

Those to Serve

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

August 12th

First Day of School Lampasas

August 18th

First Day of School Evant

August 29th

Noon Fellowship

September 5th

Mission Sunday

September 6th

Labor Day

Happy Birthday

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Autumn Vann Sept. 29th

**Congratulations to
Autumn Vann on
becoming the 4th grade
teacher at Evant.**

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

Ecclesiastes 11:9-10 KJV

⁹ Rejoice, O young man,
in thy youth; and let thy
heart cheer thee in the
days of thy youth, and
walk in the ways of thine
heart, and in the sight of
thine eyes: but know thou,
that for all these things
God will bring thee into
judgment.

¹⁰ Therefore remove
sorrow from thy heart, and
put away evil from thy
flesh: for childhood and
youth are vanity.

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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:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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What Do You Expect From God?

By Bill Brandstatter

I was talking to a Christian once about his commitment to God. He said he didn't go to worship services much because God had "touched him." He stated that he takes his granddaughter to services, but he had not been in three weeks. He was raised in the church; however, church wasn't what he expected? I then asked him what did he expect? What do you expect from God?

Some expect God to put a stamp of approval on their lifestyle and accept them without any change on their part. Perhaps this group would say everyone is going to heaven, just by different routes. Yet, God commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30, 31).

Some get upset when told what they must do to be saved. Others object if they are asked to prove anything about the religion they profess. Yet, the Bible tells us we should give an answer for what we believe; (1 Pet. 3:15) so, again the question is: What do they expect from God?

Perhaps some men think too little about God's perspective and too much about their own. Remember, God doesn't think like man does (Isa. 55:8, 9). Man lives in a physical world. Often what he expects in the physical, he expects in the spiritual. When excitement, entertainment, and pleasure are the name of the game in the physical, some expect some or all of these in the spiritual realm as well. They may think that any church that doesn't provide at least one of those is not meeting their expectations.

Sometimes man thinks God's ways are unfair (Ezek. 18:25); yet, who is it that sets the standard of fairness? Is it not God? It follows then that whatever God does is fair and just and it is man's way that is not fair (Ezek. 33:17)!

Some may expect God to do what man is supposed to do. God cannot save a person who does not want to be saved. God cannot change His law of pardon to save someone who has not obeyed Him. We must obey from the heart the doctrine of God (Rom. 6:17).

When the rich man was in torment in Luke 16, he wanted someone to go to his brothers on earth. The answer given to him was "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them (Luke 16:30). Those who would be saved had to do what God wanted. They had to following the revealed will of God and written by Moses and the prophets. Anything else was not acceptable. Today, we must follow what Christ says (Jn. 12:48).

We cannot expect God to do for us that which we must do. We have to work at obtaining the knowledge we need. It takes study on our part (Acts 17:11). We must receive it and make it part of us (James 1:12). We must obey the gospel that God has given us and then heaven will be our home one day. (Rom. 10:16,17; 2 Thess. 1:8) The revealed will of God for salvation has been given to us (2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16,17). We can know what God expects of us. Let us strive to do what God expects, and always have a good conscience toward Him (Acts 24:16).

A Talking Dollar

Robert F. Turner

Money does talk! Listen to it.

A brother leaves his fine house, drives to the building in a new car, brushes his \$150 suit, and with a grand flourish drops in his dollar, loudly proclaiming, "This Is How I Have Been Prospered".. thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God (ACT.5:4). Remember Ananias and Sapphira? What a clutter of corpses might result from such action today. Nevertheless, a place is prepared for all liars (REV.21:8).

My gift says, "This is what I think of my blessings". A new groom asked what he owed the preacher. "Oh, whatever it was worth to get her". In jest, the young man offered a quarter. "Wait! I will get your change.

"People would like the Lord to set a fixed amount — like the law (10%). Instead the Lord says, "Give according to what you think your blessings are worth". A man's gift eloquently speaks of his estimate of material blessings, forgiveness, the right to pray, the fellowship of saints, and all spiritual blessings in Christ.

Oh, oh, there comes that well dressed fellow again. "Here is a \$1; just keep the change". Ugh.

My contribution says, "This is what I want to give". Never give more than you want to. Regardless what you "drop in the plate" you will only get "credit" for what you want to give — like the fellow who gave \$10 thinking it was \$1.

A hand exposing a diamond studded watch is raised. "How much do I have to give?" He wants to give as little as possible. If he thinks he can go to heaven on 50 cents, he will get change for his dollar. Doubtless, some give a dollar "bill" only because it does not clink. But remember, God knows what you want to give — and why.

In contrast, many in Jerusalem sold all they had — not because they had to; they wanted to. See ACT.5:4. The Macedonians "abounded. to the riches of liberality" as they asked "us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift" (2CO.8:1-). They did not want to be left out; they begged to give. Such gifts are always enough.

Again, it says, "This is the measure of my love". Giving is the test of professed love. Many say, "I love the lost" or "I love the brethren". Lets see — put them to the test.

Brethren are destitute of food and clothing. Their needs are made known. That well dressed fellow squirms and impatiently buttons his coat over a bulging waistline. He scowls, drums his fingers on a song book, thinking, "I will give my dollar if he will just hush and let us go home". Read 1JO.3:16,17. "How dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Paul was put to the test. Even his sincere efforts to save men were maligned. Yet he offered all and reserved nothing. "And I will gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved" (2CO.12:15).