

8-25-19 Sunday
Are You Seeking Something Profitable?
THE PROFIT OF GODLINESS

I Timothy 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

I Timothy 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

I Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

I Timothy 6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

I Timothy 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

I Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

I Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

I Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

I Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

All mankind seems to be pressing to make gain in this present life. Think about how much time in the course of a week is spent pursuing making money. How many people leave one job to pursue another because of a promised a raise in pay. Most people vote for a politician based on what they think they will gain from them getting into office. Men scurry here and there. They are busy making money or spending money, getting gain and seeking gain.

The average man spends their week as follows:

168 hours in week

56 hours sleeping

That means there are 112 hours waking hours in a day

At least 40 of those hours a week are spent working and if you live in the country like we do, much time is spent preparing and going back and forth to work. I know people that spend hours going back and forth to work.

Of 112 hours of the working day probably 3/4 of that time the average male adult spends seeking to get gain in this world.

When a person is not working, other people are working them to get gain. How many phone calls do you get in a day trying to work you to get gain?

How phone calls do you receive from people seeking to sell you something?

Then when you sit down to watch the news how many commercials do you have to watch in order to get to hear what you want to hear?

All humanity seems to be in a constant pursuit of seeking to get gain, or are being solicited by others for their own gain.

Now in light of this as we read this statement made by Paul.

I Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but **godliness is profitable unto all things**, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Then we read:

I Timothy 6:6 But **godliness with contentment is great gain**.

Than Paul says in I Timothy 6:5 (there are those who suppose that)... **“gain is godliness...”**

We would wonder why it is that people are not in constant pursuit of godliness like they are of monetary gain, or being physically fit?

THE REASON THEY ARE NOT is because the gain that godliness brings often does not come in earthly measurements, or Money, or material things, Earthly Fame and fortune, etc..

These are the things that are aggressively pursued by so many people. Note that Paul says bodily exercise profits little. According to the Scripture the pursuits of this world bring a little gain but not like godliness.

I. MOST THINGS THAT PEOPLE SPEND THEIR TIME PURSING BRING BUT A LITTLE PROFIT IN THEIR LIVES. GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE FOR ALL THINGS.

1. PAUL GIVES THE EXAMPLE OF BODILY EXERCISE.

Exercising your body will produce some gain in your life.
Some can lose weight.
Can add a few more days to your life.
Can make you look better feel better.
But in the end you are going to die like everyone else.

2. Everything that a person pursues in their life apart from godliness can bring only limited profit. These pursuits cannot compare to the profit we receive from living a godly life.

3. JESUS SHARED THIS TRUTH:

Mark 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mark 8:37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

ALL THAT YOU CAN GAIN IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT GODLINESS IS VAIN.

Everything you can and would or may pursue in this world will bring some profit in some areas of your life but can you say that any one endeavor is profitable for all things? Only godliness is given that honor!

A. FOR EXAMPLE, CHOOSING TO BE A GOOD EMPLOYEE.

Average man in this church will head to work Monday morning. Why? To get gain and make a profit. However, that gain received is not in all matters. The gain is primarily in finances. There is nothing wrong with working to earn profit, that brings a little profit, but godliness is profitable for everything.

But we could say:

Being a good employee profits little meaning. It allows you earn money to pay your bills. I also have said that while you work it keeps you away from spending money (usually) unless you work at the fair like I did this week and have to buy food there for your wife and grandson.

B. GETTING A GOOD EDUCATION PROFITETH A LITTLE BUT NOT IN ALL THINGS.

Some people think the key to being successful in life is getting a good education. So people go after bachelor's degrees and master's degrees, and even doctorate degrees.

Sometimes there is profit in getting a degree.

If I went into the military service right out of seminary, I would be an automatic lieutenant.

Some jobs you can't get without a college degree.
Having that paper is certainly a door opener.

Rembert Carter graduated from the prestigious University of Edinburgh, Scotland. When BBC sought accreditation, the government audited the school to see if he was truly a graduate from Edinburgh. He had to call his wife to find his diploma. It was tucked away in a boot in his closet. He didn't think himself a big shot because of his degree!

Getting an education can produce profit but unless that education produces in a person godly character you cannot say it is profitable for all things.

