

### Those to Serve

(B) Jack Wall (FV) Vernon Houts  
(O) Calvin Burks (A) Kyle Stifflemire  
1st prayer Mike Mallett  
2nd prayer Keith Stifflemire  
Announcements: Keith Stifflemire  
Singing: Judd Wall

### Prayer List:

Virginia Lovell  
Letha Sheldon  
Mildred Lovell  
Janese Lancaster  
Ruby Jones  
Loyd Crownover  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personal

### Anger

(Unknown)

A short-tempered man is a fool.

It's in the Bible, [Ecclesiastes 7:9](#), [Proverbs 19:11](#), and [16:32](#).  
"Don't be quick-tempered — that is being a fool." "A wise man restrains his anger and overlooks insults. This is to his credit." "It is better to be slow-tempered than famous; it is better to have self-control than to control an army."

Get over anger quickly. It's in the Bible, [Ephesians 4:26-27](#). "If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge. Don't let the sun go down with you still angry — get over it quickly; for when you are angry you give a mighty foothold to the devil."

Don't fight back when wronged. It's in the Bible, [1 Peter 3:9](#), "Don't repay evil for evil. Don't snap back at those who say unkind things about you. Instead, pray for God's help for them, for we are to be kind to others, and God will bless us for it."

Anger produces strife. It's in the Bible, [Proverbs 30:33](#), "For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife."



**Kathy Stifflemire Sept. 24th**

**Vernon Houts Sept. 24th**

**Autumn Vann Sept. 29th**

### Dates to Remember

**September 22nd**

*First day of Fall*

**September 24th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**October 1st**

*Mission Sunday*

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*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**10:20 am Worship**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**Wednesday Night**

**7:pm**

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## Opportunity

An opportunity is a combination of favorable circumstances or an appropriate time for accomplishing something. Biblically, it comes from a word meaning, “a due season,” or a “measure of time.”

One of the places where it is found in the New Testament is the letter of Paul to the Galatians. Paul wrote:

*“So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10).*

Doing good to all men, as we have opportunity, is dictated by the due season, or measure of time available for the performance of the duty. There may not always be a due season or a measure of time when we can fulfill the obligation to do good to all men. As we do have these opportunities, we must seize them before the season of time is gone, never to return. It has truly been said, *“Who seeks, and will not take when once tis offered, shall never find it more.”*

The duty is “doing good to all men.” It has been said this means preaching the gospel to the lost and teaching the church. Certainly, the greatest good we can do anyone is to preach the gospel of Christ to them so that they may be saved (1 Cor. 1:21). However, opportunities to preach can’t be a “wait for the right season” type of obligation. It is a constant duty because the opportunity is always there. The great commission requires taking the gospel “to every creature” (Mark 16:15) “in season and out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2)

The word good is a word that means, “what is salutary, suited to the course of human affairs.” (Thayer). In this course of human affairs, doing good is used of “rendering service.” So, if we substitute the definition and read the passage, it sounds like this:

*“As we have opportunity, let us render service unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith.”*

Doing good to all men, and especially to Christians, may at times include preaching the word to them, but it cannot exclude an act of charity or benevolence. Doing good to all men and especially to other Christians is a joy to fulfill on the part of one who is “spiritual” (Gal. 6:1). It is the bearing of the burdens of another who is pressed down, either through sin or human suffering. The milk of human kindness in our hearts must flow in compassion and mercy to all we have opportunity to serve.

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Opportunities, convenient or opportune times, are not forever with us. Often we must seek them—but rarely. When we have an opportunity to do good to others and we faithfully discharge our duty by seizing it **then**, we are blessed. The passing by on the other side of duty leaves one with remorse, a guilty conscience and a bad record with the Almighty. Failing to do what we know to do, when we have an opportunity to do it, carries very serious consequences.

*“To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (Jas. 4:17).*

## You Tell On Yourself

A poem which, I think, falls right in line with Matthew 7:20  
“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,  
By the very manner in which you speak,  
By the way you employ your leisure time,  
By the use you make of dollar and dime.  
You tell what you are by the things you wear,  
By the spirit in which you burdens bear,  
By the kind of things at which you laugh,  
By the records you play on the phonograph.  
You tell what you are by the way you walk,  
By the things of which you delight to talk,  
By the manner in which you bear defeat,  
By so simple a thing as how you eat.  
By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf:  
In these ways and more, you tell on yourself.

— Author Unknown