Darrell Tatum