C. MAKING WISE INVESTMENTS CAN BRING YOU A PROFIT!

In the 80's employees that were Hired by Bill Gates and Sam Walton and were offered stock and stock discounts instead of pay raises. Some of these early employees of these companies are millionaires because of the stock investments. I read about a woman who in those early days of Wal-Mart was making \$9.00 an hour and at retirement her stocks were worth millions. Certainly for them there was much money to gain by becoming investors in the stock of the company they worked for.

I read how one lady decided to leave being a school teacher and become a stewardess on Southwest Airlines. When she was hired she was offered Southwest stock at huge discounts. Today at age 60 she is a Millionaire from her stock holdings. Now according to the Bible there is little gain from investing in stocks. But this same lady was just diagnosed with breast cancer

and if she dies what profit will all her stocks give her??? So investing in the stock market will not produce profit in all things.

D. THERE ARE MANY WAYS PEOPLE IN THIS LIFE STRIVE FOR GAIN or PROFIT BUT LIKE THE STATEMENT THAT PAUL MADE:

I Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

All these things will bring only a little profit compared to godliness.

II. TRUE GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE FOR ALL THINGS. FALSE GODLINESS IS NOT PROFITABLE.

NOT PREACHING PROSPERITY GOSPEL. The profit may not be Money.

Note: This godliness must be true godliness.

The profit that we receive is not always the profit we think.

There are those who actually confuse monetary gain and godliness.

I Timothy 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

A dollar not needed is better than a dollar you need.

I would rather figure out a way to not need 10,000 a year for oil than have to ask you to shell out more each year for oil to heat this building. Why should we make the Moslems rich? This is why I will be proposing that we install a central heating like I have at my house.

The less we depend on Arab oil the better off we will be. We should be tired of being manipulated by the Moslems. The problem is we think we need their oil.

Paul warned Timothy about false professors of godliness.

I Timothy 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness:** from such withdraw thyself.

This is nothing short of Idolatry.

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

I hate that expression. You have heard it a thousand times.
He is too heavenly minded to be any earthly good.

The problem with that statement is that it assumes godliness is of no profit here on earth.

It assumes that people that have their hearts and minds on heavenly things live in a different world and therefore they are detached from planet earth and can't do anything in the practical world properly.

It assumes that such people are not profitable in everyday practical matters.

Now that concept goes completely against this statement made by the apostle Paul, but godliness is profitable unto all things.

I Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: **but godliness is profitable unto all things.**

I Timothy 6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Again Paul the Apostle said.

I Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The problem is that there is a true godliness and holiness, and there is a counterfeit.

***There are those who pretend to be godly
but are in fact counterfeits.***

Just because a person quotes Scripture does not make them godly.
The devil quoted Scripture to Jesus.

Just because a person witnesses does not make them godly.
THE WOMEN WITH A DEMON IN THYATIRA WAS WITNESSING.

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

Acts 16:17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

Just because a person goes to church does not mean they are godly.

Just because a person shouts Amen and waves their hands in the air does not make them godly.

Just because a person knows how to talk the talk does not make them godly.

1. WHAT IS TRUE GODLINESS?

Years ago, talking with friend about situation with certain family said, "I can't understand why I am having this problem." I consider such a such a person to be a godly person.

Faithful to church.
Dress right.
Sweet personality.

Everybody likes them.
Even had a burden for souls.

Truth is we don't really know what godliness is.
Ahab had 400 false prophets who he thought were godly.
Micah was the only prophet amongst them.

My preacher friend said I don't consider this person to be godly at all.
The reason why in the situation we were dealing with they were not handling their family like God would.

What is the definition of godly?

True godliness is to be like God.
The reason people were called Christian is because the early believers acted like Christ.
Followers of Christ. Imitators of Christ.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? GOOD STATEMENT. PROBLEM IS THOSE WHO PUT THAT STATEMENT ON THEIR CARS TATTOO IT ON THEIR BODIES, OFTEN ARE NOT FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT.

TRUE GODLINESS IS TO ACT LIKE GOD. ACT LIKE GOD WOULD ACT IN THIS WORLD.

A. *GODLINESS REQUIRES A CERTAIN SPEECH.*

1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

To speak as Christ would have you to speak.

It is amazing how often our speech is unbecoming to the standards of the Bible.

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE SHOULD PUT AWAY:

Ephesians 5:4 filthiness, foolish talking, jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Some people just know how to tear down others in their speech.
Such speech is not godly.

