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

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PULLING DOWN THE HOUSE

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Last week Terri and I were in a store and I noticed an 80's song playing on the radio. Terri asked what it was and I told her it was "Burning Down The House" by *The Talking Heads*. It made me think of a Proverb we recently discussed in our class, "*The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands*" (Proverbs 14:1). I asked my class to name some ways in which a woman might pull down her house, and their good thoughts led to this article. She can prevent pulling down her house by...

Respecting Authority. One of the biggest problems in today's family is the lack of respect for the headship of the husband in the home. God said through Paul, "*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as also Christ is the head of the church*" (Ephesians 5:22-23). The runs counter to modern society, and as a result turmoil and grief run amuck within the family units of today. Peace, serenity and profitableness would be restored in many homes if husbands would lovingly lead and wives would faithfully follow. This is not an issue of inferiority; it's an issue of respecting

the proper roles God has put in place. **Rendering Affection.** God has ordained that it is only within the marriage relationship that the natural sexual desire be fulfilled. Any sex act outside a scriptural marriage is fornication and/or adultery and will be judged by God (Hebrews 13:4). But husbands and wives must give themselves to one another sexually. A wife causes unnecessary turmoil in her home when she uses the sexual relationship as a tool to get her way. This often leads to unfaithfulness on the part of the husband resulting in the pulling down of the home. "*Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband... Do not deprive one another*" (1 Corinthians 7:3, 5).

Rejecting Apathy. Apathy leads to Laziness. When a wife cares more about TV, hobbies, and sleep than she does about order and comeliness of the home, trouble is coming. Married women should "*Be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands*" (Titus 2:4-5). A Virtuous woman is one who "*Watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness*" (Proverbs 31:27). 🔍

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



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- 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, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.

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!

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DEFEATING LUST

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Lustful thoughts plague millions. Even Many religious leaders have succumbed, getting themselves into serious trouble for acting upon their lustful thoughts. In our society one is inundated with readily available avenues to feed his lustful thoughts. It used to be that one had to go to undesirable places to get their pornographic material, and this served as a deterrent inasmuch as most didn't want to risk being seen in such places. But Pornography on the internet can be quickly accessed even for those with little to no technical know-how. Try taping this verse to your computer, "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). The Lord isn't teaching that the sex act is the same as the sex thought, but He is stressing that it is just as sinful to commit the thought as it is to commit the act. Both will cause us to lose our souls.

There's nothing dirty about sex, God created the idea and sanctified it within the marriage relationship. It is man who has perverted it with Satan's prodding. Remember, "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). Lusting leads to action, and action often leads to disease, unwanted pregnancies, and loss of family, honor, respect, and influence. Thinking of these can serve as a deterrent to lustful behavior, but remembering the final judgment for such is a better defense. Remember, "Our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29). 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Paul & Baptism

Introduction:

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- 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!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

ONE SIDE:

A HYPOCRITE IS NOT HIMSELF ON SUNDAYS.

OTHER SIDE:

**"FEAR THE LORD AND SERVE HIM IN
SINCERITY "
JOSH. 24:14**

