

Foundations *Newsletter*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER |
NOVEMBER 2021

Congratulations!!



We would like to congratulate Andrew & LaNay Hervey and welcome their precious daughter, Brooklyn Mae! She arrived on Oct. 22nd at 2:17 pm at 6 lbs and 19 1/2" long. We also want to congratulate her grandparents:

*Dwight & Dedra Hervey
Kevin & Jannette Walker*

Missions Sunday

Mission Focus—Genesis Classical Academy

Renee Doyle, The Headmaster of Genesis Classical Academy will speak Sunday, Nov. 7th during worship service.



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*Preparing people for
Wholeness in Jesus through
The Word of God.*



We would like to congratulate and offer up prayers of blessings to Gavin and Helena on their upcoming wedding!

We praise God for your love for each other and ask him to guide you through this new journey together as you make plans for your life together. May your home be filled with His love all the days of your lives.

*With Love,
Your Church Family*

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

27 - Larry & Nancy Jenkins

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02- -Trevor Weringa

03 - Carrie Jacobsen

06 -- Kimberly Buth

08 - Thomas Butler

08- -Anna Nepp

10 - Gladys Pettit

17 - Andrew Hervey

17 - Jerrid Sebesta

20 - -Levi Osborn

20 - Andrew Krause

24 - Russell Pettit

27 - Dwight Hervey

Reminder

Daylight savings ends Nov. 7th



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 02 -- 7 pm CED Team Meeting
- Nov. 03 -- NO Bible Study/Youth Group/Kids Club
- Nov. 07 -- Missions Sunday
- Nov. 09 -- 7 pm Winnebago City Council Meeting
- Nov. 11 -- Veterans Day
- Nov. 14 -- Potluck
- Nov. 16 -- 7 pm Stewardship Team Meeting
- Nov. 18 -- FBC Women's Group
- Nov. 23 -- 7 pm Spiritual Ministry Meeting
- Nov. 24 -- Deadline for Newsletter
- Nov. 25 -- Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28 -- Movie Night
- Nov. 30 -- Servant Leadership Meeting

Fellowship Hall Servers November

- 07 -- Tim & Judi Hynes
- 14 -- Potluck
- 21 -- Josh & Shari Walker
- 28 -- Tyler & Mckayla Nepp



**Operation
Christmas
Child**

It's that time of the year again to start thinking of filling our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

**National collection week is
Nov. 15th-22nd.**

Boxes and lists by organ

Pastor's Pen

Too Weak for That!

2 Corinthians 11:19-21 For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! For you bear (suffer or tolerate) it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

If you have not noticed before, the Holy Spirit has Paul employ sarcasm that cuts to the bone in this inditement of the Corinthian Christians for being weak push overs and tolerant of being abused by either fellow so-called Christians or those who might possibly maybe become part of their congregation. The Apostle only put up with so much, even as a Christian that was willing to "become all things to all men that he might save some", even after "turning the other cheek", even after "not returning insult for insult"... Some would decry Paul and fallaciously think or express a Tu QuoQue (appeal to hypocrisy or returning a criticism for criticism) – But, in spiritual battle and church leadership, one can ill afford to be weak willed, over tolerant and unable to stand firm for and in the truth, of the Gospel, God's Word and in anything related to truth for that matter... including confronting bad behavior and out right abuse of the church.

So, God has Paul be assertive and direct with sarcasm to challenge the Corinthian Christian's inferred accusations against Paul for being to forward, strong, harsh and that Paul and those in his missional and pastoral entourage should be more like them or more like whatever they falsely considered more "Christian like"... makes me think they were "more loving that Jesus" – whom also had a few not so "churchy" terms, labels and accusations against the Pharisees, Scribes and spiritually arrogant people that had smiles with a forked tongued agenda hissing against the back of their teeth.

Anyway – you can see the snarky sarcastic tone I attempted to also employ... in the above passage there are 6 characteristics, behaviors and abuses that seemingly creep into congregations or are marks of a weak church that does not resemble the one Jesus said "the gates of hell will not prevail against"...

1) anechomai = too tolerant (for you bear)

Note: the very first thing Paul mentions that tolerance of being used and abused by others, especially within the fellowship is really foolish and concludes with it as a mark of weakness within the church. Tolerance is NOT a virtue when it allows others within a congregation to be mistreated on a leaders watch. It allows the proliferation of users to take control, take your energy, take your resources, take liberties - even allowing abusive tendencies to harm brothers and sisters. Nowhere in the Bible does it teach to tolerate sin and evil among God's people... though the world will abuse and use with



impunity, Christians are not to tolerate it within the fellowship. If it is overlooked and "bearing with one another in love" turns into "tolerance of misuse and abuse" then the following, as the passage points out, will pursue – and in the Corinthian Church these did:

2) katadouloō humas = tyrannical using (makes slaves of you)

Slavery of any kind is sinful, ungodly and an abuse of those made in the image of God... and worse is allowing it to happen! When weak leaders in church let the domineering and narcissistic push them around, or church leaders willfully let the church as a whole be moved by the whims of the controlling then the congregation will be enslaved to whatever greases the squeaky wheels. This word is only used one other place in the Scriptures – Galatians 2:4, where it is used of the efforts of the Jewish party to bring the Christian Church under the ceremonial law. They want you enslaved to what they think Church should be and what Christians should act like - verses what God's Word and Jesus says...

