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# St Francis



April 20, 2016

## Your Answer or Your Life

*For you know how, like a father with his children,  
we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you  
and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God,  
who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

*1 Thessalonians 2:11+12*

*The Information Age*

We have more information in our digital culture available to us than at any other time in history. We are able to find out more about more things than every before. How often do you say "Google it."? Having the answers is more important to us than ever. Being able to access information instantly is now the expected normal way of doing business anywhere. Having the information and knowing what to do with it are skills for employment in any field. It has gone so far in that direction that some people will pay a high price to go on a week's vacation to unplug from all devices, email, and any connection to the Internet.

### ***Filling Notebooks or Filling Lives***

In the reading from 2 Thessalonians which is appointed for Morning Prayer this morning we see a different approach to life. It is an approach that is essential to living a life of following Jesus. It is influencing the lives of others with the gospel by sharing your life. We learn how to "walk in a manner worthy of God" by imitating others who know how to do it. We show others how to "walk in a manner worthy of God" by showing them how we live, make decisions, overcome bitterness, schedule our day, deal with insults, bless other people, etc. Instead of only filling our notebooks with information about our faith I believe God asks us to fill the lives of others with our encouragement and blessing by giving them access to our lives. This will not, of course, be everybody all the time having close access to our lives. But there are some people God is adding to us who will learn how to walk in a manner worthy of God by imitating us. This is true for every Christian. Our lives speak louder than our answers.

## **Coming Attractions**

### ***Sunday, April 24, 2016***

Worship at 10:00am

Worship at Symphony Manor 9:00am. Contact Bobbie Leviness at [bobbiedrew@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedrew@yahoo.com)

***Sunday, May 1, 2016*** Worship at 10:00am

***Please bring nonperishable food to worship*** to be distributed through the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services.

### ***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

For Lisa A. Parish and Associates, Lisa A. Parish, CPS, owner, that business would increase and many in our area would have sound financial plans.

### ***Diocese of Virginia***

For the people of St. Mark's, Richmond; Christ Church, Middlesex; St. John's, McClean that each would walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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