

Upcoming Events

Meet Up Open Bible Study:

For study subject and location: see church website

Brotherly Love

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.” Romans 12:10

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

November Birthdays

2 Mike Atkins 6 Ashley Tanner
10 Daniel Brown 27 Lupita Guzman

November Anniversaries

2 Shannon & Susan Hudson

Regular Meeting Times

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

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Respect for Each Other

By Dan Jenkins

Our nation has changed in so many ways, and this is so evident in the respect we have for each other. This is reflected in the way we sometimes speak to others. Since the words which come from our lips show what is in our hearts, to solve the problem we need to change the way we see each other. Jesus said, *“For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks”* (Matthew 12:34). The way we talk to each other should be that which edifies and builds up, and imparts *“...grace to the hearers”* (Ephesians 4:29). How should we regard others as we speak with them? How do we show our respect for them?

Paul’s instruction to young Timothy illustrates the attitude of respect which should characterize each of us. Evidently, Timothy was faced with rebuking older men who were Christians and needed to make changes in their lives. Paul said, *“Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father”* (1 Timothy 5:1). The Greek word for “rebuke” in this passage literally means “to pound, to flatten, to strike with blows.” There is never a time for young men to look at older individuals and treat with disdain. Yet, so often in our day the respect for those who are older no longer exists.

Look at how the Holy Spirit of God described for this young man to deal with those older men in his world. There is never a time for harsh words from arrogant hearts to berate anyone. Paul told this young man to speak to those older as he would his own father.

Paul then turned his attention to the way Timothy was to speak to those near his own age or even younger. How should young men treat their peers? Deal with them as you would deal with your own brother. The term “brotherly love” says so much about the respect

we must have for each other (Romans 12:10; Hebrews 13:1; 2 Peter 1:7).

How should Timothy treat older women? Paul says he should have the same respect he gives his own mother (1 Timothy 5:2). That special place mothers have in our hearts reflects the attitude we need to have toward all older women.

Finally, Paul discusses the respect young men should have toward young women. They should be treated as sisters with all purity. Barnes' commentary says it this way, "He was therefore to guard his heart with more than common vigilance in such circumstances and was to indulge in no word or look or action which could be by any possibility construed as manifesting an improper state of feeling."

Take time to apply these principles to every relationship and the respect we should have for each other. Respect everyone, older and younger, with the dignity God sees in them. It might not change the world, but it will change ours!

Really not about Politics

Excerpted from article by Doug Dingley

As New Testament Christians living and seeking to expand our Lord's kingdom in this age of instantaneously-available, electronic mass-media and the mountain of biblical misinformation available at the touch of a button to everyone in the world on a limitless and infinite scale, there's a few things we must come to understand. People today just don't feel the need to listen to the biblical, black and white, "book, chapter, and verse" truth we have to share.

We are seen as just one more, infinitesimally tiny voice amongst the millions of worldly sources, resources, and websites for their spiritual answers. People today are being raised and programmed to ask, trust, and put their faith more in "Siri's" answers than in the Spirit's. It's becoming more natural to "google" the answer to their religious questions than to take the time to actually seek and study God's answers from His eternally-settled-in-heaven truth (Psalms 119:89). But here's the thing: In so doing – just like with election

campaigns – the vast majority of the internet information they will access, will tragically refute, ridicule, pervert and contradict the truth more than proving and providing it. One can find anything, ANYTHING – any ungodly practice justified; any satanic sin glorified; and any God-given scripture twisted, tortured, and perverted to the point of "proving" just exactly the opposite of what God intended – on any number of so-called 'religious' websites. The fact is that no matter how high-tech and lightning-fast the internet becomes, it is still only a man-made, bible-bending, agenda-pushing, consumer-driven, word of God warping, "garbage in garbage out," wishful-thinking instead of spiritually sound and speaking, humanly-produced resource.

So how do we deal with that? Easy. Remember; we have something to offer the hopeless and hurting people all around us that electronics still cannot. Warmth. Compassion. Community. Fellowship. Friendship. Caring. Love. Acceptance. In other words, the soul-satisfying human touch of spiritual kindness, tenderness, belonging and Christ-likeness, that old, bold, cold-voiced Siri and her computer-generated counterparts simply cannot. Let us be a real friend who truly cares for the lost world around us first. And then, when they have biblical and spiritual questions, just maybe they'll come to us and actually get God's truth spoken in love instead of e-error.

"And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." Ephesians 4:11-16