

Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builder is use less. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early in the morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to His loved ones. Psalm 127:1-2 (NLT)

## **Trinkets: That Trunk in the Corner of the Attic**

Well, I'm now in the middle of an extremely busy month. This morning we began reviewing the final chapter in our Greek text book. This past weekend I taught a group for the College Venture retreat, I am now preparing to teach the Youth Disciple Now retreat this coming weekend, while I am also teaching the *EMIM Discovery* materials and trying to keep up with many other responsibilities. Therefore, if this edition of *APK's Attic* seems to have a little less time and patience taken in its development, please understand why.

The house has been quiet, because my new roommate, Charles, does most of his studying on campus and is very rarely home. Furthermore, he's not in Auburn for the weekends very often, which

allows me to get done the things I need to do without interruption.

I'm not sure how long this peacefulness will last. I found another potential roommate, Billy. I'm currently praying about this possibility. If both of us decide that it's God's will for him to move in, he will be moving in sometime in mid-to-late March. Having a second roommate is enticing, as it will help my budget immensely.

My financial support for January was fairly weak. Even a couple of my monthly supporters missed their regular commitments. As a result, the reserves built-up in December are already depleted. Yet God continues to provide (Thank you, Lakeview).

## **Heartwork: Pastoral Internship Responsibilities**

I've been extremely busy with ministry opportunities this month. I'm currently interning under John Dale Rector, our Minister of Congregational Care, which means that I accompany him once a week as he visits the hospital, shut-ins, or widowed church members. Please continue to pray for me as I gain experience in this area of ministry, as I have never had much experience with things of this nature, and it is a large part of the average pastor's job.

In addition to the responsibilities I have from serving under JD, I have been involved in many other ministries over the past month, and they will continue into March. I began to teach the *EMIM Discovery* materials again during Lakeview's *L.I.F.E.* hour on Sunday evenings. Thus far, I only have one student, but I still take the time to prepare each week so that he can be better equipped to serve in the church.

I also taught Judson's class for him last Tuesday. Judson teaches the fourth level of training in the *FAITH Sunday School Evangelism Strategy* at our

church. The theme for this class is apologetics. Due to the paper I recently wrote for Systematic Theology, Judson asked me to teach on the Trinity and the Holy Spirit.



This past weekend I was a leader in one of the homes for Lakeview's **John Dale Rector** College Venture retreat. I spent the weekend in a home teaching 12 students about "running the race" of the Christian life. Although I was totally exhausted, I was greatly encouraged by some of the feedback I received from some of the students.

I am now preparing for *Disciple Now*, a similar retreat this coming weekend with the youth. I will be spending the weekend in a home with the eighth-grade guys. The theme for the retreat is *Consistency*. Please pray that I will have endurance and wisdom to invest in the lives of these young men. As I think back to myself in eighth grade, I realize how vital these lessons are for the futures of this group of guys.

**Gone Mental: Seminary Course Work**

As already stated, Greek is winding down. However, it's going to get harder before it gets easier. I have a test on the last five chapters of the text this Thursday, with another assignment due on Friday. Furthermore, I will have the final exams for Greek at the end of next week. PLEASE pray that I am able to learn the vocabulary and prepare for the translation exam in the midst of my busy schedule.

Due to surgery, Charles Cheney will not be able to teach our church planting course. As a result, Bro Al is currently in contact with the seminary on how to replace the course. This makes it rather difficult to plan schedules, as all of our class times are up in the air. Pray that this problem can be solved quickly and we will be able to adequately prepare for each class.

We Sermon Delivery class last Wednesday. Beginning in two weeks, each of the interns will be preaching a total of five sermons on Wednesday afternoons throughout the coming months.

As of right now, Boston looks like a go. Although no details are available to us yet, we are fairly certain

**Et Moi: Personal Comments**

Anyone who knows me well knows that I am not much of a sports fan. However, since I own a Dodge truck, I've been interesting in how Mopar performs in the various motor sports (usually quite well). As a result, I was somewhat interested in the outcome of the Daytona 500 this past weekend—the first NASCAR race with the return of Dodge.

However, the return of Dodge to the speedway turned out to be small news at the end of the race. Even the winner was lost in the shadows. Racing legend Dale Earnhardt has had a history of bad experiences in the last lap at Daytona, but none as tragic as this year. Shock and confusion has ruled the racing world as Earnhardt died on Sunday in a wreck on the final curve of the race.

Personally, I am reminded of two things when a tragedy like this happens: first, I'm not guaranteed that I will be alive tomorrow—or even in ten minutes. Second, there's no guarantee that those around me and those I love will be around that long, either.

that we will be spending ten weeks in New England from June through mid-August in order to help the North American Mission Board plant some churches in the Boston area. This is a special joy for me, as my brother, Dan, lives outside of Boston.

My Systematic Theology paper entitled *The Trinity, The Holy Spirit, and Worship* is now available on the Praise and Worship page of my web site.

**Ephesians 1:16: Thanksgiving and Prayer****Thank you:**

Cliff and Venture Hosts for allowing me to teach and blessing me in return. DG, KW, PD, JDJ, and so many others for constant prayers and encouragements.

**Prayers:**

Endurance and diligence in a busy schedule (not to mention *consistency*). Renewed financial support. Friendships, mentorships, and other relationships.

CS1-commitments, diligence. CS2-involvement, etc. KW-important decision. John Pratt—architecture prof, severe complications due to food poisoning.

This thought ought to motivate all of us to make sure our own lives are right before God, and also should make us diligent to reach out to others with the fact that all human souls are eternal . . . they will either be in a literal place called hell, or will spend eternity joyfully in the presence of the perfect and holy God.

Romans 3:23 and 6:23 tell us that all people have sinned, and that the result of sin is eternal separation from God (death). However, Romans 6:23 continues by telling us that God freely offers forgiveness for sin through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Only true and genuine faith in Jesus Christ can bring a person into the presence of God and be called His child (John 1:12). There is no other way (John 14:6). Have you made this kind of commitment? If not, let me know. I'd be glad to tell you more!

His servant and yours,



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