B. *Godliness produces certain actions.*

Those actions are dictated by Scripture.

C. *Godliness produces certain standards.*

These are dictated by the Bible.

D. *Godliness acts and reacts in harmony with God.*

To be godly is to be like God.

I Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

E. TRUE GODLINESS is a life that is moved & motivated, and under the authority of God and His Word.

2. HOW DOES GODLINESS PRODUCE PROFIT IN ALL THINGS?

The reason for this is that all things are made by the Word of God.

A. Who made all things? God.

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Acts 7:50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

B. How did He make all things?

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

We fight over things God made and forget the God who made them.

The God who made all things destroyed all these in a flood in the days of Noah and now all these things we fight over are reserved to be destroyed by fire.

Do we really believe this? Do we believe that God is going to destroy all things with fervent heat as the Bible says. Talk about global warming! What fools men are. When they actually see the very signs that these things are going to take place they still deny Him.

II Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

II Peter 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

II Peter 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

II Peter 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

II Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

II Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

II Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

II Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

II Peter 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

II Peter 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

II Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

II Peter 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

So if we are godly we shall inherit eternal things. And the heaven and the earth that now is according to the Word of God will be destroyed.

C. True godliness is profitable for all things because:

When we follow God's word and ways, God promises it will bring profit in this world.

Not only for the things to come, but also for the things present.

Those who know not the Lord need to be convinced in the value of being a child of God and if they think that God is not able to take care of His own in this present life, how will they commit their lives to Him for eternal life? This was the purpose of the sign gifts in the book of Acts. We need to demonstrate through our lives that we have a God who can take care of us through all things in the present life. Otherwise why did God leave us here? Why not just take us to be with Him and get us out of this mess?

Note what the Word of God says,

I Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

III. HOW DO WE GAIN TRUE GODLINESS?

Godliness is profitable for all things.

I believe that we need to spend more time praying and trusting God and less time leaning on our own wisdom and man's wisdom.

It is exciting to see God work.

Our biggest problem in this life is a famine of Godliness.

How do we get godliness?

Godliness comes from communicating with God.

**1. We need to listen to God.
Which only comes from Bible reading and meditating in His Word.**

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

I Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

God promises a special blessing for those who meditate in His Word.

The Bible.. says that what Physical food is to our physical life..

The word of God is to our spiritual..

Now if we want strength to do Physical things we would eat or drink foods that give energy.

If we want strength in the Spiritual realm we need to take in spiritual food that will strengthen our faith.

2. We need to be communicating to God in prayer.

I Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

I Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

IV. WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF SEEING GOD'S PROMISE OF GODLINESS BEING PROFITABLE FOR ALL THINGS?

Those who say, being heavenly minded is no earthly good should consider the following truths:

Realize this:

- 1. The strongest man that ever lived received his power from God.**
- 2. The wisest man that ever lived received his wisdom from God.**
- 3. The oldest man that ever lived received longevity from God.**
- 4. The richest man that ever lived received his riches from God.**

Applications:

How is it that godliness can be profitable for all things?

It is exciting to pray and see God work.

I remember that when I was a rookie salesman in 1982, that I prayed God would bless me as a testimony to my bosses. That first year of sales I became the top salesman in the company.

The reason this happened is because I wanted to be a testimony to my boss, and at the end of the year when the figures were in I beat my boss in sales by a few thousand dollars. Coming on new years Eve 1983 I was sitting in a car with the vice president of the company. The final figures were tallied and my boss said to me that, "no one as a rookie salesman ever was able to top him in sales." He asked how did I do it? I told him I did it by praying to the Lord and trusting the Lord. It was the last week of December 1983, it might of even been New Years eve, (hard to remember back that far) but I was sitting in a car with my boss and he bowed his head and asked Jesus into his heart that night. This is why God wants to bless you! Not so you can have more, get more, be more comfortable in this world. I Tim. 4:15 he wants you to bless you so your profiting may appear to all! People who live only for this life need to see that we have a God who is able to work in this world as well as the next. The world is in confusion. Their policies are confusion. Their work ethic breeds confusion. They need to see in us that our God is able to bless and work and do things.

What we need in our present life is the power of God so that we can confound the enemies of Christ. This needs to be our prayer. This is where the power of God lies:

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Let's say, you are a pilot in the air force and you want to go out on leave and have a good time over the weekend, so you ask to borrow a fighter jet.

