

**Across**

- 2 An epistle containing only 25 verses
- 3 The fourth son of Jacob
- 5 Who was the builder of the Ark
- 7 One of the General Epistles of the New Testament
- 10 One of the daughters of Laban, and Jacob's wife
- 12 The sister of Moses and Aaron
- 13 This character of the Old Testament was severely tested by God
- 14 The elder son of Joseph, and the name of the tribe that he founded
- 17 Who was King of Judaea at the time of Christ's birth

**Down**

- 1 The first man, created by God
- 2 The Minor Prophet, noted for having been swallowed by a great fish
- 4 The first of the Minor Prophetic books
- 6 The brother of Moses
- 8 Who was the wife of Nabal who subsequently married David
- 9 Which Hebrew prophet was taken into heaven by a whirlwind
- 11 One of the twelve books of the Minor Prophets
- 15 The first woman and wife of Adam
- 16 In which land did Cain live after he murdered Abel

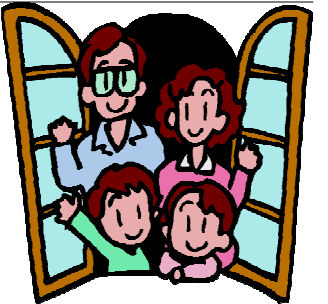
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"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12.

# WEST SIDE WINDOW

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## CHARACTER MATTERS

By Gene Taylor

Many people are willing to take a chance on others never discovering their wrongdoings. Many of these, however, are caught and punished for their misdeeds. Others get by with evil works because they are able to fool people all the days of their lives.

Others refrain from doing things which are wrong because they know society does not approve of those things. They are afraid to take the chance of being discovered in their evil schemes by the public. As the standards that are acceptable to the majority vary, though, so will the standards of such people. Just think of what is practiced now in the way of immorality that does not even cause an eyebrow to be raised that would have provided the strongest kind of censure just a few years ago. One who allows society to establish his standards will never be anything but an advocate of the status quo.

Still others who would be willing to take the chance of doing many things which are evil even though they might be apprehended by society are deterred by a fear of God. Anyone who has any knowledge of the Bible knows that it reveals all sin will be found out and judged (**Eccl. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5:10**). **Numbers 32:23** states, "...and be sure your sin will find you out." **Hebrews 4:13** speaks of the same thought when it says, "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

Those who refrain from doing that which is wrong because they know it would displease the Lord are to be commended. However, God desires more than fear. Surely the person who has trained himself to follow the Lord's will ought to realize that he should do those things that are right because they are right. The religion of Christ does not encourage people to do all they think they can "get by with." Rather it teaches that those who are the Lord's disciples are to become good in their hearts. (**Matt. 15:18-20**). Jesus shows the heart to be the wellspring of actions: evil proceeds from the heart (**Mark 7:20-23**), so should goodness. God has commanded those who desire to be His children to change their hearts (**Rom. 12:1-2**) and to become godly in their manner of life. God said, "Be holy for I am holy." (**1 Pet. 1:16**).

As disciples, our goal ought not to be abstaining from evil only because we are afraid of punishment but rather to be holy even as God is. **James 1:13** cites the supreme goodness of God: "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." Verse 14 shows that temptation comes because of lust, inordinate desire, which entices one to sin. God is so completely good that evil is not an enticement to Him, He is not even tempted by it. Since temptation comes because one is drawn by his own desires toward that which entices, then the impossibility for God to be tempted must mean He has no desire for anything that is evil.

Can you think of something you once practiced which was sinful but that you have now discarded? If so, you are becoming more like God. How great to be able to reach a state where you have no desire to sin.

Just how far have you gone toward real goodness? What do you do when you think no one is looking? What would you do if you could hide your deeds from the Lord? Surely honest answers to these questions will help each of us evaluate ourselves properly. Our answers will enable us to see the progress we have made as a Christian and to realize more fully that our own goodness is very meager and that great challenges are before us and, with deep humility of our own unworthiness, that we must seek God's abundant love and grace to help us be the kind of people we ought to be, the kind He would have us be. The secret of **good character** is a converted heart.

SERVICES

- Sunday Bible Study — 9:30 am
- Worship — 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
- Wed. Bible Study — 7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

- Mike Haviland
- Brian Huffman
- Larry G. Reynolds
- Herb Smith
- Larry Taylor
- George Welker

DEACONS

- Don Allison, Youth
- Bill Gaw, Building & Grounds
- Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. & Upon The Rock
- Lowell Huffman, Benevolence
- Volker Jaromin, Building & Grounds
- Danny Odle, Building & Grounds
- Dwayne Odle, Seminar & Missions
- Gary Reynolds, Fellowship
- Todd Stults, Education and Asst. Finance
- Jim Witty, Finance & Upon The Rock

MISSION WORKS

- Cochran, Georgia
- Willie Smith
- South Central Church of Christ
- Robert Ray
- Tanzania, Africa
- Christopher Mwakabanje plus two preaching school students
- Memphis School Of Preaching
- David Birdsall
- Brandyn Graves

## WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 4

### MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Lowell Huffman  
 Opening Prayer: Don Allison  
 Scripture Reading: Richard Messer  
 (Mark 16:15-16)  
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds  
 Sermon Topic: "He That Believeth And Is Baptized"  
 Announcements: Larry Taylor  
 Closing Prayer: Gary Reynolds

### COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side: Blade Taylor & Jerry Hoyt  
 East Side: Volker Jaromin & Nick Qualkenbush

### EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Mike Haviland  
 Opening Prayer: Rick Cox  
 Scripture Reading: Mark Stewart  
 (Acts 20:32-35)  
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds  
 Sermon Topic: "The Word Strengthens Faith"  
 Communion Table: Kendall Clark  
 Closing Prayer: Todd Stults

### PULPIT PREVIEW FOR JANUARY 11, 2008

AM: "Serving The Master" (John 13:1-17)  
 PM: "We Speak The Truth In Love"  
 (John 14:5-6)

## JANUARY

### GREETERS:

**East Door:** Richard & Janet Messer  
**Front Door + Ushers:** Forrest Hurst & Jay Kellow

### COMMUNION:

**Prep:** Lowell & Charlene Huffman  
**Clean-up:** Genny Stults, Sue Davis, Donna Qualkenbush

**BUILDING CLEANING:** Mike & Debbie, John & Shawna, Teresa Cox

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Angie Akins**  
**Kris Briant**, Lola's daughter  
**Angie Dick**, Julie's sister  
**Steve Gasaway**  
**Jim Hoover**  
**Loreena Hoyt**  
**Clifford Kidd**, Pat's step-son  
**Pat Kidd**  
**Jack Knotts**, his home address is 252 Pisgah Pk.; Pulaski, TN 38478  
**Sherry Lance**, Ginger's friend  
**Norma Norris**, Grant's grandmother  
**Gail Parker**  
**Kevin Perry**  
**Nora Lee Robbins**, Gail Parker's mother  
**Eileen Strombeck**, Sally's mom  
**Mark Stewart's dad**  
**Evelyn Vannatter**  
**George Welker**  
**Darrel White**, Judy's brother  
**Jerry Wilhoite**, Betty Smith's brother-in-law  
**David Witty**  
**Everett & Ann Witty**

### Shut-Ins

**Virginia Ashley** - Westminster  
**Juanita Broderick** - The Woodlands  
**Charles Henley** - Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center  
**Twyla Monroe** - The Woodlands  
**Mary Norris** - The Woodlands

### Away in the Military

**Brian Noonkester** - Germany  
**Justin Spence**-Iraq

### Sympathy

**Greg Qualkenbush's grandma, Dorothy Marie Qualkenbush**, passed December 26. Please remember their family in your prayers.

### DAVID WITTY NEEDS HELP

David is in need of a kidney. He is type O negative blood.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Jan 4**—All youth grab a "Did You Hear That" form before services this morning.

**Jan 4**—Elders will meet at 4:30.

**Jan 5, 7 & 9**—Ladies exercise at 9 AM.

**Jan 6**—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.

**Jan 10**—The widows and widowers will meet in the basement for finger foods and games at 3 PM. See Lowell for details.

**Jan 18**—Elders and deacons will meet at 4:30.

### ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 21, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	84
Sunday Worship am	111
Sunday Worship pm	86
Wednesday Bible Study	

### ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 28, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	73
Sunday Worship am	138
Sunday Worship pm	71
Wednesday Bible Study	80

## WILLIE & VERDIE WRITE...

We are so thankful that you have the kind of love for the Lord that you are concerned about the spreading of His message. Because of your love for the Lord's message your support to us allows us to work in the community for the purpose of spreading God's message. There are no words to express the gratitude we have toward you for the support you give this congregation of Christians.

We pray you and your family enjoy all of God's spiritual blessings in 2009. May God's love fill your heart every day.

## BOBBY LIDDELL WRITES...

Dear Brethren:

While upon this earth, Jesus called men to follow Him. Our Lord expressed the *purpose* of following Him when He spoke to the Galilean fishermen about a new direction in their lives: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mat. 4:19). As Christ came to "Seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10), so His followers work to bring all men to salvation.

Jesus spoke of the *priority* of following Him. When one of his disciples said, "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father," He replied, "Follow me; and let the dead bury the dead" (Mat. 8:21-22). While burying one's dead is not against the will of God, waiting (until his father died-which might have entailed many years) to follow Jesus is. One with proper priorities will leave all to follow Him (Luke 5:28).

Jesus spoke of the *price* of following Him. To the rich, young ruler, the Christ said, "Sell that thou hast, and give to the poor...and come and follow me" (Mat. 19:21). The ruler had to make a decision as to which was more important. Sadly, he chose his wealth, and "he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions" (v. 22).

Jesus spoke of the *protection* afforded those who follow Him: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28). The Lord affords protection to those who follow Him (cf. Heb. 13:6).

Jesus spoke of the *position* of following Him. "If any man serve me, let him follow me" (John 12:26). The only way one can serve Him is to follow Him. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mat. 16:24). Following after Him is where we must place ourselves.

We are diligently seeking to educate and train men who will sound forth the message of Christ, to call men to follow Him, but we could not do so without you. Thank you for your contributions, thus far, during 2008. Remember the funds you give to MSOP are tax deductible, and are an investment in the future of the church.

Will you please consider, in view of the great need for gospel preachers, and of the great masses of lost men and women, making a special, end of the year contribution, in addition to what you normally give? Thank you, in advance, for your fellowship in this great effort. We appreciate you much, and our prayers are for you!

Sincerely,  
 Bobby Liddell, Director

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 website at  
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