

OPEN *REBUKE*

IS BETTER THAN *LOVE*

CAREFULLY *concealed.*

- Proverbs 27:5

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; 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



- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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IRON SHARPENS IRON

Michael Pickford

"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

- Proverbs 27:17

I'm told that everyone needs a friend they can just "Let their hair down" with and be silly. More importantly, we need friends who can provide us with deep, thoughtful, and meaningful conversation. Has a friend ever said to you, "let me bounce something off of you?" Now some of my friends might be talking about a basketball, but the statement expresses a desire to hear your thoughts on an idea; to get your insight on something that is important to them.

Our Proverb above speaks of this very issue. A sharpened countenance implies a sharpened mind, that is, a mind made more active, informed, creative, and intelligent. A man is poor when he has no friends, but a man may have friends and still be in poverty if he has no friends to whom he can turn for advice and counsel, or to discuss ideas he deems important.

There is no realm in which this principle is more important than with spiritual and scriptural matters. I've learned some key Bible truths just from sitting around discussing God's word with my friends in their living rooms, or in the foyer at the building. God has provided leaders in the church to provide this type of instruction, both publicly and privately (Ephesians 4:11-14). We miss out on essential Bible teaching when we fail to attend the Bible studies of the church. But preachers, teachers, and elders should be your friends by making themselves available to you at any time to discuss a Bible question you may have. 🔍

“WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK”

David Eldridge

When it came to the gospel message, the apostles said, “For we cannot but speak” (Ac. 4:20). Why was this so? Why did they feel compelled to teach others? How can we have the same attitude and actions? Perhaps noticing some reasons to teach others will aid us in being able to say, “For we cannot but speak” the gospel.

Teaching Is The Genesis Of Salvation: “For ‘whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Rom. 10:13-14).

We Are Commanded To Teach: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...” (Matt. 28:19-20).

It Is Necessary To Save Our Souls: “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you” (1 Tim. 4:16).

To Follow In Faithful Examples: In the early church, “those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word” (Ac. 8:4).

Because We Know Judgment Is Coming: “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Cor. 5:10-11). Judgment will end in heaven or hell (Matt. 25:46)

Seeing these Scriptural reasons why we need to be teaching the gospel, “will you not tell it today?”. –

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Todd
Reading: Proverbs 23:1-7
- Song Leader.....Tim Thompson
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Jason Hubbard

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table.....Michael Pickford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

Thank You For Serving!

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; 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!

***Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!***