



The Greek word for “provision” is *pronoia*, which is a compound word with the prefix *pro*, meaning “before,” and the verb *noeo*, “to think.” The expression in this verse literally means, “give no forethought to” those things of the flesh. The challenge that the devil throws in the path of every Christian (and non-Christian, as well) is “the flesh.” “The lust of the flesh” is in his arsenal at every turn (1 John 2:16), in order that we might “fulfill its desires.” It is impossible for us to “live according to the flesh” and “live according to the Spirit” at the same time (Rom. 8:1-14), but this is much more than just the actions that we take. In Romans 13:14, God calls upon us to not even let our thoughts wonder over into the arena of the flesh. By letting our minds dwell upon the passions and desires of this world, we are, in essence, planning ahead (and giving forethought) to how we might fulfill those carnal cravings. But the Lord knows that if we cut off the thoughts “before” we can “think” them that we cannot then sin against Him. Thus, we must “have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal. 5:24). Have you done that? Or are you still letting those passions and desires live in your heart?

The first part of this instruction in Romans 13:14 states, “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” Place this in contrast with the second part of the verse. Rather than think on the things of the flesh, God expects me to make a determined choice to think the way Christ thought (Phil. 2:5-8) and to live the way Christ lived (1 Pet. 2:21). I must clothe myself with the Lord—not just on the outside (as we might sometimes picture clothing), but on the very deepest parts of the inside of my heart. How do I do that? I must bathe myself in His word (Psa. 119). I must not allow myself to be conformed to the fleshly lusts of this world (1 Pet. 2:9). I must love what He loves, want what He wants, hate what He hates, etc. Rather than allowing my heart to plan ahead to fulfill fleshly desires, I need to find joy in planning ahead to fulfill godly desires and make provision for Him!

## Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Holton George
Song Leader		Tom Barr
Song 438	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>	
Song 48	<i>Anywhere With Jesus</i>	
Prayer		Sam Tarbet
Song 916	<i>Come, Share the Lord</i>	
Communion		Ray Parks Dylan Petrosky
Song 219	<i>He's My King</i>	
Song 400	<i>Living by Faith</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
Song 662	<i>There is a Fountain</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Holton George
Song 11	<i>Above the Bright Blue</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Luke Haydon

### Upcoming Events

- Please check the sign-up sheet for Wednesday evening devotionals.
- There will be a Men's Business Meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday Devotional

Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Logan H.
Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris W.
Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ray P.

### ...Prayer List...

*Gaye Kyle, Melvin Wright, Casey Jo Engle, Reta George, Nan Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder (cancer), Wendell Harrison, Sharon Petrosky, Tom Barr*

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 34 PM: 31 Wednesday: 31 Contribution: \$2310.64