

Tidings From Timothy

F This morning's sermon is titled "God's purpose." I have been doing some study lately on that subject and wanted to share some more information with you.

Tonight will be singing with fellowship meal to follow. It vexes my soul to miss a meal, but I will be in a meeting with the Mountain View church in Harlan Co. KY. This congregation is pretty much in a mission area for the church and we have invested a lot from Mt. Gilead in getting a faithful congregation of the Lord started there. I will give you a report when I return, Lord willing.

In Need of Prayer : We are sad to report that Dan McWherter had a massive heart attack and died this past week. Most of the family lives in Indianapolis but there are some cousins here. Roger Deckard had a couple of trips to the hospital and on the first trip they put a stint in, but he's doing better now. Your prayers are requested for Hannah Brown in Kosair's children's hospital, and for Connie's grandfather, Glendale Hickey.

Continued from last week...

WHAT LOVE DOES

1. "Love suffereth long." It causes one to be slow to anger, slow to judge or condemn others (Rom. 2:1-4), and show patient endurance toward others. Many saints hold to things that are inconsistent with love.

2. "Love is kind." It is gentle, and demonstrates tender affection. The Holy Spirit commands to "put on kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness and long-suffering" (Col. 3:12).

3. "Rejoiceth with truth." God's word is truth and will make free (John 17:17; 8:32), hence one with love in his heart will rejoice to hear it preached. Love will rejoice over truth advanced and defended, regardless of who teaches it, and that others will be successful in good works. Paul set the example (Phil. 1:12-18).

4. "Beareth (or covereth) all things." Love hides or conceals the faults of others, and is patient and long-suffering and not disposed to revenge (See Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30).

5. "Believeth all things." Ready to believe the best of everyone, not to have a tendency to look for flaws.

6. "Hopeth all things." That all things will turn out well, confidence that God will hear our prayers, and will give favorable answer, that wayward members will be restored, etc.

7. "Endureth all things." The Christian is called upon to endure sufferings as good soldiers, and not retaliate for wrong doing, or mistreatment, but to "pray for those who despitefully treat and persecute you."

8. "Taketh no account of evil." The saint is not to be disposed to find fault, but to put the best motive on the conduct of others, and not look only for points of criticism.

9. "Rejoiceth no in unrighteousness." Christians should not be delighted when others are guilty of sin or crime, or are avenged, or evil reports given, but rather grieve when a member is over-taken in sin. (Too often one's face lights up when he hears of evil about others.)

WHAT LOVE DOES NOT DO

1. "Love envieth not." One should not be zealous against another person, not grieved because another has greater earthly or mental or spiritual blessings than he (Rom. 12:10).

2. "Vaunteth not itself." This common sin, more prevalent than it ought to be, in fact never should be. A **real** Christian will never brag or boast of superiority over others, or treat others with contempt.

3. "Is not puffed up." One should not think more highly of himself than he ought to think (Rom. 12:3), nor be proud and vain, but rather imitate the Lord Jesus Christ in humility.

4. "Doth not behave itself unseemly." Great demonstrations of anger and displeasure, and improper and disgraceful conduct should be avoided. "Ye are the light of the world."

5. "Seeketh not its own." Such is selfish to seek one's own good to the hurt of others. "My rights end where your rights begin."

6. "Is not provoked." The Christian should not be easily roused to anger, or given to wrath. Some are prone to do so when their conduct is questioned.

LOVE IS SPECIFICALLY COMMANDED

First Peter 1:22 demands that Christians love one another fervently. First John 3:14-20 teaches that one should not love in word only, but in deed, and that one who does not love his brother abides in death. (Brethren, please try to make yourselves more lovable!) Love is eternal, hence, true, **IT IS THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD.**

-THE KNIGHT ARNOLD NEWS

What must I do?

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

Tamara Froedge	09/19
Cara Massingille	09/20
Spencer Nixon	09/20
Ray C. Lyon	09/23
Grayson Proffitt	09/23
Jessica Shaw	09/23
Cara Ford	09/24
Shirley Eversole	09/25
Sue Isenberg	09/25
Martha Petett	09/25
Patricia Blythe	09/26
Ashley McGeorge	09/26

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Lord's Supper Reading: Acts 17:30 - 31 ³⁰Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

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 Roger Deckard.....487-8544
 Steve Carter.....487-8746

Deacons: Larry Copas, Cass Thomas Froedge, Bobby D. Gerald, Bobby Harlan, Kevin Deckard, Jimmy High, Ray C. Lyon, Michael McPherson, Gary Rowland

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study...	9:30am
Morning Worship...	10:05am
Evening Worship...	6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study...	7pm
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