3) katesthiō = uses you up (devours you)

Some folks in church and yes, not even in fellowship, are not on the up and up, they are not contributors but consumers. They sap your energy and resources without blushing and wear you out – "taking supplies of you"... Never considering that God has you doing something else or prioritizing other things. The word used here has the context of "to take as prey"... these folks will eat you up like a wolf that devours a deer... those that take liberties of your willingness to put yourself out for their sake and do not think of you in the process – only what they can get from and out of you. Weak people, of which I am often like this, let people walk all over them thinking it will somehow help the person stepping on them to come to Christ... sometimes yes, most often though it doesn't.

4) lambanō = being exploited (takes advantage of you)

This one is related closely to the last thing mentioned – But it moves from personal resource to church resource, even taking advantage of the love, hospitality, and fellowship among

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followers of Christ... it is like someone coming only to church for the physical food and not for spiritual sustenance. For instance, a person comes at the end of worship service just before fellowship hour and then fills their plate four times. Or when an individual asks for monetary help over and over without ever attending or being part of the fellowship but calls you a bad Christian if you do not give each and every time.

5) epairõ = arrogant attitudes (puts on airs)

All I can picture is a so-called Christian thinking they are special because they are spiritual and are doing well, and part of leadership, and even well liked – but are simply conceited because of familial pedigree or long membership. Like the virtue signaling liberal – looking and speaking the part while pride fills their heart. This is the one type who says I ain't ever smoked, did drugs, drank or gambled in my life – while still playing the lottery, chasing women or men, and over-indulging in sweets and meats (a.k.a. gluttony – which is the same as eating or drinking too much). Weak people tolerate arrogant people to avoid abuse or because they do not see how God has put them on the same level – “there is no freeman or slave, no rich or poor, neither Jew nor Gentile... in Christ”

6) drõ eis prosōpon = insulting attack (strikes you in the face)

In the Middle East, the ultimate insult was to lightly or not so much, slap someone in the face with the back of your hand. Like when Batman in the comics slaps Robin for a stupid remark, or like Gibb's when he slaps one of his NCIS team members in the back of a head. OK – so putting up with verbal attack is one thing, but tolerating flat out being insulted by a fellow believer is weak!! Yes, maybe we ask for it at times – but when this kind of

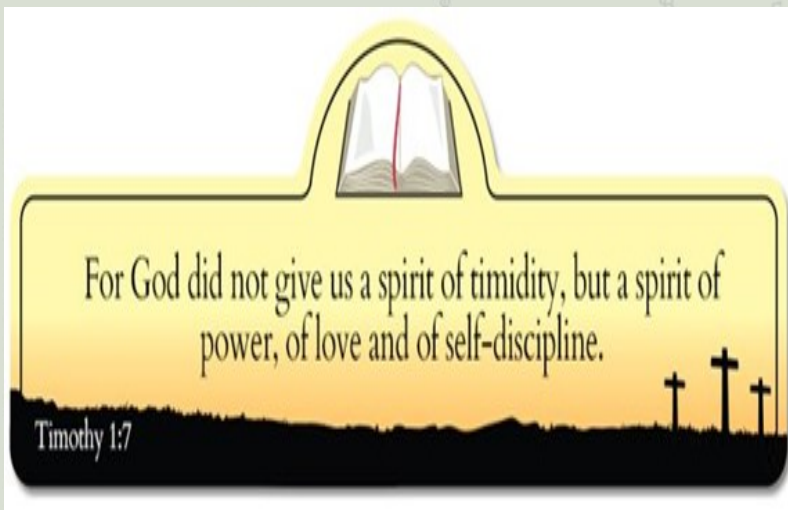
thing is tolerated among brothers, human nature will most likely prevail and fights, schisms are the result. Paul put up with this from the world and even the Jewish persecutors, but he did not tolerate it among fellow Christians and within the Churches...

Well, as Paul said – I am too weak for that, too foolish and unwise to tolerate all the above. In a time as distressing and perilous as this, full of the fake and the false, of users and abusers... though at times long-suffering is the godly thing, some things need to be addressed in the fellowship. If any one or all of these are not addressed within fellowships and congregations, the relation bonds will deteriorate and the scoffers, slappers, supercilious, users, abusers and indulgers will dominate over a congregation... that is why God calls leaders to be strong, straightforward, steady all the while loving, caring and protecting the flock the Lord has given them stewardship over... any church leader worth their salt will gladly give of themselves – but know when to stop being co-dependent, indulgent and letting people walk all over them or their congregation. And like wise as Paul said 'Pray for me that I may be bold, as I ought to be'...

