

The Servant's Mind

Jesus is the ultimate servant. He came "not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Genuine followers of Christ adopt the Lord's mindset (see Phil. 2:4-7). They long to be like Him. Serving starts in the mind. One who lacks the *doing* of "servant acts" is missing a servant's mind.

While some Christians recline and watch, those with the mind of Christ roll up their sleeves and work. No "Grumbling" (Phil. 2:14). Just quiet, diligent, dedicated and faithful service. They don't have to be coerced or cajoled; they are eager to serve. Some, however, are high and mighty within their own minds and don't lower themselves to pick up the trash. Such a task is beneath them. They would fit snug and snugly in the "we don't wash feet" disciple group of John 13. Jesus was alone in the foot washing ministry. Servants today are often few in number, sometimes it is just them and Jesus. But that is good company. Jesus said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). You and Jesus working together. What a team!

Elders, deacons, teachers, the elderly, teenage members, preachers—we all need the mind of Christ. No complaining, just completion of the task. No grumbling, just grateful to serve. Servants, don't be discouraged in your selfless service. Persevere, press on and praise God for the opportunity to serve with Jesus.

James Cudd

Taproot: A tapering root that grows vertically downward and forms the center from which subsidiary rootlets spring.

The Taproot of Sin

Joshua 7:20-21 reveals the progression of sin. Achan coveted, saw, took and hid things under the Lord's ban at Jericho. But it also reveals the taproot of sin, SELF.

Notice that Achan says, "I saw, coveted, took, hid..." The middle letter in the word SIN is "I". I want this, I want that, and I want it right now. I want to run things, I want to call the shots. ***I want to be in charge*** is the taproot of the sin problem. Unless and until we conquer self, we will not be victorious over sin. Sin is the arrogance of the human will in opposition to God. It denies God His place in our lives and it caters to selfish human desires (James 1:13-16). To win, you must dethrone SELF.

Darwin Hunter

The Bible is Right!

You can refuse to believe it but the Bible is always right. You can quote your creed books, dogmas and other sources but the Bible is right. You can get mad and go home but the Bible is still right. We must leave behind what we "feel", "what we have been taught," and what "tickles our fancy" and depend totally on God's Word for our eternal salvation (2 Timothy 3:16,17). Selected

The Good Working of God

Did you get up this morning lonely, depressed, anxious, cranky or out of sorts? Are you worried about something might not go well for you? Well, this text is written for you and for all who flounder in doubt. God assures us that he can and will make all things right for those who love him. He will remove every obstacle ~~IF~~ He so desires. And, you may be sure that you can benefit from every situation which He allows.

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I Wish I Was....

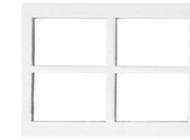
Big enough to honestly admit my short comings;
Broad enough to accept flattery without it making me arrogant;
Tall enough to tower above deceit;
Strong enough to treasure love;
Brave enough to welcome criticism;
Compassionate enough to understand human frailties;
Wise enough to recognize my mistakes;
Humble enough to appreciate greatness;
Staunch enough to stand by my friends;
Human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor
and...
Righteous enough to be devoted to the laws of God.



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West Side Window

January 15, 2017



SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Michael Gors

ELDERS

Michael Gors
Gary Reynolds
Todd Stults

DEACONS

Don Allison
Fellowship

Kendall Clark
Benevolence

Jim Clark-Visitation

Lowell Huffman-
Media

Volker Jaromin-
Communication and
Advertising

MISSION WORKS

Russia & India
Mark Reynolds
Memphis School of
Preaching
Ronnie Gootam
Southeast Institute of
Biblical Studies
Preaching
Jonah Stults
Florida School of
Preaching
Scott Pfettscher
Sparta Tennessee
Robert Ray
New Hampshire
Laconia Church of
Christ
Shane Belanger

Faithfulness

When we talk about faithfulness, what do we generally think about? Is it the individual that has been a member of the church all his life? Is it the one that attends every service? These examples may or may not be an indicator of righteousness. I have known those who have been in the church all their lives but were wicked. I have known some that have attended every service except when they were ill but, they too, were not the Christians they should have been. On the other hand, there are some who obeyed the gospel late in life who set a fine example. It all brings us to the question: What does it mean to be faithful?

First, we need to understand that faith is that which comes from God's word. It is divine instruction on how to live. **Romans 10:17** says that faith comes by hearing the word of God. That then indicates that the Bible is our source of instruction. In the faith chapter, Hebrews 11, we learn that Noah built an ark. That meant that Noah built an ark based on God's instructions to him. It also tells us that by faith, Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. Cain's sacrifice was not accepted by God because it was not of faith or more specifically, was not authorized by God. So it is, that to be faithful, we first need to have the knowledge of that which God has authorized.

Faith is also doing what we know God has told us to do. True faith demands action. The above examples show that every time the Lord said ***do***, those faithful servants did just exactly what the ***Lord said to do***. We cannot consider ourselves faithful if we do not obey the Lord. Faithfulness is more than obeying a few things. **Matthew 7:21-23** teaches that one must obey the Lord in all commands. The scripture says that there will be some that are doing good works but will not be saved. The reason is that they are either not doing what He commanded or are not doing all that He commanded. That is why it is so important that we serve the Lord with our all, not just a portion.

