

PLANNING FOR A TRIP

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Clothes, check; toothpaste, check; other toiletry items, check; shoes, check; everything turned off, check; mail put on hold, check; someone to care for pets, check. Depending on their own personal tastes and lifestyles, people's checklists will vary when they are planning to go on a trip for a few days. But one thing is mostly consistent; folks take proper preparation seriously whenever they plan to be out of town for any period of time.

Isn't it a shame that the majority of people do not take seriously their preparation for that one final trip from which they will never return? I'm

speaking of death, that trip into the unfamiliar; into eternity! To properly prepare for this trip, God tells us that we must hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17), believe the Gospel (John 8:24), repent of our sins (Acts 2:38), confess our faith (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins (Galatians 3:26-27; Acts 22:16). It is then crucial that we remain faithful to the Lord and His doctrine till death (Revelation 2:10; 2 John 9).

If we are not careless when preparing for a trip away for a few days, why be so careless when preparing for a trip which will last for an eternity? Are you prepared for the trip? 🔍

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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TRUE SUCCESS

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The Bible has the answer to any type of success, both in this life and the next...

Be Holy. The Greek words for "Holy" and "Sanctified" are essentially the same. If there is a difference, it is that the word for "Sanctify" strictly means to "Set apart," while the word holy means to "Set apart for God's service." If we want to be a success we must be holy.

We must set ourselves apart for the Lord's service. Paul said he had been crucified with Christ, and it was for Christ only that he lived (Galatians 2:20). He tells saints to "*Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service*" (Romans 12:1-2). God chose us in Christ "*That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love*" (Ephesians 1:4)...

Be Humble. Humility is an admirable and winning trait in any individual pertaining to any area in life...workplace, home, among friends, etc. For the child of God it is demanded. "*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up*" (James 4:10).

No one is attracted to someone who is "Full of himself." The opposite of

humility is pride and arrogance, characteristics the Bible frowns on (Proverbs 8:13; 14:3; 16:18). "*A proud and haughty man...acts with arrogant pride*" (Proverbs 21:24). Through Peter, the Holy Spirit said "*Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble"*" (1 Peter 5:5).

Be Helpful. We have been called to serve one another. Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in order to illustrate the need for them to humbly serve each other (John 13:5-17).

Our brethren often find themselves needing help. They may need words of comfort; they may need help moving; they may need a ride; they may need their yard mowed and a thousand other things. They may need financial assistance and our love for them should drive us to help them (1 John 3:16-18). The greatest help you can give those in the world is to teach them the Gospel (Acts 16:9). God has given us the ultimate help in sending His Son to die for our sins. He continues to help us throughout life through His word, His people, and diligent prayer (Hebrews 4:16)

Have you found true success? 🔍

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WOMEN SPEAKING IN BIBLE CLASSES

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Is it acceptable for a woman to speak up in bible classes in which both men and women are present? Two passages of scripture come to mind.

1 Corinthians 14 applies specifically to a situation in which the entire church is assembled (vs. 26, 28, 34); but there are some principles here valuable to a proper understanding of our question.

First, we must understand contextually how Paul uses the phrases “Keep silent” and “speak(s).” The “Speaking” here is not to be understood as simply saying something, but rather as speaking so as to lead the church in address. The “Keep silent” is to be understood in the same way: “Don’t take the lead.”

The tongue speakers (vs. 27-28), the prophets (vs. 29-30) and the women (vs. 34) were all told to keep silent. The tongue speakers could take the lead only if they did so one by one and there was an interpreter, otherwise, keep silent. The prophet could speak until another prophet received a message; he was then to keep silent. The women were never given a right to speak; they were always to keep silent. Does this mean she can’t whisper to her child to sit still? Does this mean she cannot

confess her sins? Does this mean she cannot confess her faith before baptism? No! It means she is not to address the congregation as someone in charge so as to teach over the man.

This brings us to 1 Timothy 2:11-12. The KJV inaccurately translates the Greek word as “Usurp,” which gives us the wrong understanding of what Paul meant. Other versions tell us the woman is not “to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.” But think of this, all Christians in the assembly are commanded to sing (Ephesians 5:19). One of the purposes of this singing is “Teaching” (Colossians 3:16). So, when a woman sings in the assembly, she is teaching, but she is not “Teaching over” so as to be in an authoritative role over the church. The song leader fills this capacity. During a Bible class, everyone knows who’s in charge, regardless of who comments from the class – It’s the one standing up front directing the class. According to scripture, a woman cannot be this person leading the study, but she can certainly make comments and answer questions as one of the students in the class. ☺

MARK AND AVOID!

“When the shepherd speaks well of the wolf, the sheep are in trouble.” I once heard of elders (shepherds) in a local church hiring a preacher whom they knew held an erroneous position on marriage divorce and remarriage. They asked him not to teach on the subject. Two problems here: They commended to the sheep a man they knew to be in error. And, they put their trust in a false teacher by “Striking a deal with him.” The Bible has a better way to deal with false teachers – “Mark and avoid” (Romans 16:17-18)-MP



SERMON NOTES

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

Do You Know Him?

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller
Reading: 1 John 2:1-6
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Tony Jenkins
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table.....Lynn Buttrey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

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!