Standing Up for and Standing Sure in Christ,
Pastor Daren Lee Barnett

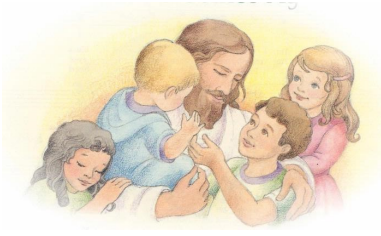


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Spiritual Ministry Team

By Jeanette Cory



How Are We to Behave Like a Little Child

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

Have you ever thought what this verse means and why He would use a little child as an example of this warning? What do children do that adults don't and why?

Let's start by looking at little kids. When they are first born, they can do nothing for themselves and rely on the parents for everything. They are so innocent. As they grow, they may only cling to the parents and be fearful of others. Once they start to talk, some never stop. They have no worries. They love spending time with parents. They are quick to forgive. When they get a little older, they have learned to watch the parents' faces to see if it's ok to do what they are about to do or look to see what the parent's reaction is when they fall...do they laugh or cry. They learn to trust and fear the parents and understand the house rules. How many times have we heard them say, "Mommy says...." or "Daddy doesn't do it like that! I'm telling!"

What are the parents doing during this time? They start teaching the baby how to fall asleep on their own, feed themselves, dress themselves, etc. and over time to be their own person. A parent's role is to teach a child to be independent and not to rely on others, cause one day they may not be there to help them anymore. So what's our next clue as to the verse meaning?

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. Isaiah 55:8

This verse tells me that the things we were taught or taught our children may differ. Let's look at some more verses to see what His Word says.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (never stop talking)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (ask and talk about everything)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6 (more talking-don't worry-be thankful)

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:31-33

Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe. Proverbs 28:26

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalms 118:8 (don't trust in yourself or man)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7 (what would Dad say)

You can see most of these verses are opposite of what human parents teach. Our heavenly Father wants us to talk to him constantly and always be dependent on Him for everything from what we eat and drink to our peace and joy. He also tells us to trust Him over men, including ourselves. He wants us to cling to him in every way.

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." John 14:23

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22

A song of ascents. Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. Psalms 128:1

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Acts 5:32

These last few verses are similar of what parents want from their children: to trust and obey them because of their love for each other.

We can see how we can struggle to become totally dependent on God when we've been taught from a very young age to become independent. This is why there are verses telling us to renew our minds to train our minds to think differently, to talk to God first in everything we do and rely on his constant help. God can always be by our side and can be the source of all our needs all the days of our lives and for eternity, as long as we choose to be His child. When we have said yes, we believe and ask Jesus into our lives and repent of our sins, and truly want our end goal to be with our heavenly Father for eternity, then we must also learn the new "House Rules". We need to be that little child looking up at his Father as in Psalms 16:8 **I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.** We also need to realize that our lives should show that change of who we now fear as our Father. I will end with Colossians 3, as I believe we should strive to have our lives look like this if we are truly His children.

Colossians 3

3 Since you became alive again, so to speak, when Christ arose from the dead, now set your sights on the rich treasures and joys of heaven where he sits beside God in the place of honor and power. 2 Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things down here. 3 You should have as little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in heaven with Christ and God. 4 And when Christ who is our real life comes back again, you will shine with him and share in all his glories.

5 Away then with sinful, earthly things; deaden the evil desires lurking within you; have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires; don't worship the good things of life, for that is idolatry. 6 God's terrible anger is upon those who do such things. 7 You used to do them when your life was still part of this world; 8 but now is the time to cast off and throw away all these rotten garments of anger, hatred, cursing, and dirty language.

9 Don't tell lies to each other; it was your old life with all its wickedness that did that sort of thing; now it is dead and gone. 10 You are living a brand new kind of life that is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within you. 11 In this new life one's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all.

12 Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them, but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently. 13 Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

14 Most of all, let love guide your life, for then the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony. 15 Let the peace of heart that comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body. And always be thankful.

16 Remember what Christ taught, and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise; teach them to each other and sing them out in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts. 17 And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, and come with him into the presence of God the Father to give him your thanks.

18 You wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, for that is what the Lord has planned for you. 19 And you husbands must be loving and kind to your wives and not bitter against them nor harsh.

20 You children must always obey your fathers and mothers, for that pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, don't scold your children so much that they become discouraged and quit trying.

22 You slaves must always obey your earthly masters, not only trying to please them when they are watching you but all the time; obey them willingly because of your love for the Lord and because you want to please him. 23 Work hard and cheerfully at all you do, just as though you were working for the Lord and not merely for your masters, 24 remembering that it is the Lord Christ who is going to pay you, giving you your full portion of all he owns. He is the one you are really working for. 25 And if you don't do your best for him, he will pay you in a way that you won't like—for he has no special favorites who can get away with shirking.