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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Worship.....10:20 a.m.
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Please consider the following passage:

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

1st Corinthians 13:1-13

As we go about doing the work of the Lord, let us always remember the love that we should have for others, our brethren, and for God.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Christians and the Government

The election results have not yet been made official. We are unsure at this time who will be the President of the United States for the next four years. This is not an endorsement of either man. However, several Christians have made comments, posted things on social media, or otherwise made remarks that are unbecoming of Christians. What is the obligation of Christians to the government?

OBEY THEM

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God” (Rom. 13:1). So long as the laws that are enacted are in accordance with God’s law, we must obey them (Acts 5:29). Before we claim that something contradicts God’s law, we must be sure that it actually does. Just because I may not like a law that is in place, that does not mean that it opposes God. For instance, you might not like paying taxes (who does?), but Jesus said, “...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's” (Mat. 22:21).

PRAY FOR THEM

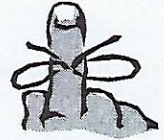
Yes, even if you do not like the man who is chosen, you must pray for him. “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

We should pray for all people, but especially those who are in power. Why should we pray for them? 1. Prayer is powerful (James 5:16). 2. It is commanded by God (1 Tim. 2:1-2). 3. Prayer shows our love for others (1 The. 5:25, etc.). We should pray that the laws that are put in place will allow us to stay free. If you think we are oppressed now, take a trip back to the first century A.D. Read the book of Acts. Christians were beaten, thrown in prison, and killed simply for being Christians. Pray that our government does not do the same.

REMEMBER THIS ABOUT THEM

“This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that **the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men**” (Dan. 4:17). No matter who is President, God is still God, and Jesus is still King.

RON'S REMINDERS



ASSUMPTIONS, ATTITUDES AND THE LOST

Matthew 5, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, emphasizes the importance Jesus gives to our attitudes. While the word "Beatitudes" in the commonly applied title doesn't refer specifically to our "attitudes," it does, however, serve as an appropriate sound alike for such a discussion.

Jesus begins His teaching masterpiece by declaring that those in the Kingdom who enjoy a "blessed" relationship with God possess certain key attitudes. Jesus well knew that any relationship with the Father or with others begins in the heart, with our attitudes. "As we are going" we must therefore make sure we see our world and the people we encounter through the eyes of God.

No one is immune from being misinformed in very important ways. Consider Samuel, a great man of God, and a fundamental mistake he made based on outward appearances and his attendant faulty assumptions.

When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him. But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 15:6-7)

When we consider that our heart is the beginning place for both good and evil expressions, due care is needed! Jesus, consequently, is very plain spoken on this point.

That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of

the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man (Mark 7:20-23).

We are, in our essential identity, as we think within ourselves. The attitudes and priorities of the heart define us and account for how we conduct ourselves.

For as he thinks within himself, so he is (Proverbs 23:7).

If our attitudes of heart include those Jesus mentioned in the Sermon on the Mount, we will be well suited for Christlike service in the Kingdom. Consider these "attitudes" in summation: the need to be spiritually filled by God, a compassion concern for those who suffer, a willingness to allow God to control us a strong hunger and thirst for what is right, a merciful appraisal of others, a heart filled with the pure things of the word, a desire to serve the interests of peace, and a courageous willingness to deal constructively with persecution.

We will understand God much better and express ourselves more in harmony with the identity of our Great King to the degree we have internalized, the ways of the Christ. Otherwise, we are but hypocrites who give the watching world false impressions of the God they so desperately need to know. May we therefore avoid allowing our personal attitudes to shape our words and deeds. Rather, let our words and deeds flow from a heart filled with the attitudes of God!

Edwin Jones, Think Magazine August 2020