

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mallett
(FV) Jorge Garza
(O) Keith Stifflemire
(A) Doug Pruett
1st prayer Jack Wall
2nd prayer Judd Wall
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Kevin Grant

Prayer List:

Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

August 29th

Noon Fellowship

September 5th

Mission Sunday

September 6th

Labor Day

September 12th

Grandparents' Day

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 26th

Noon Fellowship

October 3rd

Mission Sunday

Romans 13:8-10 KJV

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Happy Birthday

Cindi Wall August 26th
Vernon Houts Sept. 24th
Judy Grant Sept. 28th
Autumn Vann Sept. 29th

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

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12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

God's Commands Are Tests

The church at Corinth included a brother who was having an ongoing sexual relationship with his father's wife. For whatever reason, the rest of the brethren did nothing about it. When the Apostle Paul heard of the situation, he ordered bold action: "Remove the wicked man from among yourselves" (1 Corinthians 5:13).

Withdrawing from the ungodly brother was essential, both for his benefit and theirs. Hopefully it would impress upon him the seriousness of his wrong and lead him to repentance (v. 5). Regardless, it would check the spreading influence of sin within the congregation (vv. 6-8).

In 2 Corinthians 2, Paul spoke of a brother whom the church had punished. Evidently this refers to the same case. If so, the disassociation had produced its desired result. The brother was now seeking forgiveness. Paul advised, ". . . forgive and comfort him, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. Wherefore, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him" (2:7-8). Then he added, "For to this end also I wrote that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things" (2 Corinthians 2:9).

How did the instruction to cut off association from this brother test the Corinthians' obedience? Perhaps in several ways:

- Since taking such action is anything but enjoyable, it was a test of whether they would obey commands of God that are unpleasant.
- Some in our day question whether withdrawing is an effective way of dealing with brethren in sin. If any of the Corinthians felt the same way, it was a test of whether they would obey a divine command in which they saw little wisdom.
- This brother may have been popular or influential. If so, it was a test of whether they would put God's will above personal relationships.

You may not often think of it this way, but every command God gives "puts you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things." Anyone will obey requirements that are pleasant, seem wise, and demand no hard choices. That says nothing about us. The real test of our obedience, and therefore the real test of our faith, comes when God's commands are otherwise. How well do you score on this exam?

By Frank Himmel

Who's Important?

It's probably the hardest lesson a success oriented individual can ever learn. Most of us aren't nearly as important as we think we are — and sometimes as others tell us we are. One of the wonderful things about Christ's religion is that it puts everyone on the same rung of the ladder — Christ is the great equalizer.

There's a story of a newly elected politician who went to our nation's capital to get acquainted with the place. At the home of a high ranking senator he was trying to get the feel of this great city and all he anticipated he would be able to accomplish. He greatly admired the prominence of his host and spoke of his grandiose intentions and plans. Somewhere, back in his mind, he even entertained the possibility of actually running things in the country from the White House.

As they looked out over the Potomac River, they noticed a log floating down stream. It was rotten, old, deteriorating, obviously of no worth. The older senator remarked to his young friend, "You know, that log is about a perfect example of what this city is, and what our nation is becoming."

"How's that?" asked his young friend. "Well you see, there are probably hundreds of grub worms, no telling how many ants, and bugs and critters of about every kind you can name, and they're just floating down the stream on that rotten old log."

"Well, how's that like this city?" the young man wondered aloud. "It's simple," replied the senior senator, "Everyone of those critters thinks he's steering the log."

With no intent to bemean the government, how true it is in almost every area of life that ambition often outruns reality. It is the meek who inherit the earth, not the mighty. It is the poor in spirit who enjoy the rule of God — not the arrogant and haughty. Paul summed all this up for us quite nicely:

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith" - Rom. 12:3.