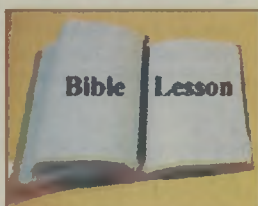


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## What must I do?

Luke 10:25-28

Knowing What To Do (vv. 25-27)

25. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life.

A certain lawyer or what we could call an expert in religious law attempts to trap Jesus. He wants to see if he can ask a question so difficult that Jesus will become confused or perhaps say something that would put him in trouble with the religious authorities. Instead, the lawyer stumbles across the most important question: What shall I do to inherit eternal life?

This lawyer is not the only person in the pages of Scripture to ask this essential question. In Mark 10:17 a young man comes to Jesus and asks, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" A jailer in Philippi asks Paul and Silas the question, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). Knowing and then following the answer to this question is the difference between eternal life and eternal damnation.

26. He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou?

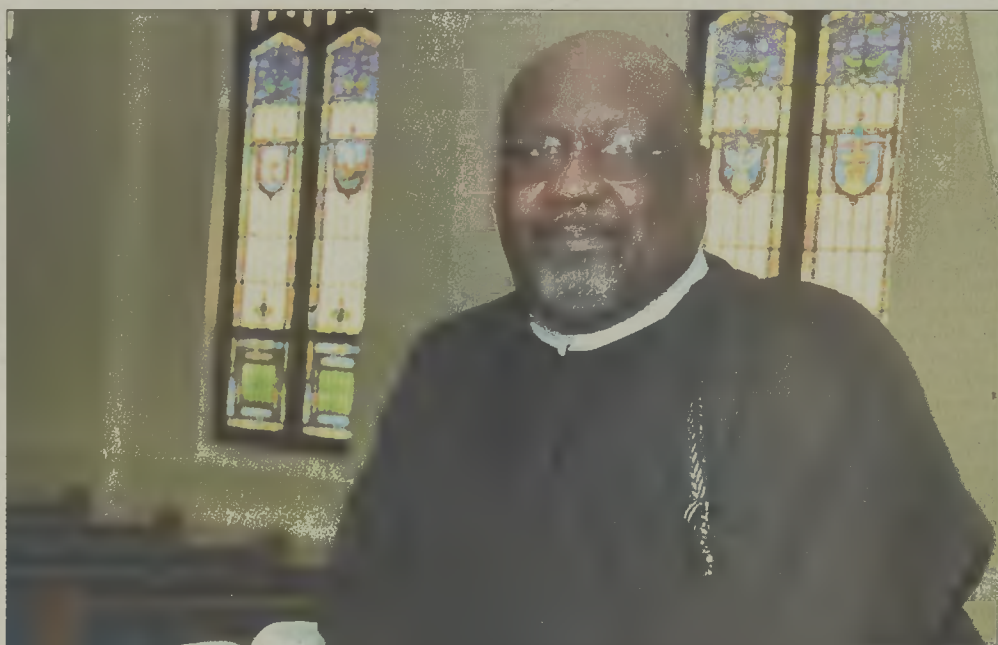
Jesus answers the lawyer's question with a question of his own. In effect the Lord says to him, "What do you think is the answer to your own question?"

The lawyer seems to come to Jesus with an agenda. He's convinced that he does indeed know the answer, but he wants to find out if Jesus agrees with him! In the next verse, then lawyer will proceed to give Jesus his best understanding of how to be saved.

27. And he answering said Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

The lawyer first goes to the Old Testament for his answer. First he makes reference to Deuteronomy 6:4, 5. These verses are called the shema, which means to hear. Paraphrased, these verses say to love God with everything you have—heart, soul and all your might. With every part of our beings we are to love God. We cannot be divided in

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PHOTO/CALVIN FERGUSON

The Rev. Robert McGowens comes to Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church with a sense of community service. He wants to make the South End house of worship a place where the community will love to visit.

## From guest to pastor

Greater Galilee pastor brings sense of community

By Cheris F. Hodges  
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Maybe it was coincidence or a little divine intervention that brought the former pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Winston-Salem to Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist

Church in Charlotte.

When the Rev. Robert McGowens spoke at the church last year as a guest preacher, taking over wasn't on his mind.

"I came in to fill a Sunday and it all began there. In June I was contacted

and told that I was considered a serious candidate," he said.

He took over the church, which is located in South End on West Park Avenue, Aug. 7.

