

# Good News From Chardon

## Church of Christ

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### Sayings of Jeremiah (5) Excessively Pleased Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

What does "boast" or "boasting" mean? The American Standard Version uses the word "glory," while most others (all that I checked) use the word "boast." Merriam Webster defines the word to mean "excessive pride in oneself." If this definition stands, we get why the Lord would be against those who glory in themselves.

I remember when I was in high school there was a friend of mine that seemed always to be able to get "one -up" on others (at least this seemed to be the case as I recall it). when we had our 20th high school reunion, I received the same impression from him as that which I had in high school. What he said may have been the truth from bottom to top, but I remember thinking that I had doubts about it.

Have you come across people who might have been similar? It seems like they boast about this or that, resulting in you wondering if there is any substance to what it is they are boasting about. In the days of Jeremiah, as it is in our day, the same existed. When one boasts about accomplishments, others hear and may be inclined to extend good wishes, but those good wishes evaporate quickly when boasting continues. We are reminded, there is nothing new under the sun; every generation has many who think much of their accomplishments. If accomplishments are not real, then fabrications occur.

To what was Jeremiah giving attention? As you look at Jeremiah 9:23, there are 3 points to notice. First, man's wisdom. Second, man's might. Third, man's wealth.

Man's wisdom, whatever it might be in the way of usefulness, is only temporary wisdom. It may have a great deal of benefit in this world, but will it prepare one's life for judgment when life in this world is over? The wisdom one gains from this world's experience has a termination point, not so with the wisdom gained from learning of and from the Lord.

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### Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark  
Song Leader: Doug  
Opening Hymn:  
**52—I Need Thee Every Hour**  
Opening Prayer: Dale  
Hymn:  
**231—Faith Is The Victory**  
Scripture Reading: Ryan  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Hymn:  
**278—Tell Me The Story Of Jesus**  
Lord's Supper: Robert  
Hymn:  
**522—Jesus Saves**  
Sermon: Mark  
Invitation Hymn:  
**167—Jesus, The Loving Shepherd**  
Closing Hymn:  
**332—To Christ Be True**  
Closing Prayer: Ray

♪ Count your blessings,  
name them one by one.  
Count your blessings  
see what God hath done. ♪

### CALENDAR

Dec. 17—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark  
Dec. 24—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Dec. 29—(b) Caleb  
Dec. 31—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Dec. 31—(b) Randy  
Jan. 2—(b) Carl  
Jan. 7—(b) Cindy  
Jan. 14—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Jan. 15—(a) Tom & Nina  
Jan. 21—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Jan. 21—(b) Madelyn  
Jan. 21—(b) Robert  
Jan. 26—(b) Amy

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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Man's might, whatever it may be, is not nearly as strong as he thinks it is. I have often said, this country's military is the strongest on earth, but if the Lord is against our country (I wonder if He is), a country the size of Rhode Island will defeat us in short order. There is no might that can overcome the Lord's might.

Man's wealth, whatever it is, has only a short-term existence. You may have a million dollars in the bank for retirement, but if the Lord calls you to stand before Him, what will that retirement income do for you?

As you reflect on the propriety of boasting, let us not have "excessive pride" in those things that we've done or the wealth we attained. Instead, let us glory in the Lord and be "excessively" pleased He has mercy on us.

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**James 1:5-7**

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

**Psalm 34:1-8**

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. <sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. <sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Mynda's** sisters-in-law Father passed away  
As she travels. Celeste's mother in law  
**Amy's** heart, Friend **Tina's** knee & foot  
**Nina** health issues  
**Tom** surgery recovery  
**Mark** and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** back and  
Heart procedure recovery  
**Tom's Bible Study** with **Roberta, Channing,**  
and **Kris.**  
**Bonnie's** feet, grandsons **Devin & Dakota, Rhonda**  
**Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen,** sisters **Lorraine &**  
**Joyce** . Her niece **Nikki** in bad accident  
Her niece **Lorrie** had a heart attack  
**Mary** and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy.  
**Kathy's** foot healing. Her sister is in rehab.  
**Linda's** health, **Tiffany's** health & stress & family  
2 1/2 year old baby with terminal cancer.  
**Zarna** and her family  
**Juanita,** is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, and the rest of  
her family.  
**Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.  
**Dale's** health issues, headaches and his family.  
His **Mother.** heart and lungs. 7 year old  
girl, **Lucie,** with leukemia. His uncle **James**  
sadly has passed away. Cousin **Kenny** hernia,  
Cousin **Joshua** heart Issues,  
Cousin **Randal** physical & mental health  
**Ray's** health and his family. **Rebecca's** knee & illness  
**Steven** health  
**Pat** and her family  
**Robert's** friend **Freeman** with cancer  
**Sara's** father injuries from a fall  
**Brenda's** health, her sister **Linda** and sister-in-law  
**Linda** as they struggle with cancer. **Her** son  
**Mark** surgery recovery, granddaughter **Amanda**  
**Lenise**—knee problems.  
**The nations at war**  
**Myron & Carole** as they travel..  
**Larry & Ruth**  
**Mike & Debra** as they lead Bryce back to Christ