

JUDGING WITH PREJUDICE!

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We are to judge righteous judgment (John 7:24). It's tempting to just believe everything we hear without further investigation or witnesses. We insist that "It came from a reliable source." But God wants sources, in the plural. He wants us to demand evidence from two or more witnesses before passing judgment as individuals or as a church. He insists that by the mouth of two or more witnesses every word be established (Matthew 18:17-20). Anything less constitutes partiality and prejudice (1 Timothy 5:19-22).

If God, in His wisdom, had not set up these standards, every bit of gossip and slander would be justified and certified

as truth.

Have you ever had someone tell you negative things about someone else, and you just accepted it without further confirmation? If so, you are guilty violating God's wise standard and you are guilty of judging with prejudice. Many a good man (and woman) has been degraded and humiliated because folks accepted the testimony of only one voice. It is unfair and cruel. We should seek to hear the other side of the story before judging. We should see what the accused has to say about the matter before spreading things that could defame him. I implore you, Judge righteous judgment! 🔍

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

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COMPLAINING

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We live in a world that has been conditioned to expect instant gratification. We want what we want and we want it now! If we don't get it now, and if it's not perfect, we complain. Years ago, at the front desk of a hotel, they had a sign posted that said, "Complaint Forms." Below the sign on the desk was the tiniest little pad of Post-It notes I've ever seen. I got the message. No one likes to hear someone complaining. Are you a compulsive complainer? Sometimes we hear Christians complain about...

God's Provisions. God had mightily delivered Israel from the oppressive bondage they suffered in Egypt. While traveling through the wilderness they gave in to constant complaining. Their complaining showed their lack of trust in His watch-care and abilities. After doing other great miracles through the hands of Moses, God parted the Red sea, freeing the Israelites and destroying the Egyptians. Yet the first time they came upon a place with no fresh water, they began to grumble. Did they think God couldn't or wouldn't supply their needs? God regularly sent manna from heaven and they complained because they had no meat. God got so weary of their

complaining that He sent serpents among them to destroy many of them (Numbers 21:6-9). Paul tells Christians not to complain as they had (1 Corinthians 10:10). We must trust God's promise that He will supply the things we need (Matthew 6:25-34). We should replace complaining with thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18).

God's Precepts. Some folks complain and grumble about God's commandments. "They're too strict," "Their too strenuous." Jesus' disciples complained that God's law on marriage was too difficult (Matthew 19:10). Many today do the same, and divorce has become rampant. Some disciples deserted Jesus because they deemed His teachings too difficult (John 6:60-61, 66). The Christian must diligently keep God's commandments, not complain about them.

God's People. We are not to grumble about one another (Philippians 2:14; James 5:9). Instead, we should be hospitable to one another (1 Peter 4:9). Folks complain about the dirty building; lend a hand! We complain about the elders, the preacher, the teacher, the song leader, etc. Stop grumbling. Let us rejoice in God's rich blessings (Ephesians 1:3) 🔍

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“ONE ANOTHER”

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The phrase "one another" is derived from the Greek word *allelon* which means "one another, each other; mutually, reciprocally." This word appears 100 times in 94 New Testament verses. The majority of these appearances have to do with the relationship which exists among Christians.

1. We are not to lie to one another, Col 3:9
2. We are not to envy one another. Gal 5:26
3. We are not to bite and devour one another, Gal 5:15
4. We are not to speak evil of one another, James 4:11-12
5. We are to be at peace with one another, Eph 4:3
6. We are to be kind and forgiving to one another, Eph 4:32
7. We are to love one another, John 13:34-35
8. We are to encourage one another, Heb 10:25
9. We are to be devoted to one another in brotherly love, Rom 12:10
10. We are to accept one another, Rom 15:7
11. We are to serve one another, Gal 5:13
12. We are to be patient with one another, Col. 3:12-15
13. We are to pray for one another, James 5:16
14. We are to comfort one another, 1 Thessalonians 4:18.
15. We are to seek good for one another, 1 Thessalonians 5:15
16. We are to clothe ourselves in humility towards one another, 1 Peter 5:5
17. We are to bear one another's burdens, Galatians 6:2
18. We are to stimulate one another to love and good works, Heb. 10:24

This is just a small example of how we are to behave towards those who share with us a "Like precious faith" (2 Peter 1:1). This can certainly be a challenge at times, but may we ever strive to lay aside bitterness, anger, resentment, and slander of one another, and replace these with the wonderful attributes found in those precious "One another" passages. 🔍



**OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH
DAVID MCPHERSON IS
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER
19-24 (SUNDAY - FRIDAY).**

SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

Wondrous Things

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: Psalm 119:17-24
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table.....Ben Reagh

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

**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!