Matthew 22:37-38 clearly says, "Those shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." To fall short of giving our all is not faithfulness. **Luke 16:10** says this, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." This tells us that we cannot be faithful if we neglect the big or little things. This means that such things as attending services and Bible classes are important, that we need to do all we can in any facet of our life and not neglect anything. After all, we are not our own, we are bought with a price (**1 Cor. 6:19, 20**) and we need to act like it. Are you faithful?

Robert Barcroft

The church that gives is the church that lives.

The church that bestows is the church that grows.

The church that spends is the church that wins.

The church that keeps is the church that weeps.

"The art to being wise is to know what to overlook."



Those Serving Today

JANUARY 15, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison
 Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 1st Prayer: Jim Clark
 Scripture Reading: Jimmy Clark
Matthew 11:20-24

Sermon: Mike Gor

“Jesus Taught: There is a Hell”

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow
 Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side--Outside: Steve Gors
 Inside: Jerry Hoyt
 East Side-- Inside: Richard Messer
 Outside: Bill Winemiller

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Allison
 Song Leader: Lowell Huffman
 Opening Prayer: Adam Gors
 Scripture: Steve Gors

John 1:14-18

Sermon: Mike Gors

*“When God Pitched His
 Tent Among Us.”*

Communion Table: Jerry Hoyt
 Richard Messer

Closing Prayer: Cliff Nicks
 Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

Group One Duties for January 15 & 18, 2017

Building Lock-up:

Todd & Genny

Communion Clean-up: Holly,
 Heather, Rachel

Greeters: Bill, Holly, Heather, Rachel

Communion Prep for January:

Genny and Emily

Remember in Prayer

Angie Reed, MS, Daughter -in -law of Joe and Wanda

Bill Ellington, Terminal brain cancer. Husband of Mary Ann's friend, Kim Ellington

Bill Winemiller, Loss of hearing

Brenda Huffman, Lung issues. Being transferred to a hospital in Knoxville for further treatment. Delores' sister-in-law.

Connie Reynolds, Back surgery last Tuesday in Ft. Wayne. Is up and walking some.

Eileen Strombeck, Sally's Mother

Ellen Welker

Gordon Huffman, Health issues and struggling with mobility. Delores' brother who lives in TN.

Herb & Betty Smith

Joan Odle

Joan Heinen, Breast surgery. Sue's friend

Justin Spence, US Army, active duty in Bagdad.

Karen Harrison, Wife of Jim. Attends Columbus Ave.

Kathy Harper

Margaret Goodman, Leg surgery

Mary Ann Bayer, Facial Cellulitis

Richard & Laurie Johnson, Father & Daughter, both diagnosed with cancer. Acquaintances of Genny

Shawn Huffman

Tana Cristie, Mourning the loss of her mother, Vickie Christie

Tim Corcoran, Liver cancer

Virginia Southard, Stroke.

Let's Remember Our Shut-ins with Cards and Visits:

Forrest Hurst—Elmcroft

Jim & MaryLou Witty--At home

Katie Clingman--Signature Health Care

Lana Blanchard—Albany Health Care

Weekly Contribution

Goal: \$2600

Contribution for

Jan. 8, 2017: \$2863

Attendance for Week of

January 8, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	51
Sunday AM Worship	81
Sunday PM Worship	46
Wednesday Bible Study	40

Wed. Bible Study-- Jan. 18th

Devotional:	Todd Stults
Song Leader:	Jimmy Clark
Prayer:	Volker Jaromin

--Be sure to read the newest bulletin from Camp Indogan posted on Board # 1. It will give you a glimpse into 2017 camp events.

--Latest letter from Ronnie Gootam and newsletter from Mark Reynolds are posted on the Missions Board.

Happy Birthday

Rick Cox--Jan 11

Debbie Perry, Jan 11

Charlene Huffman--Jan 14

Andy Daunhauer--Jan 16

Pat Lee--Jan 30

Jack Qualkenbush--Jan 31

What is Happening Today?

*3rd Sunday Card Signing Before and After AM
 and PM Worship*

Looking Ahead...

January 17, Ladies Breakfast. Cars leave lot at 9:30a

January 22, Area Wide Singing, South Side Church of Christ in Portland, IN, 2p. Posted on board # 1.

January 28, 7p. Movie Night with all ages invited. Don't miss the popcorn.

February 11, 8a, CPR class taught by the Red Cross. Cost is \$25 per person. Class will be held in the building.

February 18, 7p, Sweetheart Dinner. All ages are invited. We will have another rendition of a family game which will dispel all myths and secrets. Plan to join in for the fun and fellowship. All food will be provided. Sign up sheet is posted on board # 1.

February 24-26, CYC (Christian Youth Conference) in Pigeon Forge, TN

April 14-16, L2L Convention in Louisville, KY. The theme for this year is found in Ruth 3:5, *“All That You Say to Me, I will do.”*

Some Events in the Works

--New fellowship groups coming in January

--Wednesday night Summer Series geared to classroom participation

--Lonnie Jones Speaking Event in the fall

--Ice Cream Devotionals in the summer

--Area-wide singings

--“5th Sunday” Family and Friends Carry-in with devotionals and singing

-- “Ask Volker Class” as requested by the youth

--4th of July breakfast together at Morrow's Meadow

You can raise a pig in your parlor but it won't change the pig, just your parlor, You can keep evil thoughts in your heart and it won't change the evil thoughts, just your heart.

Let us be very careful what we think about.