Maybe an F-15 which costs about from 50 million.

Maybe you pilot a Tomcat which costs about 69 million.

Maybe you pilot a F-35 which costs about 100 million each.

Or Maybe you pilot a F-22 which costs about 152 million.

Now you go to your Commander and you say, request permission to take my F-15 out. He says, what for, you say to go see my girlfriend. What do you think he would say? Or you say, request to borrow the F-15, the commander says, what for? You say like to take a vacation to Hawaii sir. What do you think he would say?

But let's say, you are at war and word comes that some combat troops are in trouble and need help. And you say to the commander.. request permission to fly my F-15 for mission support. What do you think he would say?

The Bible says, for the cause if you ask what you will it will be done for you. For the cause. And what is the cause? That the Father may be glorified in the son. Not for your glory, not for your comfort, not for your lusts or desires!

When I was a rookie salesman, I would constantly pray Lord bless me so I could be a testimony to my boss. So he would see that your real! And that is what God did for me. There is no doubt that God blessed me not so I could make more money, not so I could brag, not for any other reason that that Eve of 1984 my boss would see that there is a real God who answers prayer and to motivate him to give his heart to the Lord.

Now that night that my boss prayed and trusted the Lord he said to me from here on out, I am going to hire Christians as sales people. I said to him don't do that. I said, just because a person says they are a Christian does not mean God's blessing will be on them. In fact he did not listen to me and he hired two other men who I knew who were suppose to be Christians. They both were a terrible testimony and bombed out.

GODLINESS IS NOT:

Just knowing and reading your Bible while you are being paid by someone to work and you don't work. That is thievery.

Godliness is not witnessing while your boss is paying to do a Job. That is thievery.

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

THE PROBLEM WE HAVE TODAY IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE A PSUDO GODLINESS.
IT IS ALL TALK AND NO ACTION.

A godly person knows how to please the Lord in all things.

A GODLY WIFE DOESN'T NAG HER HUSBAND ABOUT SPIRITUAL THINGS.

I Peter 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

We have a misconception about what it is to be godly and then we read a verse like this:

I Timothy 4:8 but godliness is profitable unto all things,

And when it doesn't seem to work, and in fact people indict us by saying,
YOU'RE TOO HEAVENLY MINDED TO BE ANY EARTHLY GOOD.

We say the Bible doesn't work. Godliness is profitable for all things, the problem is simply this, we are not godly enough to receive the benefits of godliness. It is as simple as that.

Little godliness, little profit in all things.
Much godliness, much profit for all things.

I don't claim to have attained, but I have experienced a little of the blessings of God for trying to be godly.

1st Building project, we purchased pews from Langhorn Terrace Baptist Church.

I came to the Elkdale Baptist Church in 1983 and I told the deacons I would have to stay at my job till the end of the year. I didn't want to leave them hanging during the Christmas season. So December of 1984 I moved into the parsonage and officially came to the church Jan 1st 1984. The church was just giving me \$50 a week for pulpit supply and I told them we would figure out my salary when I came full time in the New Year. When the New Year came I sat down with the leaders of the church to review the finances. I looked at the income and I looked at the outstanding bills and realized the church was in trouble financially. It was bad. I figured out what the church could pay me and not what I needed. If I figured out what I needed I would have hurt the ministry. So I called my old boss not the one that I led to the Lord but the senior partner. I asked if I could work at the home office one day a week. I said Monday was my day off from the church so I could come in on Monday. He said sure that will work. I asked him what the highest commission was in the company. He said it was straight commission. No draw. My commission was based on profit, not straight commission. So my pay from the church was \$100 per week and I average \$200 per week commissions from my part time job working 1 day a week sales.

Those days we had a lot of issues with our building. One of the most annoying things was our pews. When you sat in them on a hot summer day, if you had a white shirt, the stain would rub off on your shirt when you sat up your white shirt would be brown. I asked the Lord to help us to get new pews.

My boss made me the head of Church Organ sales and in the process my Pastor from the Langhorn Baptist Church told me that they were in the midst of a building project. He wanted to know if I could get him a deal on an organ, I went there and I went into their old building and noticed their pews. I asked the Pastor what they were going to do with their pews. He said, they were going to donate them to a sister church. I told them, we would buy them and take the money off the Organ he wanted to buy from us. I asked how much they wanted for them. He wanted \$6000.00. I said lets talk about an organ.

