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Lying: If gluttony is the elephant in the room everyone sees, but no one talks about, lying is the elephant in the room no one sees. Lying is so socially acceptable, even in Christian circles, that it often goes undetected. We're desensitized to it. And here's why this is dangerous for Christians.

There's a rarely-discussed passage in Matthew 5:33-37 where Jesus confronts the Pharisees about oaths. Most Americans only hear the word oath when a celebrity lies in court (under oath). But Jesus isn't talking about oaths in this passage.

He's talking about *INTEGRITY!* Here's what Jesus is saying. You should live with such high integrity that your word doesn't need attachments to make it legitimate. So, typical phrases like, "I promise," "I swear," and "I put it on my mom's grave" should never come from your mouth.

"Frank, c'mon man. Are you interpreting that correctly? Say, 'you promise'."

These words are a kick in the pants, right? If you're like me, you say things all the time and never follow through. You lie to make yourself sound better. You lie to stay out of trouble. You lie to get ahead. Sometimes you lie just to lie.

Jesus says there's no place for that if you're a Christian. Your word matters. If you say something, God expects you to do it. It's better to tell the truth and lose your job than lie and keep it. 

How serious is this? Jesus says anything more than our word is from the evil one, Satan. (*Consider John 8:44; Revelation 21:8*)

Sometimes the undetected sins are the most toxic. My hope is you will see this as an opportunity to grow. I also realize there are some "church approved" sins I didn't mention. It's your turn.

A peek at our upcoming youth seminar June 24-26 at West Side:

Friday, 7p

Speaker, Joe Wells,

"Where the Wild Things Are"

(Late night movie to follow)

Saturday, 9a-2p

Speaker, Joe Wells

(Bowling to Follow)

(Lunch Provided)

Sunday, 26

9:30a Class

10:30a Worship

Carry-In Lunch

1p Afternoon Worship

All ages are welcome and encouraged to hear Joe speak on coping with the wild "jungle" of time, purpose, and Christian values.



Cleaning Crew for May 2016

Auditorium--Lola Harrell

Bathrooms--Gary & Kista

Classrooms--Bill & Pam

Basement--Good Samaritans

Foyers--Tom & Sue

This and That

--Note the latest letter from Mark Reynolds posted on the missions board

--Pantry item for May is canned meat

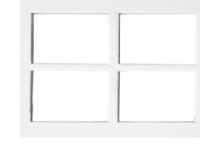
--There is a sign up sheet on board # 1 if you plan to attend the youth rally at Greenfield Church of Christ, May 20-22. They need this info to plan for the meal.

--It is much appreciated that you contact the office with any latest noteworthy news of members and their health issues or happenings. It helps in keeping communication open on the days we don't meet and helps in getting info to the rightful persons of leadership.



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May 1, 2016

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
Caleb Taylor
Jonah Stults
Florida School of
Preaching
Scott Pfettscher

New Hampshire
Laconia Church of
Christ
Shane Belanger

Nine "Church approved" Sins

(PART 3)

Frank Powell

This is the final installment of this series of lessons. I found them to be thought provoking and I hope you do too.

Comfort: might be the patriarch of the "church approved" sins family. When the church becomes comfortable, Christianity starts to die. Christians must be extremely intentional with their thoughts and actions to avoid comfort. If not, you become resistant to change. You start making secondary issues primary. You begin to see the mission as catering to insiders rather than reaching outsiders.

And here's the thing about the sin of comfort. Once it shows up, it's extremely difficult to remove. When you challenge comfort, people don't just get angry. They get fightin' mad. Comfort will even tell you to crucify an innocent man. The church can't be missional and comfortable at the same time. It's time to make a decision. *Titus 2:11-14: created to be zealous for good works!*

Consumerism: I grew up watching Sesame Street. My favorite character? Cookie Monster. I felt like we were the same person. And what I mean is we both loved cookies. I would often go around the house saying, "Gimme da cookies." It never worked. Many Christians are like Cookie Monster. Their mantra is, "Gimme more...well anything. Just give me more. More. More. More."

The essence of this sin is a false understanding of God, that God is a taker. But nothing could be further from the truth. God is a giver. He is *the Giver*. And, as a man or woman created in his image, you should be a giver. So, what are you creating? What are you giving back to the world? What are you giving back to others? (*Contrast Luke 12:13-21 with Acts 20:35*)

Patriotism: Cue the nasty e-mails. Maybe it's just me, but I can't picture Jesus waving an American flag while showing off his "I love 'Merica" tattoo. Jesus wasn't against the government (Matthew 22:20-22). In fact, if you're a Jesus follower, the Bible calls you to pray for your nation and for your leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-4). But Jesus was very clear about how God's name would become famous throughout the world...through the church: not the government, not a nation, the church. When your allegiance is torn between your country and your God, American ideals begin to shape your faith more than God. And you transpose American values onto God, believing God would be an American and think like an American.

Celebrate American values. That's great. But, at the end of the day, your citizenship is not with America. It's in heaven (*Philippians 3:20, Hebrews 11:13-16*).

