

My Bible And Duct Tape

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

— Matthew 6: 21.

As I begin this column I think of my grandson, David Nelson Lee III, who would have been 23 years old today, 11 December 2014. However, he was taken from us in an accident last Friday, the 5th. The reason I mention him in my column is what he stood for, not just that he was my grandson. He was a Christian, not only in name, but in the life he lived.

Back in December 2010, as they came to visit us around Christmas, their van was robbed when they stopped for the night. Somebody broke a window and took all of the gifts that they had received. His parents and two sisters were upset that someone would do such a thing to them. He didn't like it either, but looking at the situation like he did, he said, "At least they didn't take the important things, they didn't take

my bible and my duct tape." He knew what was important and stood for the Lord. I don't think that I would have had that good of an attitude, but I hope I would have.

At college in Texas an atheist professor mocked Christianity. Davy, as we called him, stood and said, "I don't mean any disrespect, but you don't know what you're talking about." Others in the class then spoke up as well. That took a lot of guts to do this, and I wonder how many older Christians would have done the same.

Too many times we think that there are not many of the young people today who live for the Lord. We hear of all those who are into drugs, violence, and sex. There are more good people around than we might think. I was privileged to meet some of his friends at the funeral home and was very impressed with their faith. They believe as we do, that one day we'll be together again.

They said that he inspired, encouraged, and blessed their lives in a wonderful way. At least one person was led to the Lord by him.

I don't mean for this column to be Davy's column, but to show what a person can do if the Lord is in his heart. Davy was about 12 years old when he came to the Lord and I baptized him. He didn't make the decision lightly, but tried to live according to God's word. As the Lord Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Davy didn't settle for religion, he wanted salvation. I rediscovered a picture of him with a shirt that said, "Got salvation?" It asked a good question so I printed the picture and placed it in the funeral home. Do you have salvation? Don't settle for less.

When a loved one has died in the Lord we don't have to worry about their condition. I believe that we weep for ourselves and the loss that we feel. Those that are with the Lord are better off than those of us who are in this world. Let us renew our efforts to live a life pleasing to God, both in word and deed. Remember as King David said in 2 Samuel 12:23 concerning the death of his son, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

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THE ARK OF THE COVENANT HAD BEEN MADE SPECIFICALLY AS A RECEPTACLE FOR THE TABLES OF STONE ON WHICH WERE INSCRIBED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. A DESCRIPTION OF ITS CONSTRUCTION IS GIVEN IN EX. 25. BUT MORE THAN THAT, THE ARK WAS USED AS A TALISMAN ON MANY OCCASIONS. IT WENT BEFORE THE ISRAELITES WHEN THEY LEFT MOUNT SINAI EITHER IN THE VAN OR, AS THE EXPRESSION MAY DENOTE, "LIKE A KING IN THE MIDST OF HIS TROOPS," LEADING AND DIRECTING THE MARCH, WHILE THE PRIESTS WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED IT SIGNALLED THE ORDERS OF YAHWEH, HIMSELF. IT WENT IN ADVANCE OF THE PEOPLE, WHEN THEY CROSSED THE JORDAN RIVER, IT WAS CARRIED IN THE MIDST OF THE HOST FOR SEVEN DAYS AROUND JERICHO, BEFORE THE WALLS OF THE CITY FELL DOWN. (JOSH. 6:1-20) MORE AND MORE, SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS OF ISRAELITES CAME TO ANTICIPATE COMPLETE VICTORY WHEN THE ARK WAS BROUGHT OUT ONTO THE FIELD OF BATTLE, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR MANY, MANY BATTLES WITH THE PHILISTINES. SO MUCH SO, THAT BEFORE A BATTLE TOOK PLACE.....

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