

Attitude

by Kevin Harrington via East Foothill church of Christ bulletin San Jose, CA

God's eternal purpose for Christians is that we be conformed to the image of His son (Rom.8:29). Accomplishing this goal will require correcting those things that are amiss, changing our character, and adjusting our direction. Along the way we are going to confront problems. Just when we think we have conquered one set of problems, we encounter a whole new set of problems. Problem solving through the life of the Christian is a constant. Therefore, how do we go about solving problems?

As Christians we look to God's words for answers to our problems. That's good, we need to know what the Bible says. But before we ever go to the Bible, some other things must take place first. Most of the time, we do not fail to solve our problems because we can't understand what the Bible says. If we have some basic attitudes in place first, almost every problem will be easily resolved. Our success is virtually guaranteed before we ever begin to investigate what the Bible has to say. Conversely, if we do not have these attitudes in place, it is equally certain, no matter how much investigating we do, the problem will not be successfully solved.

Our Lord was asked, "Which is the greatest commandment in the law?" (Matt. 22:37). That is, which one can I zero in on and ignore all the others. The question was exclusive, but Jesus gave an inclusive answer: "Thou shalt Love the Lord thy God..." The idea of "love the Lord your God" means to treasure or to value God. Before we open our Bible to help us deal with any problem, we must first settle the matter of our attitude toward God. The word that reoccurs in scripture that addresses this attitude is godliness. Godliness is not "God-like" but a reverence for God. Respect for God is fundamental. When we esteem God we will esteem God's book and what God says will make a difference.

Continuing His answer to the lawyer, our Lord said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor..." Once respect for God is functioning then we can move to a treasuring of our neighbor. Not all problems are settled by asking, "What does God think?" We must also ask, "What will the consequence of my actions be upon my neighbor?" What influence will my attitude have upon my brethren? Christians should value the well-being of their brethren. (2 Cor. 11:29). Saying, "I love you" is important but not the real test of love. Our real test comes when we are challenged to restrain our own rights. Paul demonstrated this love when he refused to eat meat for the sake of his brother's soul (1 Cor. 8:13). He would not exercise his own rights at the cost of another's soul. His love for a brother would not permit him to do so. Paul's attitude demonstrates the value we must place on our brethren and their souls. Furthermore, this love for another resolves many other matters before they arise because we will put other's needs before our own.

Further, our Lord answers, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." We ought to highly treasure ourselves, just not inordinately (Rom. 12:3). Humility does not mean we think ourselves of little value but that we put the other fellow first. Can't we see we are worth more than all that is in the world? Understanding the difference between right and wrong is not the problem of most people. In fact, one of the major problems with drug addicts, alcoholics, and people who committed fornication is not whether they understood that those things are bad and wrong. Their real problem is they have no estimation of self that is worthwhile. Until a person sees self as worth the effort it takes to get out of the pig pen of sin that one will not make the effort to save himself. Love yourself is an important consideration in solving many problems.

Love of God, love of neighbor and love of self are fundamental. When these attitudes are functioning, then we can go to the Bible and do our investigation. The successful resolution of most problems is insured. But if these are not functioning or if we reverse them, we can analyze all the details of Greek grammar we want and when we get through we still will not have resolved the problems. The solution, most of the time, is in our attitude, not in specifics. Consequently, when our Lord answered the lawyer by telling him to "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind... and ...thy neighbor as thyself," He was giving us a basis for sound spiritual judgment.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

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Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Dennis & Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Sonny & Linda Stine, Brenda Nelson, Carol Jones, and Diane Mellott,

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Betty & Dennis Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Frank's niece, Tony & Eglia Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, George Beckwith, Cindy, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Gloria, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Irene Jurek, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Williams family, Mary, Jean Fitzgerald, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Malissa Layton, Th'alise Robinson, Ashley, Noreen Andrews, Emily Sestack, Gary, Keith Marten, Debbie, Paul (Becky Torres' father), Paul Orton, Minnee, Holly Leistner, Leonard Amanatey, Denise and Darlene's brother Dale, Dennis Leistner, Michael Highway, the Rogers family, Martha, Eric Kauffman, and Belinda Porter.

Updates:

Wilma Patterson has been dealing with an eye problem.

Brenda Nelson was dealing with pneumonia but is feeling better now.

Peggy Golias has had a setback. Word received Thursday night via the phone tree is she was back in the hospital in pain and a procedure was planned for her.

Renee Kinney, let's keep her in our prayers as she continues to deal with cancer.

Erica, Dennis and Darlene's neice, let's keep her in our prayers.

Rebecka Swindlehurst, Maria's daughter, let's keep her in our prayers.

Ivy Shoemaker, Tony & Eglia Grana's 1 yr old great granddaughter, is dealing with lymph node issues.

Betty, Anna Brink's sister in PA, had carpal tunnel surgery Aug. 1st.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Let's pray for the safety of those that left today for Potter Children's Home in Bowling Green, KY.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Aug. 05 **TODAY. Potluck** Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup and cleanup.

Aug. 5-11 Potter Mission Trip

Aug. 19 Men's Business Meeting

Aug. 25 Ladies Devotional. Saturday Aug. 25 at Noon, instead of Friday evening. Devotional and picnic at Sherry Carter's house. Outside event. Canceled if there is bad weather.

Sep. 03 Labor Day

Thanks from Louella.....

She wishes to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers when she was sick and in pain.

Also... info for Louella's great grandchild - born to Kassandra Kern on Friday July 27 at 8:08 AM. It's a boy. Elliot Michael DiRosa 5 lbs. 8 oz. 18" long.

In Mark's absence today.....

Ron Cameron will conduct the Adult Bible Class.

Rodney Jones will preach for us.

Update your Directory.

(Latest *Directory* is Dated May 02, 2018)

Check the *Message Board* in the back.

Latest Update: New address for Sharron Gantt and her daughter Sandy.



POTLUCK TODAY

Setup and cleanup for the *POTLUCK*.

Groups 1, 2, and 3. (Based on the *Phone Tree*)

Grp. 01. Ron & Jean Cameron (group leaders)

Grp. 02. Rodney & Carol Jones (group leaders)

Grp. 03. Louella Hopkins (group leader)

If you are in one of those groups it's your turn.

TODAY

Announcements Wayne Carter

Song Leader Marvis Garrett

Direct Communion Bruce Brink

Serve Wayne Carter

Serve Noah Bennett

Serve Matt Nichols

Clean Trays Wilma Patterson

Ladies Monthly Devotional

Saturday Aug. 25 at Noon, instead of Friday evening. Devotional and picnic at Sherry Carter's house.

Notice: This is an outside event.

In case of bad weather it will be canceled.

July Birthdays

10 Sharron Gantt

16 Chris Highway

25 Wilma Patterson

27 Destiny Perry

28 Bill Flanagan

July Anniversaries

03 Jim & Cheryl Mellott

05 Rick & Fran Fees

13 Laura Lehning

Aug. Birthdays

02 Audrey Dailey

06 Denise Garlitz

07 Brenda Nelson

21 Heather Bennett

22 Jessica Alcorn

31 Cheryl Mellott

Aug. Anniversaries

03 Mark & Audrey Dailey

21 George & Peggy Golias

Sept. Birthdays

04 Maria Swindlehurst

08 Marissa Stine

13 Joan Nair

16 Ron Cameron

22 Yolanda Davis

24 Matthew Nichols

Sept. Anniversaries

02 Charles & Heather Bennett