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The “Secret Ingredient” Missing From Our Lives

Over the years, I have been part of conversations where people talked about just how good their mother/grandmother cooked a particular part of a meal. Or it may have been a friend who gave them a recipe of her specialty, but part of the conversation said something like, “I have tried and tried to prepare it like she did, but there must be some ‘secret ingredient’ she used and just don’t know what it might be.”

There is a parallel to this in the lives of far too many of us as we try to follow the Bible. We look at other Christians and wish that we could be what they are and wonder what “special ingredient” they have that we may have overlooked. If you have ever felt this way, keep reading the rest of this article to learn more about this secret.

Obviously, as we try to duplicate in our lives what we see in theirs, we need to understand these ingredients of maturing as a Christian. Some are so obvious—reading the Bible, studying the Bible, attending worship regularly, trying to share what we know with those around us. Yet, sometimes we wonder if there is a “secret ingredient” we have missed.

The Jewish leaders in Jesus’ day certainly understood much of what God had said for them to do. They made lists of the commandments and spent time discussing which of the 613 commands they had listed in the Bible was the most important. They were so devoted to “following the recipe” that they made sure they kept the Sabbath in not traveling more than a sabbath’s day journey. They washed their hands before eating, thinking this was part of what God wanted them to do. They literally strained the water they drank to get rid of any insect that might have fallen into that water. God gave them food laws and just maybe that insect might be one they should not eat. Read Jesus’ words to them as He talked about how they knew the law, but there was some part of it they had overlooked. Keep reading if you want to learn this “secret ingredient.”

They saw His miracles, and they understood these miracles were real. They ate loaves and fish that He miraculously gave to them. They knew His sinless life. Yet, they killed Him because they left something out of the recipe He tried to give them.

Is it possible we are making the same mistake? What was missing? The Bible clearly defines it in the book of Hebrews.

Meditate on this Divine truth. “The word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those that heard it” (Heb. 4:2). It’s not enough to read, to study, to worship, to try to teach others. Make sure you mix faith with knowledge. Heaven’s ingredient we overlook is personal faith!~Dan Jenkins

Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who work in you both to will and to do for His good Pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world., holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.. (Phil 2:12-16)

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
02/01 Monthly Potluck 02/10 Hand and Foot get together 01/14 Men's Business Meeting	Wanda Danley 2/16 Jim Preston 2/22 Josh Mendoza 2/27	
Today's News	Bible Studies	
Potluck next week	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 1st Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) – Minor Prophets	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursday 11:00 -12:30. Survey of the O.T.

For us to remember:

- **Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Shauna** (Ila Stevens granddaughter), **Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend), **Tamara Zog, Pam Fox, Doreen Martinez, Carlos Soto, Chris Romero,**
- **Lupe Mendoza** – Congestive Heart Failure
- **Nate Perkins** (Danny's relative) has cancer
- **Granny Perkins** (Danny's relative) Liver issues

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	J. Wilson	J. Mendoza	G. Keever	K. Winstead L. Moore	J. Mendoza
Next Week	H. Jones	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza	G. Keever L. Moore	B. Lafferty

Am I too Timid?

Before we realize it, a few weeks will pass, and Summer will be coming to an end. That reminds me of an observation made by the prophet Jeremiah. He said, "The harvest is past, The summer is ended, And we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20).

It could be that some of us have not been saved from our past sins, and others of us are not forgiven of our present sins. Furthermore, when Summer comes to an end, that might still be the case. So, here is my question: "Why would we delay when salvation is so available?" Why gamble with our eternal destiny when the certainty of Heaven is so accessible?

One answer to these questions is "timidity," or being timid. Did you know that some people remain in their sins because they're too timid to ask for help? And, there are some people still in their sins because we are too timid to initiate a conversation with them about their souls.

You see, timidity is not just experienced by those wanting to be evangelistic, but it is equally experienced by those who need to be saved. So, what's the solution? Overcome our timidity! Friends, if you are not saved, overcome your timidity and ask someone for help and guidance. There are countless people here who would love the opportunity to answer your questions or point you to someone who can.

And to the saved, do not let your timidity keep you from saying what needs to be said to someone who needs salvation. You say you are an introvert and cannot overcome your timidity? Let me ask you, "Would you be willing to knock on your neighbor's door and awaken them in the middle of the night if you saw flames and smoke billowing out of their house? Of course, you would, demonstrating that timidity can be overcome.

I will end this article in the way I began. Before we realize it, Summer will be over, and when it is, will we be saved? If we overcome our timidity, that answer could be "Yes!"

Remember the words of Paul to Timothy, "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7). ~Steve Higginbotham

Not in Return or in the First Place

The words of the song are over 180 years old. One would think that something written that long ago could not retain its meaning in modern times. Such a conclusion would be mistaken. John R. Wreford (in 1837) wrote the hymn, "When My Love to Christ Grows Weak." The words of that hymn are so moving. Consider this fourth verse, "There behold His agony, Suffered on the bitter tree; See His anguish, see His faith—Love triumphant still in death."

Think about those last words: "Love triumphant still in death." The concepts of "death" and "victory" do not often go together. Usually "death" is associated with "loss" or "defeat"—but not when it comes to our Lord! "Through death," Jesus was able to "destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14-15). His love was "triumphant still in death."

What about us? Will our "love" lead us to triumph in our service to the Lord? Only if we do not give up! No matter what happens to us, if we focus on magnifying Christ in all things, then even for us, death can be "gain"—i.e., ultimate victory (Phil. 1:20-21)! ~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

	song leader	Devotional		song leader	Devotional
01/07	L. Moore	J. Mendoza	02/04	L. Moore	G. Keever
01/14	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	02/11	J. Mendoza	D. Mclaughlin
01/21	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	02/18	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
01/28	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson	02/25	L. Moore	J. Mendoza

OLD TESTAMENT

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WORD LIST

ARK	ISAAC	KING	RUTH
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EDEN	JONAH	NOAH	SAUL
ELIJAH	JOSEPH	PSALMS	TEMPLE
EXODUS	JOSHUA	REDSEA	WISDOM

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Attendance 01/18 43 Contribution 01/18 \$1485.41