

# Monthly Memory Verse - August 2011



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## Publisher & Author Message

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**Message from the publisher and author**

*Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes*

Dale's Notes are provided to be used as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,  
Dale ☺  
Dale A. Kaye

*Message:*

*Prayer request:*

Shared Interests and Personal

Continue to pray with me in asking God for his help to provide a consistent format for the Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I continue to ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way. Please, remember my family as we make changes in our lives to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,  
*Dale*

# Quick Bio-glance

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*Quick Bio-glance:*



**John Foxe** (1517<sup>[1]</sup> – 18 April 1587) English Protestant clergyman and author of *The Book of Martyrs*. Foxe was born in Boston, Lincolnshire. He was a tutor to the children of English poet and soldier Henry Howard from 1548 to 1553. With the accession to the English throne of Roman Catholic Mary I, he left the country, remaining on the Continent until 1559, after Elizabeth I became queen of England. He was ordained in 1560. He completed a Latin history of Christian persecutions in 1559, published in English as *Acts and Monuments of These Latter and Perilous Dayes*. This book became popularly known as *The Book of Martyrs* and was the source of the popular conception of Roman Catholics for generations of English people.

He studied at Oxford, and became fellow of Magdalen College, where he applied himself to church history. Dean Nowell, Hugh Latimer, and William Tyndale were among his intimate friends and correspondents. For his Protestant sentiments he seems to have been expelled from his college: He became tutor in Sir Thomas Lucy's family, and then to the children of the Earl of Surrey for five years. During this period he issued several tracts and a *Sermon of John Oecolampadiua to Yong Menaced* 'Sermon (London, 1550?). After the accession of Mary he was obliged to seek refuge from persecution on the Continent. He met Edmund Grindal at Strasburg and saw through the press in that city a volume of 212 pages on the persecution of Reformers from Wyclif to 1500, entitled *Commentarii rerum in ecclesia gestarum masitmarumque per totem Buropam persecutwnum a Vuwleut temporibus ad hanc =qua otatem descriptio* (1554). He went to Frankfort and sought to be a mediator in the differences between Dr. Cox and John Knox and removed from there, on Knox's departure, to Basel. Poverty forced him to apply himself to the printer's trade. Encouraged by Grindal (*Remains*, ed. W. Nicholson for the Parker Society, Cambridge, 1843, pp. 223 aqq.) he labored diligently on his great work on the martyrs, which appeared in Latin at Basel, 1559, and was dedicated to his former pupil, now the duke of Norfolk. Returning to England he spent much time under the roof of the duke, and attended him to the scaffold, when at the age of thirty-six he was executed for conspiring with Mary Queen of Scots. He received a prebend in Salisbury Cathedral but remained poor all his life although an annuity from the duke of Norfolk of ?20 kept him from want. Called by Archbishop Parker to subscribe -to the canons, he refused, and, holding up a Greek Testament, said, " To this will I subscribe." He was fearless in the avowal of his convictions, and petitioned the queen earnestly but unsuccessfully to spare the lives of two Dutch Anabaptists.

<http://www.reformedreader.org/rbb/foxe/foindex.htm> and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Foxe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Foxe)

## **Theology Term**

### *Pneumatology*

Pneumatology is from the Greek [*numa*] meaning breath (and by extension Spirit), and [*logos*] meaning word or discourse. In Theological terms, it is the discourse or study of the Holy Spirit of God. It encompasses the study of His person, work, gifts, and ministry. The Spirit of God being manifested in many ways including teaching (John. 14:26), restraining sin (Genesis 6:3, 20:6), Revelation (matthew 11:27), and interceding (Romans 8:26), Pneumatology is the study of these things.

<http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/faq/glossary.html#pneumatology>

Adam Clarke's  
Commentary on  
the bible:

**Mat 5:16**

**Let your light so shine** - Or more literally, Thus let your light shine, Οὕτω λαμψατω το φως. As the sun is lighted up in the firmament of heaven to diffuse its light and heat freely to every inhabitant of the earth; and as the lamp is not set under the bushel, but placed upon the lamp-stand that it may give light to all in the house; Thus let every follower of Christ, and especially every preacher of the Gospel, diffuse the light of heavenly knowledge, and the warmth of Divine love through the whole circle of their acquaintance.

