

# Indio Informer

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## A Challenge – Choose Just One

By Dan Jenkins

Every now and then we run across an article which is so simple, yet so profound, it changes how we look at life. Neal Pollard, who spoke on our lectureship two years ago, recently took a look at resolutions Christians should consider for the new year. Look at his suggestions.

- Bring just one non-Christian to church services with us.
- Focus on one quality in the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control—Galatians 5:22-23) where we most need to grow and work on it throughout the year.
- Focus on one quality among the beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) that we need to incorporate to be more like Jesus.
- Mend fences and build bridges with one person with whom we are at odds.
- Find at least one way to be involved in the church's work (options include visiting those who come to our services, those hospitalized, those in nursing homes, shut-ins, transporting those in need to services, assisting in Bible studies, teaching a class, volunteer with the youth, serving at dinners, etc.).
- Spend time this year trying to master just one Old Testament book and one New Testament book.
- Share our home by inviting just one new family every month.
- Increase the amount we give to God this year by at least one percent.
- Help our family “adopt” just one shut-in and make their life happy in 2018.
- Spend at least one more hour each day with our family—choose board games over TV, plan activities that allow quality time with them.

## Upcoming Events...

**1 Corinthians Class:** Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

**Business Meeting:** Today, December 10 at 4:30 p.m.

**Ladies Bible Class:** Next Sunday, December 17 at 4:00

Establish Master Calendar for 2018

Corporation meeting: Budget/Financial Report

**Barnabas Group Meeting:** December 26

## What some have said about giving...

*“You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving.”* - Robert Louis Stevenson -

*“It's easier to take than to give. It's nobler to give than to take. The thrill of taking lasts a day. The thrill of giving lasts a lifetime.”* - Joan F. Marques

## December Birthdays

6 Olivia White    17 Bill Brown    27 Sue Tanner  
29 Noah McKnight    30 Richard Karns    31 Bob Pescador

## December Anniversaries

12 Ron & Peggy Woodruff    18 Jim & Marie Burruss

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

**Preacher:**  
Mike McKnight

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- Go on at least one date with our spouse each month, more if you don't have children.
- Enrich our prayer life by expressing more gratitude to God, and praying specifically for certain people—the lost, elders, deacons, enemies, etc.
- Find a way to offer heartfelt, helpful encouragement to at least one person a week.

*I challenge each person to look at his list and then **choose just one of them and make it a reality!***

## **Eight Gifts That Do Not Cost a Cent**

From Bulletin Digest, adapted

**The Gift of Listening.** But we must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning our response. Just listening.

**The Gift of Affection.** Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back, and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love we have for family and friends.

**The Gift of Laughter.** Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Our gift will say, “I love to laugh with you.”

**The Gift of Written Notes.** It can be a simple “Thanks for the help” note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

**The Gift of a Compliment.** A simple and sincere, “you look great in red,” “you did a super job” or “that was a wonderful meal” can make someone’s day.

**The Gift of Favor.** Every day, go out of our way to do something kind.

**The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition.** The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really, it’s not that hard to say, “Hello” or “Thank you.”

***“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”***

- Luke 6:38 -

***“If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,’ and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?”***

James 2:15-16

## **1000...in Quarters**

(from Housetoohouse.com)

Fred Craddock, in an address to preachers, caught the practical implications of consecration. “To give my life for Christ appears glorious”, he said. “To pour myself out for others to pay the ultimate price of martyrdom - I'll do it. I'm ready, Lord, to go out in a blaze of glory.” We think giving our all to the Lord is like taking a \$1,000 bill and laying it on the table – “Here's my life, Lord. I'm giving it all.” But the reality for most of us is that He sends us to the bank and has us cash in the \$1,000 for quarters. We go through life putting out 25 cents here and 50 cents there. Listen to the neighbor kid's troubles instead of saying, “Get lost.” Go to a committee meeting. Give up a cup of water to a shaky old man in a nursing home. Usually giving our life to Christ isn't glorious. It's done in all those little acts of love, 25 cents at a time. It would be easy to go out in a flash of glory; it's harder to live the Christian life little by little over the long haul.

***"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward"*** - Matthew 10:42