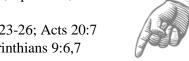


Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- SINGING: Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- PREACHING/TEACHING: Acts2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- LORD'S SUPPER: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- GIVING: 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00** SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP......10:00 SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP......6:00 WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- > www.defendthegospel.com
- > Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- ≥ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- ➤ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- ➤ Children's Class: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>s</sup> Sunday evenings following services.

# SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER

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## A VIRTUOUS WIFE Michael Pickford

asked the wise King Lemuel while reflecting on his own mother's wisdom (Proverbs 31:1, 10). In many ways the question may be asked of today's modern world. In Hebrew, Proverbs 31:10-31 is an alphabetic acrostic. The woman of valor is literally extolled from A to Z. Notice that...

She Is A Woman of Value. "For her worth is far above rubies" (Proverbs 31:10). She is of great value to her husband. She provides for him in many ways. Her provision for him is emotional. She lives in such a way as to give him emotional stability and security. He never has to worry that she might be unfaithful to him. She lives in such a way that "The heart of her husband safely trusts her" (Verse 11). Many women today are flaunty and flirtatious; not her! She never says or does anything that might engender suspicion in his heart. She is valuable to him and to her children. Much of this passage speaks of her untiring labor in providing for her family. Her husband and children never have to worry about a lack of nice and suitable clothes or a good meal. "She seeks wool and flax and willingly works with her hands" (Verse 13). "She also rises

"Who can find a virtuous wife?" So While it is yet night, and provides food for her household" (Verse 15). A woman who squanders away her days sleeping or watching TV while clothes go unwashed, houses go uncleaned, and meals go unprepared is of little value to her family. The virtuous woman "Watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness" (Verse 27).

> She Is A Woman Of Vision. The virtuous woman's role in the family is not restricted to housework. She is involved in other ventures in the best interest of her family. "She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar" (Verse 14). She involves herself in commerce when she sees it benefitting her family down the road. "She sees a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard" (Verse 16). She works hard to teach her children, to raise them right, so that when they are older, they will bring her honor and not shame (Verse 25).

> She Is A Woman Of Veneration. Because of all she is and all she does, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." Remember, "A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (30). 🔑

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#### From My Collection Of Rutherford Reader Articles

#### COMPLAINING

Michael Pickford

"The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD.."

-Proverbs 19:3

Is it an integral part of man's nature to complain? Is a complaining spirit part of the foolishness that is bound up in the heart of a child that needs driving away with the rod of discipline? I don't know, but it certainly seems to be deep rooted into the hearts of many of us today. It sometimes seems that the most blessed people are the worst complainers.

with Israel. God, by mighty works and wonders, had freed Israel from Egyptian bondage with a strong and powerful arm. Yet soon thereafter Israel was complaining against God. Their complaining spirit gnawed at God, and angered Him. It displayed a

lack of trust in Him. Complaining is an insult to God and our passage above instructs us that it is a characteristic of Using Israel's a foolish man. complaining ways, Paul exhorts us not to "complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer" (1 Corinthians 10:10).

A lack of gratitude is one source of our complaints. "Constant complaint is the poorest sort of pay for all the comforts we enjoy." -Franklin. If we are to overcome a complaining spirit we must learn to be a thankful people! God has blessed us so richly, thank This certainly seemed to be the case Him! (Php 4:6-7; 1 Ths. 5:18; Col. 4:2). Discontent is another source of complaints. The more we have the more we think we need, and you better make it quick! Such foolishness! "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way" (Psalm 37:7).

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN

(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

> BOTH SIDES: **ASSEMBLY REQUIRED! Hebrews 10:25**

Men's Business Meeting Tonight!





#### **SERMON NOTES**

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY! Acts 17:11

## **A Godly Mother**

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## **DUTY LIST... SUNDAY MORNING**

- > Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- ➤ Bible Reading by......Glenn Isbell Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-5
- ➤ Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer......Kenny Todd
- ➤ Lord's Table:

Lead.....John Nelson Serve.....Robert Johnson Serve......Michael Pickford

Closing Prayer......Tony Jenkins

#### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- > Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- > Lord's Table.....John Nelson

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

- > Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- > Invitation.....Ben Green

Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!

#### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- ➤ Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- ➤ Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- > Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- ➤ Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- > Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**