

SKIPPING ROPE

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Young people love to skip rope. I remember engaging in this pleasurable activity many times when I was a child. In fact, there was about five of us kids who skipped rope every morning while waiting for the bus.

Skipping rope requires a certain amount of concentration. If one doesn't keep his mind on what he's doing he could trip and fall flat on his face! Interestingly, we always recited certain favorite rhymes in order to keep our rhythm and prevent falling.

I've found that being a Christian is a lot like skipping rope. There's always

the danger of allowing the devil to trip you up and cause you to fall flat on your face. In order to prevent this from happening, one must concentrate on being spiritually minded. One must also continue steadfastly in reciting prayers and memorizing passages of scripture to recall in times of temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 17:11; Matthew 4:1-11). If one doesn't do these things, he could trip and fall flat on his face!

Skipping rope is work, but it's fun. Christianity is the same way! How about you? Wanna skip rope? 

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:** 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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 3:30 pm, Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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

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WHAT JESUS GIVES ME

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It's always a wonderful thing to receive gifts in this life; how much more spiritual gifts! Jesus gives us so much. In fact, in Him we are blessed with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3). Jesus gives me...

A Saving Path. In His Gospel, Jesus has mapped out my way to redemption. It begins by hearing the Gospel (Romans 10:17), then believing in Him as God's Son (John 8:24), then repentance of sins (Acts 2:38), then confession of faith (Romans 10:9-10), and then baptism to wash away my sins (Acts 22:16) and save me (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21). If one follows this path, he has relief from the burden of the guilt of sins (Matthew 11:28-30); he will find rest for his soul. He continues to find peace and a hope of heaven by remaining faithful to the Lord (Revelation 2:10). Jesus also gives me...

A Strengthening Presence. As a Christian trying to remain faithful to the Lord, things can get very difficult because of the word (Matthew 13:21). Christians have been ridiculed, made fun of, called names, beaten, burned, crucified and murdered. But the Lord gives me the strength I need to remain faithful to Him (Philippians 4:13). He

endured the cross and despised the shame and has gone on to glory. I now have His example to look to (Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Peter 2:21).

Even during trying and tempting times, I can endure by His strengthening presence through His word, Prayer, and His people, other faithful saints (Psalm 119:50; Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 3:12-13). Jesus also gives me...

A Sole Purpose. So many folks are wandering about through life trying to find a purpose for their existence. They are trying to find a reason to go on, or trying to figure out what to do with their life. In Christ, this longing has been fulfilled for the saint.

My sole purpose is to serve the Lord Jesus and there is much to do. There's no reason any Christian should ever "Get bored." There's a Bible to read, there's praying to be done, there are lost souls who need to be taught, There's sick to visit, needy to help, saints to exhort, services to attend, etc (Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 8:4; Matthew 25:35-36; Hebrews 10:24-25).

We sometimes sing the song "Jesus is All The World To Me." If this is true for you, you will have genuine satisfaction in this life and eternal bliss in eternity. 

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REBUKE WITH GENTLENESS

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“Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity” (1 Tim 5:1-2). “Rebuke” (Grk: *epiplesso*) here denotes a harsh, disrespectful rebuke; a “striking out against” in a mean-spirited way (It’s a different word than the one found in Luke 17:3). Timothy was not to rebuke anyone in this manner; not the older men, younger men, older women, or younger women. This is not the proper way to approach one in sin.

Galatians 6:1 states, “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.” “Gentleness” (or “Meekness”) denotes an attitude which falls between the two extremes of a hot temper and having no temper at all. It is never pleasant when we have to approach one in sin; but it is a requirement (Luke 17:3, Gal 6:1).

Sadly, when one is approached about his sin, his reaction is often one of resentment, anger, and denial. In

rebuking a sinner, you can wrap your words in caramel, dip them in chocolate, and sprinkle them with powdered sugar and they may still anger him. There are many ways he may react. He may react in tears with confession and repentance; this is certainly the desired effect. Or he may react by pointing out “sin” in the life of the one who approached him. Or he may react by trying to justify his sin by pointing out the sin of someone else. Or he may react by making untrue statements to others about the one who approached him. No matter how pleasantly and gently you approached him, if repentance is not his objective, he will react in an undesirable way. Nevertheless, we must approach him because we love his soul. Don’t be discouraged by unpleasant reactions, “Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him” (Luke 17:3). Let us pray for a spirit of gentleness for ourselves, and for a spirit of repentance for those in sin. 🔍

JESUS WEPT; REJOICE ALWAYS!

We have always taught our children that the shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35, “Jesus Wept.” While this is certainly true in our English Bibles, the shortest verse in the Greek New Testament is 1 Thessalonians 5:16, “Rejoice Always.” In the Greek, there are fewer letters in this verse than in John 11:35. But isn’t it ironic? The two shortest verses compared shows the Lord weeping while telling us to always rejoice! The fact is, Jesus has given us the means to have joy and contentment deep in our hearts even during mournful times. It’s perspective; keep your hearts on heaven (2 Corinthians 4:16-18) -MP



SERMON NOTES

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

Jesus & Lazarus

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller
Reading: John 11:38-44
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Tony Jenkins
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord’s Table.....Brad Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Brad Todd or MP

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!