

Thoughts about your White Scarf

Welcome back to the Scarf Program. Remember, this program is meant to challenge you to accept responsibility in different areas of your life, according to your age. All members of the Scarf Society progress through the colors by thoughtfully and prayerfully choosing to accept the challenge for which they are ready.

Requirements for the White Scarf:

You may choose to accept the challenge of the White Scarf if you are 21 years old before Aug. 1st.

The challenge of the White Scarf: Dedicate a part of your life to Christian service, especially with children.

If you received a Gray Scarf, you accepted the challenge to be a good citizen and a helpful camper. If you received one shield, you added the challenge of being a true friend. If you received two shields, you added the challenge of being a good example to others. If you received three shields, you accepted the challenge to accept some responsibility to be a leader. If you received four shields, you were introduced to Jesus' summary of the law: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." When you received your Blue Scarf, you accepted the challenge to be loyal to God, oneself, and others. If you received the Green Scarf, you accepted the challenge to rededicate yourself to the Christian way of life. When you received your Brown Scarf, you accepted the challenge of Christian Service. If you received your Gold Scarf you accepted the challenge of understanding and concern for others. When you received your Red Scarf, you accepted the challenge of sacrifice of time, talent, and personal will. When you received the Purple Scarf, you accepted the challenge of high and noble living in whatever Christian service opportunities that come your way. In trying to do these challenges, you built the necessary foundation for accepting the next challenge, the challenge of the White Scarf.

Even if you did not take all these challenges, you may want to think about these areas of your life as you prepare yourself to accept the challenge of the White Scarf.

As you prepare to accept the challenge of the White Scarf we would like you to think about the following:

The White Scarf challenges you to "dedicate a part of your life to Christian service, especially with children." Working in your church community, helping children through school and camp programs, or working to better the plight of the homeless and poor, could all be part of your White Scarf challenge.

What does "dedicate" mean to you? How can you serve as a Christian? Does your life include working with children? How does Christ fit into your work and play? As you prepare, we would like to provide some additional ideas:

- 1) **TO BE WRITTEN:** Sermonette. Prepare a brief talk which embodies your philosophy of life and motivation in accepting the White Scarf (be prepared to orally present the sermonette during the Scarf Ceremony; it may be read).
- 2) **Scripture Readings:** Choose one or more of the following scripture lessons to be read at your Scarf ceremony:
 1. Matthew 5:1-16 (Sermon on the Mount): "...Blessed are they..."
 2. Matthew 6:19-34 (Sermon on the Mount): "...Store not up treasure for yourselves on earth..."

3. Matthew 7:1-12 (Sermon on the Mount): "...Judge not, that ye not be judged..."
4. Romans 8:17-30 (Paul's letter to the Romans): "...We are God's heirs, and Christ's fellow-heirs..."
5. 1 John 4:7-22 (Christ the giver of life): "...Salvation is of the Jews..."
6. 2 Corinthians 4 (Personal religion and the ministry): "...We have been entrusted with this commission..."

If you have another passage which is important to your goals in life, you may choose that passage. Let your Scarf Director know which passage you wish to be read.

3) Pledge of Dedication:

I believe that service to one's fellow man, in the spirit of Jesus Christ, is man's highest calling. I now humbly dedicate myself, my interests, my efforts, my time, my talents, and my worldly possessions, to such service with the help of Almighty God.

As a member of the White Scarf of St. Andrews, I pledge myself to join with all its members around the world in a common and united crusade to "build Christian personality and a more Christian society."

Recognizing that the strongest influence on people is the power of personal example, I shall strive ever so to live that my life may help the Christian growth of others.

I shall highly prize those opportunities for friendship which Christian service affords and will seek to be ever worthy of the esteem and regard which such friendships engender.

Remembering that "without vision, the people perish," I shall seek to retain humility, conviction, and direction by constant endeavor to discover God's will in my daily living through prayer, Bible study, worship, and meditation.

I shall stand by the Christian growth of those whom I am privileged to serve as the final test of my service. AMEN.

4) Know the Scarf Anthem:

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
 I would be pure, for there are those who care;
 I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
 I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
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I would be friend to all the foe, the friendless;
 I would be giving, and forget the gift;
 I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
 I would look up, and laugh, and love and lift.
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Matthew 5: 1-16

- [1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- [2] Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- [3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- [4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- [5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- [6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- [7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- [8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- [9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- [10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- [11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- [13] "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
- [14] "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
- [15] No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- [16] In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6: 19 to 34

- [19] "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal;
- [20] but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.
- [21] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- [22] "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light;
- [23] but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- [24] "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
- [25] "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- [26] Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
- [27] And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
- [28] And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,
- [29] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
- [30] But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith?
- [31] Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'
- [32] For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- [33] But strive first for the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
- [34] "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 7: 1 to 12

- [1] "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.
- [2] For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.
- [3] Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?
- [4] Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye?
- [5] You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.
- [6] "Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.
- [7] "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.
- [8] For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
- [9] Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone?
- [10] Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake?
- [11] If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!
- [12] "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."

Romans 8: 15 to 30

- [15] For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
- [16] it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- [17] and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
- [18] I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
- [19] For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;
- [20] for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
- [21] that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
- [22] We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;
- [23] and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
- [24] For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?
- [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
- [26] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
- [27] And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
- [28] We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
- [29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.
- [30] And those whom the Lord predestined God also called; and those whom God called are also justified; and those whom God justified are also glorified.

1 John 4: 7 to 21

- [7] Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
- [8] Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
- [9] God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.
- [10] In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- [11] Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.
- [12] No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us.
- [13] By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- [14] And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world.
- [15] God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.
- [16] So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
- [17] Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as God is, so are we in this world.
- [18] There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.
- [19] We love because God first loved us.
- [20] Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.
- [21] The commandment we have from Christ is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

2 Corinthians 4: 1 to 18

- [1] Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.
- [2] We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.
- [3] And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.
- [4] In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- [5] For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.
- [6] For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- [7] But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.
- [8] We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;
- [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
- [10] always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.
- [11] For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.
- [12] So death is at work in us, but life in you.
- [13] But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture--"I believed, and so I spoke"--we also believe, and so we speak,
- [14] because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.
- [15] Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
- [16] So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day
- [17] For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
- [18] because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.