

A Minute by Mike Riley

- A minute is the time it takes to smile, or to give a warm “hello” to those with whom we come in contact with each day.
- A minute is the amount of time it takes to compliment someone, by saying “Well done.”
- A minute is the time it takes to sympathize (or empathize) with someone who has lost a loved one.
- A minute is the time it takes to give someone an encouraging word of cheer.
- A minute is the time it takes to call someone who is homebound because of an infirmity or illness.

How much is a minute worth?

- It’s priceless or worthless — depending on how we use that minute.
- Each day there are 1,440 minutes that God has allotted to each one of us.
- How are we using these minutes — for fulfilling our own selfish desires, or for God’s glory (Isaiah 43:7; cf. Matthew 5:14-16).

Let’s think about it!

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Redefining Marriage?

By Mel Futrell

Friday, June 26, 2015 joins January 22, 1973 as “A date which will live in infamy” for New Testament Christians and Bible believers. The earlier date is already well identified as the day on which the Supreme Court of the United States, in a 7-2 decision, affirmed a woman’s “legal right” to have an abortion. And from that day to the present no less than 55 million babies have been murdered in their mother’s wombs. The latter date will now go down as the day on which the Supreme Court of the United States, in a 5-4 decision, granted homosexuals the “legal right” to marry. As one political pundit de-cleared, “The ramifications of this decision are seismic.” I do not hesitate for one moment to say that SCOTUS got it wrong. And the fallout from this court decision that advances immorality (1 Corinthians 6:9-10), may not be fully known for generations. Infamy indeed!

No doubt millions of people, sympathetic to the homosexual cause, really believe that marriage has truly been redefined. But I know better! No five judges, or five thousand judges for that matter, can decide Divine law. And a day of final reckoning will come (John 12:48). On the other hand, those of us who believe the Bible, and thus also the Biblical truth on marriage (Matthew 19:3-9), recognize that marriage is a Divine institution. And as such, though men may tamper with it, God’s law on marriage cannot truly be redefined. It is no accident that Jesus drew on God’s original marriage law when saying, “He which made them at the beginning made them male and female...What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Matthew 19:4, 6).

Obviously, we are strongly and completely opposed to any human attempt to redefine God’s marriage arrangement. And this is not a lone wolf position. The reality is that for 6000 years almost every culture and every religion rightly defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The word of God either directly or indirectly has had that kind of influence and impact on the people of the world. Now, certainly there have been pockets of people groups here and there through history who have violated God’s sexual standard. The Bible records examples of homo-sexual practice in both Testaments (Genesis 19; 1 Corinthians 6). But when the Bible writers mention such they do so disapprovingly while condemning the practice of homosexuality as sin. However, it is only in recent times that sinful man has made the effort to “legalize” the gross absurdity of “homosexual marriage.” And I remind you that homosexual practice is both unbiblical and unnatural (Genesis 18:22; Romans 1:26-27).

Many years ago John Adams said, “Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” But with present day justices drawing immoral marriage interpretations from the constitution; we recognize that the “inadequate” consequence Adams spoke of is here. So where do we go from here? As Christians we cannot Biblically, morally, or in good conscience support the practice of “homosexual marriage.” Therefore, we must refuse to submit to or in any way support a moral wrong. Because it will always be the case that we must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29).

Leadership

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Pablo Sanchez

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning:
 Sunday Evening: “Christ is Exalted”

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AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
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 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord’s Supper
 Message Irvin Williams
 Attendant Jerry Montgomery
 Attendant Art Patrick
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

PM Service

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 Prayer Hayward Blanton
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The Body Parts of Evil

Eric Welch

There are six things that the LORD hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:
17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,
19 a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers

(Proverbs 6:16-19).

I cannot think of any entity that fits this divine description of wickedness more than the largest abortion provider in the country known as Planned Parenthood. These “body parts of evil,” described in the text, have recently been exposed by the Center for Medical Progress, for selling the body parts of unborn innocents.

In 2013, one of the most powerful politicians in the country ended a speech addressed to Planned Parenthood with “God bless you.” That is not surprising to me. However, what is shocking is that the Planned Parenthood Clergy Advocacy Board, which includes “clergy” from the Episcopal, United Church of Christ and North American Baptists denominations, praised the murder machine for doing “God’s work.” They have denounced the videos that have surfaced exposing Planned Parenthood for what it is.

When did the murder of unborn children ever become “God’s Work?” These people truly fulfill what Isaiah wrote, “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20). The world will always have things backwards, upside down and inside out because it is in the grip of the evil one, but when those who supposedly stand for what is right “devises wicked plans” in its support of the slaughter of “Rachel’s children,” then we can be assured our country is on the fast track toward judgment. Michael Whitworth, a brother and preacher from Texas, expressed this quite powerfully: “As our elected officials vote to defund, I’m praying that God has sent the severed hand of an unborn child to write on the walls of Planned Parenthood: Mene Mene Tekel Parsin” (Daniel 5:25-27).

Through prayer and the exercise of our rights as American citizens (as Paul often exercised his rights as a Roman), we can bad depose politicians and persuade those who share our values to defund Planned Parenthood.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Attention Teens: the Elizabethtown, KY youth rally is scheduled for August 14th and 15th. Mark your calendar for this event; more details to follow.

Due to the church's busy schedule this month, the ladies' Bible class will not meet in July. The class will resume its regular schedule the last Saturday in August.

Any ladies interested in participating in a secret sister activity between July and December, please see Stephanie.

A Teen devotional is scheduled for Tuesday August 11th at 6:30 pm at the building.

The Leadership meeting has been postponed until Monday August 17th.