

*Tidings From  
Timothy*

It seems that there is always interest in degrees of judgment and the hereafter. This morning, I will pursue that a little bit more as I preach on the Judgement of God and Hell. This evening we revisit the subject of Heaven.

**In Need of Prayer:** Suetta Adams and Vivian Geraldts continue treatments for their conditions. Sue Isenberg is now at home after her surgery. Heather Clements had a bicycle accident and will be having surgery on her arm at St. Thomas. Get the whole prayer list at [www.mtgileadchurch.net](http://www.mtgileadchurch.net)!

**State Line Camp:** I'm still not sure about enough help in the cabins, kitchen, or with sports. If interested, please go online and register for help with one of these things at [www.statelinecamp.com](http://www.statelinecamp.com). It will be a lifechanging experience for both you and the children.

We are now taking Scholarships in memory of Sister Stoops. Donations will be noted to the camper and their families as being in her memory, and will be permanently noted in the donations list.

**Truth Bible Camp:** This is next week at Tennessee Bible College. (June 11-14). It is only \$25 and trains young people for Christian service. See Tim if interested since it is not too late to go!

**June 4, 2017**

Announcements:	Dwayne Murray	
Opening Prayer:	Tim McHenry	
Closing Prayer:	Jeff Geraldts	
Scripture Reading:	Wes Turner	
Song Leader:	Kaleb Sweezy	
Head Table:	Bobby Geraldts	
Wait on Table:	Jimmy High	Morris Scott
	Marshall Isenberg	Casey Walden
Ushers:	Jim Stoops	Ray Cecil Lyon
Main Door Greeter:	Kevin Deckard	
Side Door Greeter:	Jimmy High	
Kitchen Dr Greeter:	Ray Cecil Lyon	

**QUICK TO LISTEN, SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO ANGER**

In James 1:19-27 James specifically reminds believers about the harm associated with a loose tongue and a lack of virtuous behavior:

*19 So then,<sup>[a]</sup> my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; <sup>20</sup> for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup> If anyone among you<sup>[b]</sup> thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

Remember that James' audience has already been persecuted and shunned by friends and family, and prosecuted by authorities who believed Christianity threatened civil authority. Finally, they were run out of town by religious zealots who believed they were apostates. Christians are refugees living among people who do not value the virtues taught by Christ, nor respect the words of God's prophets, or keep the traditions of the Law of Moses. To survive, believers must adapt to their new surroundings without adopting the sinful ways of the surrounding culture. In accomplishing this goal, James encourages these scattered believers to remain faithful in the godly discipline contained within God's word. Specifically, James offers believers three spiritual instructions to help them deal with the daily trials of life and retain a Christ-like attitude: be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

James' readers must engage these strangers daily to survive. They shop for food and barter for equipment and shelter. The ability to successfully accomplish these tasks literally means the difference between life and death. Thus, it is important to master interpersonal behavior and establish personal relationships with individuals who have little in common with them. With that backdrop and goals in mind, one should develop an even deeper appreciation for James' precious instructions:

Be quick to listen                  Hold one's tongue                  Control one's anger  
These 3 spiritual attitudes result from the virtues of patience, wisdom, and love.

James goes on to instruct believers to avoid temptation by keeping a tight rein on their tongues; otherwise, they engage in self-deception and render their faith worthless! Finally, James contrasts deceptive behavior with an example of virtuous conduct that is a defining characteristic of a right relationship with God – "pure, faultless" — promoting acts of compassion towards the helpless, while abstaining from sinful worldly actions.

—Rod Ellison

**What Must I do?**

- ) **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- ) **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- ) **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**
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**Birthdays**

Melissa	Biggerstaff	06/04
Alexa	Rich	06/04
Courtney	Gill	06/05
Thomas	Bartley	06/06
Shawn	Strong	06/09

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Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: <sup>8</sup> Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth. **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

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 Morning Worship... 10:05am  
 Evening Worship... 6pm  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study... 7pm

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