

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Todd
Reading: Proverbs 14:1-8
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Rusty Barnes
- Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.... Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer...Kenny Johnson
- Invitation: N/A
- Lord's Table: Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer: Jeff Isbell

WEDNESDAY EVENING

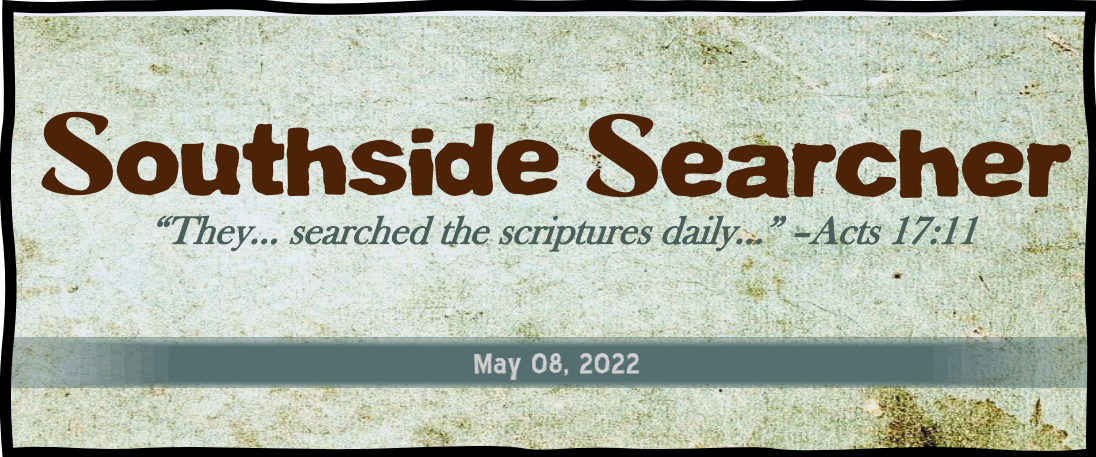
- Song Leader...Kenny Todd
- Invitation: Kenny Johnson

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!



The Peace Of Your Children

“All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.”
- Isaiah 54:13

It is natural for us to want many things for our children. But if we're not careful, Satan will use this as a device against us. I believe that providing them with too much too soon could "spoil" them, thus detracting from their peace, and setting them up for a life void of true contentment.

I want peace for my child. I want him to have peace as an adult regardless of his circumstances (rich, poor, or in between). The greatest way to accomplish this is to instill within him a love for God's word—a love for reading, studying, and living it. The verse above reflects a truth put forth by the psalmist, *“Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing causes them to stumble”* (Psalm 119:165).

A child's mother plays a big part in teaching him a love for serving the Lord (Proverbs 6:20; 14:1). Mine did! And certainly, Timothy's did. *“When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also...and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures...”* (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15). God bless mother's who teach the love of God to their children.

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SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

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Do Emotions Matter?

Many religions base their entire religious experience on emotions. The dangerous result of such an approach is that they allow their emotions to override the authority of Christ. As long as they feel emotional and spiritual about something, that justifies what they're doing. Well-meaning brethren refute this concept. And rightly so. But some go to the other extreme. They discount emotions altogether. This leads them to a cold mechanical religious experience that is just as wrong.

First and foremost, God wants us to be right. He does not want us to practice anything that we have no authority to practice. Regardless of how emotional or "spiritual" it makes us feel. That is clear from passages such as Colossians 3:17, 2 John 1:9, and Matthew 7:21-23.

On the other hand, God wants us to be emotionally involved when we worship Him. When we sing, we are to make melody in our hearts (Ephesians 5:19). The sister phrase to that is "With grace in your hearts" (Colossians 3:16). The point is God wants our emotions involved when we praise Him in song. The entire purpose of music is to stimulate emotions. Otherwise, why would He command us to teach and admonish one another with his truths put to music? Couldn't we do it without the singing? Yes, and we must. But He wants us emotionally involved. The same is true when we listen to preaching. Those in Acts two were cut to the heart by what they heard (Acts 2:37). Preaching and teaching should emotionally stimulate us to want to do better and serve the Lord more faithfully. Then there's the Lord's Supper. Its purpose is to proclaim the Lord's death (1 Corinthians 11:26). It would take a stone-cold soul to meditate on Jesus hanging on the cruel cross of Calvary without getting emotional. And what about giving? When we give, should we not also think about Christ leaving heaven to hang on the cross? (2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15).

God doesn't want cold, mechanical worship. He wants us to be involved emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. Love God with all your heart (The seat of emotions), with all your soul (The seat of spirituality), and with all your mind (The seat of the intellect) (Matthew 22:36). Let's just be careful that we don't allow our emotions to override the authority of Christ.

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A Virtuous Wife

"Who can find a virtuous wife?" So asked the wise King Lemuel while reflecting on his own mother's wisdom (Proverbs 31:1, 10). In many ways the question may be asked of today's modern world. In Hebrew, Proverbs 31:10-31 is an alphabetic acrostic. The woman of valor is literally extolled from A to Z. Notice that...

She Is A Woman of VALUE. "*For her worth is far above rubies*" (Proverbs 31:10). She is of great value to her husband. She provides for him in many ways. Her provision for him is emotional. She lives in such a way as to give him emotional stability and security. He never has to worry that she might be unfaithful to him. She lives in such a way that "*The heart of her husband safely trusts her*" (verse 11). Many women today are flaunty and flirtatious; not her! She never says or does anything that might engender suspicion in his heart. She is valuable to him and to her children. Much of this passage speaks of her untiring labor in providing for her family. Her husband and children never have to worry about a lack of nice and suitable clothes or a good meal. "*She seeks wool and flax and willingly works with her hands*" (verse 13). "*She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household*" (verse 15). A woman who squanders away her days sleeping or watching TV while clothes go unwashed, houses go uncleaned, and meals go unprepared is of little value to her family. The virtuous woman "*Watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness*" (Verse 27).

She Is A Woman Of VISION. The virtuous woman's role in the family is not restricted to housework. She is involved in other ventures in the best interest of her family. "*She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar*" (verse 14). She involves herself in commerce when she sees it benefitting her family down the road. "*She sees a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard*" (verse 16). She works hard to teach her children, to raise them right, so that when they are older, they will bring her honor and not shame (verse 25).

She Is A Woman Of VENERATION. Because of all she is and all she does, "*Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.*" Remember, "*A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised*" (30).

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