**John Gill's  
Exposition of the  
Entire Bible**

**Mat 5:16**

**Let your light so shine before men,....** Here Christ applies the foregoing simile to his disciples, and more fully opens the meaning and design of it. His sense is this; that the light of the Gospel, which he had communicated to them, the spiritual knowledge of the mysteries of grace, which he had favoured them with, were to be openly declared, and made manifest before men.

# Dale's Notes

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## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

### Part I: Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

#### *A Perception*

It's amazing to me, if our psalmist in last month's bible verse (*Psa 119:11*) stored up the word of the Lord in his heart, to his own personal place of love, so he might not sin against the Lord; how is it many of us which have stored up God's word and fail to love? Failed to love the Lord and have failed to "love one another as I have loved you!" that is, as the Lord has loved us we should love one another! "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (*John 13:34 -35*)." I pulled 81 hits and 22 verses back on the words "love one another" for the ESV when searching on the New Testament! This lets me know immediately God has written much concerning our love for each other that is those of His household!

O' Dale what are you talking about? I'm glad you asked. Every man has his own prejudice, his own opinions formulated of himself, of God, and of others, which he perceives and lives out in life! Let's be clear about one thing our understanding is at best our simple understanding before the Lord! It's not the Lord's understanding. It's our understanding as to how we interpret and we perceive life to live it out before the Lord, through his word, which He [God] has manifested towards us by His great kindness! As Moses said to the children of Israel "*The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*" (*Deu 29:29*)

God calls us to understanding through the reveal word of God and we are all responsible to adhere to it, the bible.

#### *A Fearful Responsibility*

This should bring fear and humility upon us before the Lord and great concern for others because we are riveted with human weakness! We are prone to make mistakes, miscalculate, and misunderstand all brought about by our own ignorance or our sin! This does not mean we are left without clarity. God through his word and the working of his Holy Spirit teaches us and guide us into all truth affirming those things which are right in his sight ("*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have*

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**Continued:**

Light was not given merely for their own private use, but for the public good of mankind; and therefore, as they were placed as lights in the world, they were to hold forth, in the most open and conspicuous manner, the word of light and life:

**that they may see your**

**good works:** meaning their zeal and fervency; their plainness and openness; their sincerity, faithfulness, and integrity; their courage and intrepidity; their diligence, industry, and indefatigableness in preaching the Gospel; their strict regard to truth, the honour of Christ, and the good of souls; as also their very great care and concern to recommend the doctrines of grace, by their example in their lives and conversations:

**and glorify your Father****which is in heaven;** that

is, that when the ministration of the Gospel has been blessed, for the illumination of the minds of men, to a thorough conviction of their state; and for their regeneration, conversion, sanctification, and comfort; they may give praise to God, and bless his name for qualifying and sending such Gospel ministers to show unto them the way of salvation; and that the word has been made useful to them for communicating spiritual light, life, joy, and comfort, אבינו שבשמים, "Our and your Father which is in heaven", is a name, appellation, or periphrasis of God, frequently used by Jewish writers (s); and is often expressed by Christ in these his sermons on the mount.

said unto you. *John 14:26*). Yes through grandparents, mothers and fathers, and brothers and sisters all who are called into service in God's house (*Yes, pastors, elders, teachers and those who are educated in the word of God*) so the people of God understand the will of the Lord walking in truth and Love!

Like Paul said to Thessalonians.

*"So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing."*

*1Th 1:7-8*

Surely our beloved Timothy was taught from his earliest age by his grandma and mother's faith (*2Tim 1:5-6 "...thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice"*)!

Read Apostle Paul's words to Timothy:

*"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2Ti 3:14-17"*

### *Men analyze words*

Its men who analyze words but God knows and judges. Refine words and a better education to do not make a better man before the Lord! They [men] become better sinners to form their opinions according to their understanding and separate themselves from the simple according to their pride. Their justification is God has call us to better things and greater works than the Plumber, the Bricklayer, the Carpenter, the Tentmaker, the Mother, the Sales Clerk and the Janitor etc. They are a select above; they're intellectuals of understanding and now grace others with their knowledge and wisdom in this world!

