

Upcoming Events

Meet Up Open Bible Study:

For study subject and location: see church website

Address:

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“Patience is a Virtue”

“...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love” Ephesians 4:2

December Birthdays

17 Bill Brown 27 Sue Tanner
30 Richard Karns 31 Bob Pescador

December Anniversaries

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Rewarded

By Larry Pasley

One dark night outside a small town, a fire started inside the local chemical plant. Before long, it exploded into flames and an alarm went out to fire departments from miles around. After fighting the fire for over an hour, the chemical company president approached the fire chief and said, "All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved! I will give \$50,000 to the engine company that brings them out safely."

As soon as the chief heard this, he ordered the firemen to strengthen their attack on the blaze. After two more hours of attacking the fire they couldn't get close enough to put out the fire and get the files, the president of the company offered \$100,000 to the engine company that could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance a long siren was heard and another fire truck came into sight. It was a local volunteer fire company composed entirely of men over 65. To everyone's amazement the little fire engine raced through the chemical plant gates and drove straight into the middle of the inferno. In the distance the other firemen watched as the old timers hopped off their rig and began to fight the fire with an effort that they had never seen before. After an hour of intense fighting the volunteer company had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas. Joyous, the chemical company president announced that he would double the reward to \$200,000 and walked over to personally thank each of the volunteers. After thanking each of the old men individually the president asked the group what they intended to do with the reward money.

Regular Meeting Times

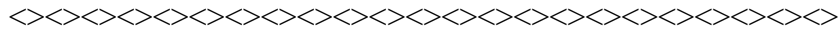
Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
(Vacant)

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The fire truck driver spoke right up and said, "First off - fix them brakes!"



Have you ever rushed into something too quickly and regretted it later? It may have been a job, a decision to buy a house/car or something else, a marriage, a divorce, anger, an accusation or something else.

- Haste makes waste. Proverbs 21:5 *"The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty."*
- Haste leads to sin. Proverbs 19:2 *"Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, and he sins who hastens with his feet."*
- Haste leads to shame. Proverbs 25:8 *"Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame?"*
- Haste will not bring blessings. Proverbs 20:21 *"An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning Will not be blessed at the end."*
- Haste is foolish. Ecclesiastes 7:9 *"Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools."*

Patience is truly a virtue. Ecclesiastes 7:8 *"The end of a thing is better than its beginning; The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."*

We need to be patient to the end. James 5:7-8 *"Therefore, be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."*

May we all stop to think about our actions and what the future results of those actions might be.

Having Patience Under Stress

By Kevin Cauley

"Patience is a virtue" was an expression I heard a lot growing up! Now that I am almost 50 years-old, I have an inkling of what my parents meant. There are times in life when all that can be done is to wait and that is a good thing. Sin can create in us a sense of urgency that isn't necessary. This urgency motivates us to act when we don't need to act. Acting in such situations sometimes creates more problems than it solves. What is needed is a little patience. It takes self-control to hold oneself back from acting when all that can be done is wait. In Psalm 40:1 David wrote, *"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry."*

Lack of patience can also cause us to use our tongues incorrectly by saying things that we should not say. Sometimes a person may feel like he just must say something. He feels awkward when there is silence among others. So, he blurts out the first thing that comes to his mind. Maybe it's innocent, but maybe it isn't. Patience will help one to keep one's tongue in check. James 3:2 says, *"For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body."* Alas, there are no perfect people, so James states, *"But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison"* (James 3:8).

So, the next time we feel motivated to "do something," ask ourselves, "Do I need to wait and see what happens first?" Psalm 37:7 says, *"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass."*

"Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary." Galatians 6:9