

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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How much do we know? If we have cranes and steel bars that form the structure of skyscrapers, doesn't that make us smart? But what about the Egyptians who built pyramids with stones they couldn't lift? 4,000 years ago! We have a Constitution that guarantees us a "**Bill of Rights**". So, we thought. Then here comes the pandemic and we're all sitting home on Sunday mornings while others gather in casinos and bars. Huge stadiums sit empty while professional athletes play games for TV. The city of Rome is still full of the vestiges of builders who built beautiful buildings 2,000 years ago. Our homes might last 200 years. **How much do we know?**

We teach advanced physics and advanced chemistry and advanced electronics at places like MIT, RPI, Stanford and Yale. We open our computers and find answers to questions that it took centuries to find just 40 years ago. We watch YouTube videos and discover how to fix our vehicles and our homes. We read essays on how to build or repair our relationships. **Are we serious?** We've been in relationships for 6 – 8 thousand years and we're still learning how they work? We call ourselves some made-up gender, invent vocabulary to describe it, and demand that the rest of the world comply.

When the world shakes its head and says, "**No**", we throw tantrums on university campuses and threaten to destroy everything we see. We see ourselves as visionaries and set out to change the world. But our changes only last as long as we do because our kids come along and choose a different path. **So, how much do we know?**

We believe there is a God Who made us and Who loves us despite our foolishness. We can't prove it, **but we believe it**. There's a whole lot more to be said about that – that actually **has** been said – but that isn't today's topic. **How much do we know? What we believe.**
Proverbs 3:5-9 (Amplified Bible):

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear and worship the Lord and turn [entirely] away from evil. It shall be health to your nerves and sinews, and marrow and moistening to your bones.

Welcome!

March 30th, 2025



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

DON'T WRITE ME OFF, COUNT ME IN! Part 3

TEXT: Ruth 1

1. CIRCUMSTANCES MUST NEVER DETERMINE IDENTITY
2. CIRCUMSTANCES MUST NEVER DETERMINE OUR CONCEPT OF GOD
3. CIRCUMSTANCES MUST NEVER DETERMINE _____

Don't let what you are going through _____ your potential.

That anointing given by an obedient, dedicated, God first _____ begins to make the drama _____ itself from you.

Things may not _____ according to our expectations, but God does

brain surgery through the Holy Ghost and we begin to _____ things the way God sees them. John 8:36

A. Potential Is Determined By What God _____

One definition of the word "*potential*" says it is "*what you _____ do but have not yet _____.*"

What I can do is _____ by what the Word of God says. Romans 8:28; Ephesians 2:10 (Amplified Bible)

We make the mistake of _____ our potential to what we see and what the world _____.

You are of great _____! Matthew 16:24-26

B. Potential Is Determined By What God _____
Romans 8:32; 1 Corinthians 2:12

Potential is _____ in separately to our _____ of what God give us.

God's _____ are given with _____. Matthew 25:14-30

C. Potential Is Determined By My _____

Obedience is necessary to _____ God. John 15:9-11; 1 John 2:3-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Rapture of the church.

Prayer – every Sunday evening from 6 to 7. We join together to pray in an informal way, come as you are and pray as you wish. God honors the church that prays together.

Flagging Practice has begun again on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM. For more information, please see Debbie DeVries.

Free Music CDs & DVDs – in the foyer, on the pulpit there are numerous CDs and DVDs which are free. Please take a look and see what you might want.

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