### *Is it a wrong perception?*

I've heard some which preach the word and get paid for doing so, give great praise to God for such a privilege, because they're not like other men (*This is not true of all men who preach and are rightly paid and should give praise but be careful unless you crush the spirit of those whom the Lord has sent into the heat which think you have it easy and the Lord has made it hard upon them so they don't endure hardness as a good soldier of the Lord. You judge what I'm saying and the Lord grant understanding*). How wonderful it is for those who declare their liberty above their brethren, whose brethren bear the heat of the world in the market place, and whose brothers' deal with hourly attacks upon their faith to stand in an ungodly world to shine for Jesus Christ. How is it their privilege to only aggressively study and to present God's word correctly

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**Albert Barnes  
study Notes on the  
Bible**

**Mat 5:16**

**Let your light so shine ...** - Let your holy life, your pure conversation, and your faithful instructions, be everywhere seen and known. Always, in all societies, in all business, at home and abroad, in prosperity and adversity, let it be seen that you are real Christians.

**That they may see your good works -**

The proper motive to influence us is not simply that we may be seen (compare [Mat 6:1](#)), but it should be that our heavenly Father may be glorified. The Pharisees acted to be seen of men, true Christians act to glorify God, and care little what people may think of them, except as by their conduct others may be brought to honor God, yet they should so live that people may see from their conduct what is the proper nature of their religion.

**Glorify your Father -**

Praise, or honor God, or be led to worship him. Seeing in your lives the excellency of religion, and the power and purity of the gospel, they may be won to be Christians also, and give praise and glory to God for his mercy to a lost world.

and disconnect themselves from the fires of hell as their brothers face daily confrontation in the workplace! Short sightedness is found when proclaiming to others how much one studies above another and invokes the thought I'm more knowledgeable but God see in secret and knows the hearts and the labors of all men for Jesus Christ. One man studies even more aggressively nightly after laboring all day in the heat, he falls on his face before his God seeking his mercy and grace so he may meet his enemies tomorrow on the battle field for Christ to win some for the glory of God! When the doors of the church house are closed after Sunday's and Wednesday's services Christ's work is not abated. It moves forward at all hours at all times until all be fulfilled according to His great plan! O' I heard proclaim from the protected walls of privilege how one shared Jesus Christ once upon an airplane ride while brothers/sisters looked on in disbelief for Christ is alive in them all week and some of them stand to lose their employment for not conforming to the world but being transformed by the renewing of their minds in Christ Jesus. O eloquence is so bliss!

Be careful unless you misunderstand me. I'm speaking of humility! I'm speaking of God's choice to take a young man of his father's sheepfold and make him king and a carpenter's son and set him at his own right hand! I'm speaking to all those who would do, think or imply in life that in some way their life is of more value than their fellow man standing next to him (*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Rom 3:23*)!

God doesn't dwell in the playpens of men; He rescues men out of them! Let me put it another way. Jesus Christ is not a business, a career or a line of work or even worse an hour of fame! He is Lord and Savior calling you to love one another in obedience through humility towards Him! This love is supper natural, it's devine, it comes from Jesus Christ himself and when He is our motivation it's then, as a Christian, we let our lights so shine before men, even in betrayal, so others may see our good works (in love) and glorify God in heaven!

Being a good preacher though it be a calling from God, a good banker, a good lawyer, a good architect, software developer, project manager, ceo, doctor, and marketing strategist doesn't make you any different than any other man. For many men of this world have taken greater effort to success then you of the same labor in this life! What sets us apart from those in the world is the unique love of God given us through Jesus Christ and our true love one for another because Christ now lives in us!

As our beloved apostle Paul said, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Gal 2:20 )."*

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### *Here it is: the conclusion*

Do not magnify yourselves or your service but leave that to the Lord. Magnify the Lord in your heart (*"And Mary said, my soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." - Luk 1:46-47*), in all your labor that Jesus Christ is seen alive in you! Its then men shall see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven! We must die to ourselves, picking up our cross that only Jesus lives, everything else is vanity! Should you need to preach and are called to do so hopefully you aren't the topic but Jesus Christ in you! O' *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*

### *Prayer*

Blessed Father in Heaven there are those who are so much more qualified to write then me. Forgive my boldness should I have said something to hurt or injure your people even our leaders and teachers of our faith. Lord, I am a sinful man under your authority ordained in your church. Grant your grace and your love to be known when others read this study. Let everything be done so your son Jesus Christ our Lord be glorified. Amen.