

# Trying to do the right thing

While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume and poured it over his head. The disciples were INDIGNANT when they saw this. "What a waste!" they said. "It could have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor."



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SHAPED BY FAITH

And, like the Disciples, we are His students, and, hopefully, still learning and repenting.

And sometimes, we must choose which good thing is the right thing.

Anyone who has had a large gathering at their home can understand how easy it is to become frustrated with all of the preparations and, of course, the cleanup. The exhaustion from all the daily activities can make the slightest "slight" monumental, and Martha's feelings so understandable.

Luke 10:38-40 explains Martha's feelings.

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was DISTRACTED by all the preparations that had to be made.

She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

Listen to what Jesus tells Martha after she had done a wonderful thing by preparing food and accommodations for this large entourage accompanying Jesus.

"Martha, Martha," the Lord

answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed — or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Ouch! Martha had done a good thing and, yet, it has soured her heart?

Jesus is reminding all of us to check our hearts for motives. Martha had let her emotions dictate her actions which is almost never a good thing.

Take a deep breath and remember to take our joy for Jesus along on our journey.

At times, Jesus' Disciples would attempt to screen, or perhaps, run interference, in the cities He visited. I am sure they were protective. On one occasion in Matthew 19:13-15, we see this procedure in action.

One day, some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples SCOLDED the parents for bothering him.

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those

who are like these children."

He placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

Scolded is defined as "to find fault harshly." The Disciples thought they were doing a good thing saving Jesus' time from the very people he wanted to see.

We must be mindful of our tone when serving God.

We must always be careful not to protect the church from the very people who need the church, and, more importantly, need Jesus!

The church is a hospital for sinners of all shapes and sizes including those with hard-to-find blemishes.

Finally, we come to the woman with the alabaster box of expensive perfume.

It is difficult to understand what business the Disciples had with this woman's act of love to Jesus, other than to say, I don't think you would want Judas on the benevolence committee.

Yes, giving to the poor is a good thing, but being indignant and angry, without knowing the whole story, seems "rich".

Matthew 26:10-13 completes her story.

But Jesus, aware of this, replied, "Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me? You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me. She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed."

If doing the right thing was difficult for those walking and talking with Jesus daily, it will be difficult for us as well.

But it is not some slippery secret stuck between those plastic bags in the produce aisle; it resides on the pages of God's Holy Word and comes to life in us at the direction of the Holy Spirit.

We cannot pick and choose when to bring our needs before the Lord. We must be consistently calling upon Him for our answers. The three examples in this column could just as easily have been political, cultural or relational.

Believing in our own mind we are doing a good thing, doesn't always mean we are doing the right thing.

Let's stay patient, pick open the plastic bag, and fill our lives with the right things!

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**MATTHEW 26:7-9**  
"Just do the right thing."

Seems like pretty good advice. How hard is it to treat others like you want to be treated? But with a world living more and more in the gray, doing the right thing seems to be more and more complicated. Those complications can come from a lack of information, closed-mindedness, being overly opinionated, reacting emotionally, or, often, choosing to take the world view rather than the Biblical view. This is nothing new; it has been here since people have been dealing with people.

Curiously, you would think doing the right thing would be easier among Christians, but as we examine these Scriptural examples, we see that is not the case. What makes these examples so poignant is the people missing the mark were His followers, and His handchosen students.

## Back in the saddle again

Finally, those five sick weeks of being are over, and my life is getting back to normal. Whatever normal is.

Five weeks is a long time to be sick, spend time in bed, and not know if it's morning or evening. There was a period when I was about ready to set up camp in the bathroom. That would've been a lot easier for me and less stressful.

But getting back to normal is a great delight. I'm unsure what I lost during those five weeks, but you can be sure I won't try to find out. What is behind me is behind me for good!

My first morning, I was in my office trying to figure out where I was and what project I was working on. Being at my desk behind my computer and working was a good feeling. I really didn't know how much I enjoyed it until it wasn't there anymore.

I guess being sick can have a positive aspect. While I was sick, I wasn't able to do the work that I wanted to do. That's always a terrible place to be. But now that I'm over that, I'm sitting at my desk, looking around in my office, and looking at all the books I have

on my shelves. Oh, it's a wonderful feeling.

Have my books missed me as much as I missed them?

But that's behind me; now, I need to press forward.

Another aspect of getting back in the saddle again are the meals that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage prepares. I'm not sure what she prepared while I was sick; I have very little recollection of what they were. At my first breakfast, I took a deep breath and realized how delicious my breakfasts actually were. I'm looking forward to lunch with a great deal of anticipation.

I was starting to get

back into my production routine, which took me a little while.

