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"I Have Called You Friends"

John 15:15

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A Meditation from Elbert Russell - May 20, 2022

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:16 (Read John 9:1-5; 11:9-10; 12:44-46)

Christian discipleship means learning from Jesus, following him and continuing his work. Since he is the light of the world, his followers must also enlighten the world. Through him we know God's will and God's love; and through his followers the world should learn to know God. As the light of the world, Jesus' followers are to make God known and glorified by their good works, by their Christ-like conduct.

The good works of Jesus' followers are not to be deeds of pride, like those of the Pharisees, intended to make men admire their saintliness. But they are to be rather works of mercy, kindness and unselfish love, which show the love of God and cause men to glorify him. To be a Christian is not only to gain a great boon for oneself, but even more it is to take on a great responsibility as a partner in Jesus' work.

To cherish a Christian experience selfishly would be like lighting a candle and then hiding it under a box. Jesus regards the religious life as a positive, constructive way of life. It is not merely giving up things that are harmful or sinful; it is doing things that are good, helpful and Christ-like.

In the stories of early Friends' travel among the pioneer settlers in America, it is often recorded that the travelers got lost in the woods and only found their way to safety by a light shining from the window of a settler's cabin. "Even so, let your light shine before men."

O God our Father, help us to be more Christ-like in our purposes and actions. Teach us a more unselfish love for our fellowmen, so that we may share with them the help that has come to use through our Lord Jesus.

Amen

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COVID-19 Vaccine inoculations are available to everyone over age 5. Vaccine booster shots are also available. Go to: www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19 or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 336-318-6227.

Feeding Locals First USFW is collecting these items for the homeless:

- Ponchos
- Flashlights
- Mosquito coils & bracelets
- Unscented wipes
- Gold Bond foot powder (small)
- Ankle socks
- Citronella candles
- Lighters or matches
- Cases of bottled water

Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Scarlett Pell — May 23

CUOC for May:

Spaghetti Noodles

April Financial Report:

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| Income: | \$ 11,373.30 |
| Expenses: | \$ 8,842.44 |
| Gen Fund Balance: | \$ 8,668.18 |

Father's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 19, 2022. Kids Klub will again sponsor a booklet honoring and memorializing those men who have made a difference in our lives. A submission form is attached.

USFW would like to express their thanks for your support of their Chicken Pie sale. Sold out now but more to come soon!

Asheboro Friends Retirement Home, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

“Is my enemy God's child?”

“Jesus, however, approaches life from the point of view of God. The serious problem for him had to be: Is the Roman a child of God? Is my enemy God's child? If he is, I must work upon myself until I am willing to bring him back into the family. Does God love him? It doesn't help me any to say, I am not God. That would be convenient but irrelevant. If God loves him, that binds me. Can it be that God does not know how terrible he is? No, God knows him as well as he knows himself and much better than I know him. It must be true, then, that there is something in every man that remains intact, inviolate, regardless of what he does. I wonder! Is this true? Is there an integrity of the person, so intrinsic in its value and significance that no deed, however evil, can ultimately undermine this given thing. If a man is of infinite worth in the sight of God, whether he is saint or sinner, whether he is a good man or a bad man, evil or not, if that is true, then I am never relieved of my responsibility for trying to make contact with this worthy thing in him. I must love him because God causes the sun to shine upon him as well as upon me.”

Excerpt from *The Growing Edge*, Howard Thurman, p. 17-18 — available to purchase on the FUM Bookstore.

Often our influence in our communities extends to church programs, musicals, or weekly services. While those things can help present the Gospel, God desires for us to personally be influences on the world around us. Spreading the Gospel isn't solely the church's job; it's the job of every Christian.

— Paul Chappell