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Those Serving Today
MAY 1, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements: Todd Stults
Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
1st Prayer: Danny Odle
Scripture: Bill Smith
1 Thess. 5: 1-11

Sermon: Jonah Stults
"The Five W's"

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow
Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side--Outside: Joe Reed
Inside: Bill Winemiller
East Side-- Inside: Richard Messer
Outside: Carl Gilstrap

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements: Todd Stults
Song Leader: Jerry Hoyt
1st Prayer: Bill Smith
Scripture: Adam Gors
Romans 7: 1-4
Sermon: Mike Gors
"Married to Jesus"
Communion Table: Don Allison
Closing Prayer: Cliff Nicks
Sound Room: Gary Reynolds

Group One is responsible for April Duties:
Door Greeters, Building Lock-up and Communion Clean-up

Communion Prep for May:
Kendall & Jane

Remember In Prayer

Angie Reed, MS, Daughter -in-law of Joe and Wanda
Aramis Disla, Undiagnosed seizures. Lives in Florida and is the nephew of Becky
Bernice Lewis, Sister of Sally Anderson. Facial tumors
Bill Ellington, Terminal brain cancer. Husband of Mary Ann's friend, Kim Ellington
Don Gaw, Moved to Westminster Village for rehab. Room # 5. Visitors welcome
Edward Casper, Father of Connie Reynolds. He was moved from Kentucky to nursing facility in Canton, MI. This is about 3 hours from the Reynolds' new home in Columbia City, IN
Eileen McAllister, Brain tumors. Surgery scheduled for near future. Niece of Sylvia
Gary Meeker, Heart irregularities. Possible placement of pacemaker. Preacher at Columbus Ave.
Herb & Betty Smith, Betty has injuries to her foot after a fall at home. Doing well
Holly Chambers, Recuperating from surgery
Jamie Horman, Co-worker of Genny. Jamie is 30 weeks with a problem pregnancy. Also, the mother of a 10 month baby.
Jerry Winsor, Cancer. Brother-in-law of Pat Egle.
Kathy Harper, Struggling with several health issues
Katie Clingman, Stroke. Katie is at home with family. Memory affected. Cards and calls are welcome.
Lynn Huffman, Cancer with radiation treatments scheduled. Brother of Lowell.
Mitch Kinder and Family, Cancer. Neighbor of Sally
Sandy Phillips, At home with hospice care. Is very weak with terminal brain cancer. Cards are much appreciated.
Tim Walls, Attends Fairlawn and cousin of Don. Possible pacemaker placement due to heart irregularities
Virginia Allison, Great Grandmother of Hailey and Maliyah Allison and Aunt of Don.



Remember Our Shut-ins
Don Gaw--Westminster Village
Forrest Hurst--Elmcroft
Lana Blanchard--Albany Health Care

Bible Study on April 27, 2016

Devotional: Lowell Huffman
Song Leader: Adam Gors
Prayer: Jimmy Clark

Attendance for Week of April 24th

Sunday Bible Study	60
Sunday Worship	91
Sunday Evening	64
Wed. Bible Study	44



Wanda Reed—May 1
Ziggy Gors—May 1
Maliyah Allison—May 3
Emma Gors—May 8
Howard Goodman—May 12
Justin H.--May 12
Norma Perry--May 12
Dorothy Potter—May 13
Kelli Harper—May 13
Betty Curry—May 15
Jacob Clark—May 16
Kista Reynolds—May 18
Howard Latta—May 19
Nick Q—May 19
Larry Reynolds—May 15
Norma Haffner—May 21

TODAY...



--Teachers Meeting after morning worship
--2:15p, Devotions at Bethel Pointe
--3:30-5:30p, Elders and Deacons' meeting. Plans for this year to be discussed
--After Evening Worship, Visitation Committee

AND LOOKING AHEAD

May 2, "Monday Nights for the Master", Evangelism Class, through May 23rd, 6p-7:30
May 3, 10a, Women's Breakfast. Meet in West side parking lot at 9:30a
May 7, Josh Taylor and Rachel Hoyt wedding day on the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina
May 7, Bethany Allison graduates from Harding University with a nursing degree
May 13-15, Spring Rally for ages 8-18 at Camp Indogan.
May 14, Lincolnway Church of Christ, 23rd Annual Lectureship at Columbia City, IN. 9a-2p. Flyer on board #1
May 20, Brett Allison will graduate from Advanced Training as a medic in the Army National Guard.
May 20-22, Weekend Youth Rally at Greenfield Church of Christ with speaker Lonnie Jones. RSVP requested for lunch preparation. See info on board # 1.
May 22, Senior Banquet after evening service. Please bring your favorite finger foods. Desert will be provided
June 4, Emma Gors graduates from Wes Del High School
June 4, "Pig Out" at the Spring Dinner and Benefit auction at Camp Indogan. Roasted hog will be served. Guest, Mike Horn, will speak and auction will be held, all for the betterment of the camp. Begins at 4:30p. See flyer on board #1.
June 4th Post Wedding Open House Celebration for Josh & Rachel. 1p-4p at Westside. See invitation on board # 2
June 24-26, West Side Youth Seminar, "Where the Wild Things Are" with speaker, Joe Wells. Joe will focus on helping all ages "face the jungle of life". See board #1

If you have taught classes in the past or are currently teaching or would like to teach in the future, you are encouraged to come to the teacher's meeting this morning after worship. Your participation and your expertise in invaluable.