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### ATTENTION VOTERS

**April 6 – May 7, 2024** - Online mail-in absentee request portal open at sos.ky.gov

**April 22, 2024** – Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election

**May 7 – May 21, 2024** – Voter or their legally authorized agent may request paper absentee ballot because of medical emergency (within 14 days or less of election)

**May 8, 9, 10, 13, 14 & 15, 2024** – qualified voters may request **EXCUSED** in person voting at McLean County Clerk's Office M – F 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**May 14, 2024** – Last day to apply for a military – overseas ballot (not later than close of business 7 days before election)

**May 16 – 18, 2024** – In-person NO EXCUSE absentee voting in the McLean County Clerk's Office 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**May 20, 2024** – NO VOTING ON THIS DAY

**May 21, 2024** – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Questions concerning your voter registration you may contact:

**Carol Eaton**  
McLean County Clerk  
270-273-3082

Office hours 8 am - 4:30 pm  
Monday thru Friday  
OR

Check your voter registration on-line

Go to [www.GoVote.KY.gov](http://www.GoVote.KY.gov)

Click on **Review Your Registration**

Type in **first name, last name, date of birth**

Click on **Submit**

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### LEGAL

**Department for Local Government**  
**Recreational Trails Program**  
**2024 Application**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The McLean County Fiscal Court is hosting a public meeting on their proposed **Myer Creek Park Walking Trail** RTP application. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss **providing walking trails in Myer Creek Park for the community**. To provide a forum for discussion, **McLean County Fiscal Court** will be hosting an open meeting on: **Date: May 23rd**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Location: McLean County Courthouse Fiscal Courtroom**  
**Address: 210 Main Street, Calhoun, KY 42327**

The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can also submit written comments to **P.O. Box 127, Calhoun, KY 42327** by **May 22nd**.

### LEGAL

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
MCLEAN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00035

NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELL-POINT MORTGAGE SERVICING PLAINTIFF

**Vs. NOTICE OF SALE**

LAUREN A. LAYSON, et al. DEFENDANTS

Judgment \$31,054.56  
Pursuant to the Judgment of the McLean Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell at the **McLean County Courthouse**, Calhoun, KY, to the highest bidder on **Tuesday the 21st day of May, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., C.T.**

Property Address: 315 North Canal St, Rumsey, KY 42371  
PVA Number: R-13-12

All property is sold in accordance with the legal description in the Judgment.

The Sale shall be for cash or ten percent (10%) down with thirty (30) days to pay the balance, and the purchaser shall give a bond, with good surety, for the purchase price, payable to the Master Commissioner bearing interest at the rate stated in the Judgment. The purchaser shall pay the real estate taxes for the 2023 tax year and following years.

Al Miller, Master Commissioner- 47715  
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### LEGAL

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
MCLEAN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00008

OASIS INVESTMENTS, LLC PLAINTIFF

**Vs. NOTICE OF SALE**

RODNEY MCINTOSH, et al., DEFENDANTS

Judgment \$129,328.93  
Pursuant to the Judgment of the McLean Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell at the **McLean County Courthouse**, Calhoun, KY, to the highest bidder on **Tuesday the 21st day of May, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., C.T.**

Property Address: 255 2nd Street, Rumsey, KY 42371  
1994, 28x76 mobile home  
vin# DSHAL21219-AB  
PVA Number: R-2-1B  
All property is sold in accordance with the legal description in the Judgment.

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McLean County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids on various materials. Materials being sought for bids include Aggregate, Drainage Pipe, & Fuel. Bids will remain in effect from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. To obtain a bid packet contact the McLean County Road Department @ 270-273-5307. Send sealed bids to Office of McLean County Judge Executive PO Box 127 Calhoun, KY 42327. Faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted. Sealed bids must be received in the Office of Judge Executive before 4:00 p.m. June 3rd 2024. Bids will be opened at 8:30 a.m. at a bid opening meeting prior to the regular meeting of the McLean County Fiscal Court, 210 Main Street Calhoun, KY, starting at 9 a.m. on June 6th, 2024.

### LEGAL

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
MCLEAN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00091

ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK PLAINTIFF

**Vs. NOTICE OF SALE**

MATTHEW W. GROSS, et al. DEFENDANTS

Judgment \$68,168.88  
Pursuant to the Judgment of the McLean Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell at the **McLean County Courthouse**, Calhoun, KY, to the highest bidder on **Tuesday the 21st day of May, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., C.T.**

Property Address: 602 Hill Street, Livermore, KY 42352  
PVA Number: L-46-12B

All property is sold in accordance with the legal description in the Judgment.

The Sale shall be for cash or ten percent (10%) down with thirty (30) days to pay the balance, and the purchaser shall give a bond, with good surety, for the purchase price, payable to the Master Commissioner bearing interest at the rate stated in the Judgment. The purchaser shall pay the real estate taxes for the 2023 tax year and following years.

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