McGowens spent 10 years at Galilee Mission-

ary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Not only does he bring two decades of pastoral experience to Charlotte; he also brings a sense of community.

At his church in Winston-Salem, McGowens

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## Bishop T.D. Jakes fires back at report

By Maynard Eaton  
THE ATLANTA VOICE

ATLANTA —The nation's premier preacher, Bishop T.D. Jakes, reacted swiftly and sternly to a published report where the National Newspaper Publishers Association censured him for not advertising with Atlanta's Black Press prior to his hugely successful Mega-Fest 2005, one of the largest religious conferences ever.

"To be called cheap in that article was an insult," said Jakes heatedly to this reporter. "It also upset me that rather than come to me directly for resolution, this matter was discussed publicly in the press."

Jakes was incensed, defiant, and

defensive and dismayed with how he had been portrayed. Following his speech to the National Association of Black Journalists earlier this month,



Jakes

he pulled a reporter into the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown's kitchen corner — ordered his security to keep his entourage and others at a distance — and harangued and reprimanded the

reporter with a blistering retort to my

previous story. "Every time I don't spend money now I am a bad guy," he asks incredulously. "You don't resolve a business conflict with 'yellow' journalism."

That rebuke brought this retort from Atlanta Voice editor Stan Washington who witnessed, but was not allowed to participate by Jakes' security in the interview: "It's only 'yellow' journalism if it is untrue or it is a deliberate attempt to smear someone. The story was neither. It was the truth. No one is out to slander Jakes or his organization."

In that Atlanta Voice story — which was subsequently re-printed in dozens of black-owned papers across the country — NNPA President John Smith, Sr. lamented that much to his chagrin not one single dime was spent with Atlanta's black press by Jakes' MegaFest extravaganza that

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University Park Baptist Church minister Marlo Mathis distributes school supplies during UPBC's Angel Fest, an event where the church provides school supplies to children who have parents in prison.

## CHURCH NEWS

The deadline to have church announcements added to the calendar is 5 p.m. on Fridays.

### Ongoing

Chappell Memorial Baptist Church will open its Clothing Closet to families in need every first and third Saturday of the month. Families can come to the church, which is located at 110 Bradford Drive, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, call (704) 394-5615. There is no charge for the clothes.

• Plaza Baptist Church, 3321 The Plaza, will host an eight-week video study by Bruce Wilkinson designed to show how the Prayer of Jabez can release God's favor. The series begins nightly at 7 p.m. For more information, call (704) 334-3913.

### August 21

Trinity Park Baptist Church will host its summer revival, with the theme of "Wisdom

Makes a Difference..."

There will be different speakers each night of the revival.

Sunday, Bishop George Brooks, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Greensboro, service will start at 5 p.m.

Services for August 23-25 start each night at 7 p.m.

August 23: Rev. George Cook, Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church,

August 24: Dr. Fred Gibson, Pastor of Greater Providence Baptist Church

August 25: Dr. Paul Drummond, Pastor of First Mayfield Baptist Church.

• Silver Mount Baptist Church will host a music festival, beginning at 6 p.m. The church is located at 501 West Arrowood Road.

### August 22

Silver Mount Baptist Church, located at 501

West Arrowood Road, will host its annual Fall Revival. Service begins at 7 p.m. nightly.

### August 26

Faith Bible Church presents Children Playing in the Overflow Prayer Conference for children ages 8-12. The Fort Mill based church will host the conference at its location at 3605 Centre Circle Drive. The conference lasts for two days. To register, call (803) 802-2565.

### August 27

Gethsemane Baptist Church located at 565 Jetton Street, Davidson, will host "05 Back 2 School Break-Out" festival, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the church. This year's themes include: P.A.S.S. - Parents And Students Succeeding and The Paths to Success are God, Education and Fellowship. There will be parent seminars, entertainment, games for kids, free food

and school supplies. No admission charge. For more details call 704-892-1635.

### August 28

Chappell Memorial will celebrate Men's Day with guest speaker, concert at 4 p.m. "Men of Majesty: Serving Outside the Garden" will be this year's theme for the annual Men's Day celebration.

The event will feature some of the region's most dynamic male groups. Although the event is free, each program participant is asked to donate a canned-good or non-perishable item to the church's Food Pantry to benefit and feed those in need.

Rev. Reginald Flynn, pastor of Temple Zion Baptist Church, in Columbia, S.C. and founder of the Nehemiah Project Inc. — a faith-based, non-profit, community renewal and housing

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