

January 1, 2023

“Honest _____”

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff, Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We Offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Being honest is so important. If people cannot depend on your words, then they will learn to not depend on you.

We all dislike being deceived by those who are dishonest. We grow frustrated and are often indecisive when we cannot determine the truth. Can you trust a person who has lied to you before? Of course, you can, but not without reservation.

The Christian is to be honest. Not some of the time, but all the time. Romans 12:17 “...*Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*” When the first congregation of the Lord’s church needed help in solving a problem within, they sought out “*seven men of honest report*” Acts 6:3. Why? Because it needed to be done right and it needed to be those who could be trusted and depended upon.

“Honest Abe” was the nickname given to Abraham Lincoln. Hundreds of documented examples of his honesty and decency during the days that he practice law. “Honest _____”, does your name fit there?

Our actions follow our thoughts, therefore. “*Whatsoever... things are honest... if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*” Phill 4:8. What Christian doesn’t want to be an excellent one? If we are not honest, then we fall short of all that God would have us to be. Honestly!

How Does A Christian Deal With Bitterness?

We live in a world of “cause and effect”. If we hear an uncertain sound we investigate to find out what the cause is. So it is when bitterness gets into our hears. We must seek to find the cause and thereby become close to a solution. For instance, Paul told Christian husbands to not be bitter toward their wives (Col 3:19). The way another person treats us may lead us to have bitter feelings toward that individual. When we, therefore, feel bitterness, look hard to find the cause. We may take it out on our family, friends or co-workers not understanding that they are really not the problem.

Bitterness can arise when we feel that we have been slighted for one reason or another. Jesus spoke with His disciples and asked them one day, what were you talking about (Mark 9:33). The issue had been who should be the greatest (verse 34). If you are ranked higher than someone else then they are in a lower position. When we see others around us getting promoted or lifted up, we may feel slighted. Jesus wanted the disciples to understand

about such pursuits of greatness. He took a child and used the child to get His point across. Do not be preoccupied with greatness. The solution is to be humble like a child.

Once we find the cause then we can better deal with the problem within our heart. Peter called upon Christians to cash their cares upon the Lord (1 Peter 5:7). It is no small coincidence that the verse just before spoke about God exalting the Christian. We may then be slighted by others, injured by their words or actions, or bitter because life did not turn out the way we thought it should. Whatever the cause we cannot afford to allow bitterness to stay in our hearts. The writer of Hebrews calls it a root of bitterness that springs up to trouble us (Heb 12:15). Once we “...look diligently” and find such a root then we get it out of our hearts before it germinates and grows.

-God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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LIVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?

James 2:14

Imagine...

- The conversations you could have that you don't.
- The acts of kindness you could do that you skip.
- The places you should go that you avoid.
- The generosity you could give that you hold back.
- The forgiveness you could extend that you can't muster
- The prayers that you could pray that you put off till later.

Prayer List

Holly
Cheryl
Raymond
Robert
Doans' Grandson, Wilson
Devin (Cancer)
Jerry (Lung Cancer)
Berlyn
Leah
Misty's Step-Dad, Ed (Cancer)
Ken & Chris
Rowena (Knee Surgery)

Daily Bible Reading

Jan 2: Gen 4-6; Matt 2

Jan 3: Gen 7-9; Matt 3

Jan 4: Gen 10-12; Matt 4

Jan 5: Gen 13-15; Matt 5:1-26

Jan 6: Gen 16-17; Matt 5:27-48

Jan 7: Gen 18-19; Matt 6:1-18

Jan 8: Gen 20-22; Matt 6:19-34

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Bible Study: John

Worship: Dave

Afternoon: Larry

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Dan D

Assignments

Sunday January 8, 2023

Reading: Mike

Announcements: Travis

Table: Steve

Serve: Jim

Roger

Dan D

Douglas

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Invitation: Larry

Prepare Communion

Donna G

Clean Building

Donna G

Anniversaries

January 3 - Dave & Donna

Birthdays

January 9 – Douglas

10 – Cynde

15 – Mike

Preaching Jan 1, 2023

AM – Jeff W

PM – Luke Mc