In the end I forfeited my commission and gave him the organ for just about cost and I think the church only had to pay hardly anything for the pews. When I presented this to the church I told them that we would have to re-arrange the auditorium in order to accommodate the pews. So I drew up some plans and we decided to put in the bathrooms, nursery, and upper prophet chamber. I thought this would be a good time to get some other things done in the church.

Now mind you we had no money. I announced we would get a credit line but I didn't want to use the credit line and wanted to go cash for everything.

Some members got mad at me. They said how are you going to build without money? In fact when we voted on buying the pews I had one man voted no to buying the pews even though I had worked it would that the church would pay very little for them. In fact when the vote passed the fellow that voted no to buying the pews left the church.

I asked the church to pray that we would not have to borrow to do the project. We put in the bulletin what we needed for the project.

I have a copy of that list.

**Plumbing List of Materials Needed
Elkdale Baptist Church**

1. (4) toilet flanges 3 " plastic
2. (1) Shower Base & Trap
3. (4) Sink Traps 1.25"
4. (3) supply lines for toilets
- 5 (6) half inch plastic shut offs
- 6 (8) sink supply lines
7. (12) half inch tees plastic
8. (12) half inch elbows
9. (1) 6 inch plastic cap
10. (1) three inch plastic cap
11. (1) urinal trap
12. (100'feet) of half inch plastic pipe
13. (4) three by three inch plastic elbows
14. (60'feet) of 3" plastic
15. plastic cement glue
16. (4) bowl toilet gaskets (wax)
17. (8) plastic caps for toilet mounts
18. (2) 3" x 1.5" elbow
19. (4) 3" x 3" 45 degree elbow
20. (3) 3 x 3 x 3 T's
21. (3) 3 x 3 x 1.5 T's
22. (6) 1.5. 45 degree elbow
23. (6) 1.5 elbows
24. (6) 1.5 T's
25. (6) .5" copper to iron male
26. (1) 3 x 3 x 3 T threaded plug for clean out
27. (4) 3" couplings
28. (12) .5" couplings
29. (6) 1.5" couplings

Around 1986-87 is when we did the project.

Selwyn Schmitt got someone in Lenoxville to donate the lumber from an old barn to the church. Selwyn just retired from the Hospital in Carbondale and he and I went to an auction that they had there and purchased the doors, and and lights, and a lot of other items that we are still using. We got the steeple from the Langhorn church. At that time we got a commercial stove from my brother. I can go on and on how God blessed and things were donated.

You know that when everything came to fruition most of those people who said "how is that preacher going to start a building project with no money in the bank?" never repented.

By that summer June 1988 Project completed and I was Ordained at the dedication of the renovation.

After we finished our bathrooms, nursery, and Prophets Chamber, I was reminiscing about all that God did for us. 1988. Mentioned we were praying for blacktop.

October 1988 Blacktop Voted on Getting. Over 30 Years ago.

Examples:

GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE FOR ALL THINGS.

People work and sacrifice to go to college, thinking it is worth the sacrifice for the profit that they will gain. Yet that profit is only a little. Godliness will exceed what you can obtain in college.

Van with electrical problem - experts spent \$700.00 in high tech diagnostics.

Recently Ray Taylor had a similar problem with his truck and he prayed and God showed him what was wrong with his truck. Prayer works!

Back problem with medical field, they gave me medicine, which made me not able to think right and I found it hard to concentrate or pray on the medicine. So my wife and I prayed about it and discovered a blocked pore on my back which when we cleaned it my back got better. I went to the doctor and asked if that could be the problem and he said, never heard of it, and it probably was not the cause.

Hezekiah faced one of the greatest trials of his life.

The mightiest power of all the world came up against him.

Sennacherib the King of Assyria.

Isaiah 37:10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Isaiah 37:11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

Isaiah 37:12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar?

Isaiah 37:13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

Isaiah 37:14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

Isaiah 37:15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD,

Isaiah 37:20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

Isaiah 37:36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Isaiah 37:37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

Armies profit little.

But Godliness profiteth all things.

All things. there is profit.

All things.

NOW, are you godly?

Why do we not spend more time being godly?

Need money? No you need to be godly.

Need health? No you need to be godly.

Need a new car? No you need to be godly.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

CONSIDER THE PROFIT OF GODLINESS.