

Those to Serve

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

August 4th

Mission Sunday

August 15th

First Day of School Lampasas

August 19th

First Day of School Evant

August 25th

Noon Fellowship

September 1st

Mission Sunday

Church Directory

We have three new family's to add to our directory, now is a good time to make any corrections or changes if any needs to be made. If you have a new phone number, e-mail address or whatever please let Vernon & Linda know.

Prayer List:

Tammy Parker
Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement

Happy Birthday

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Happy Anniversary

August 7th

Keith & Kathy Stifflemire

Proverbs 27:20 KJV

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 KJV

Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

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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

6:00 pm

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Striving For Mediocrity

By Will Vann

Within a very short time of googling the title of this article, I came across quite a few stories commenting on the following meme that has been circulating the internet.

Always remember:

- The squeaky wheel gets outsourced
- High achievers end up working unpaid overtime
- No good deed goes unpunished
- Dare to be adequate!

I found interesting the various discussions that these thoughts brought about. Some agreed wholeheartedly while others looked upon this as merely an excuse for laziness. There was a large group though that made comments along the lines of, "accepting mediocrity in yourself is the only real way to achieve balance in your life." This group was of the mind that if you strive for greatness in your professional life, you will have to sacrifice a great deal in your personal life. They were not advocating mediocrity of product, but of the amount of time spent producing. It was admitted that sacrificing time spent perfecting business pursuits would limit one's business related achievements. However, this sacrifice was seen as worth it to many who would rather spend time with their families than coworkers.

When we apply this same type of thinking to our lives as Christians, the exact opposite happens. The more mediocre our spiritual lives, the more mediocre (vain, unfulfilling) our physical lives. The wisest man who ever lived once said, "*Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep*" (Ps. 127:1,2). Consider these two verses for a moment, then reflect upon your life. For the faithful child of God, what is seen as mediocrity by this world (sleeping in) is more productive eternally than pulling an all-nighter is for one outside of Christ!

But It Sounds So Good!

By Joe Slater

Now this I say, lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words (Colossians 2:4).

John described Satan as the one who deceives the whole world (Revelation 12:9). In the garden of Eden, the devil did this in person (Genesis 3:1-6). Most often, though, he uses people to spread his lies.

The Christians in Colosse faced an onslaught of error which Paul urged them to reject. Consisting of a mixture of Greek philosophy, Jewish speculation, and just enough Bible to make it palatable, this novel system resulted in denying the gospel and forfeiting salvation!

Why would anyone buy into it? Because it sounded good, especially when presented by a skillful speaker. For example, it taught the Colossians to worship angels (Colossians 2:18). Angels are great! What could be wrong with getting the angels on our side? Sounds good! But in fact such is idolatry which robs us of our reward! Today the same type of reasoning tells us to pray to "saints," especially Mary. Who would have more influence with her Son than Mary? So get her on your side! Sounds good! But Biblical teaching says Jesus Himself is the one mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). We come to God through Him (John 14:6; 15:16).

Paul warned against being deceived by "persuasive words" (Colossians 2:4). Persuasive means they sound reasonable, but are, in fact, false. Such was Satan's tactic in Eden: "Eve, you won't die! You'll be like God, knowing good and evil!" How reasonable and good that must have sounded; but what a disaster resulted from believing it!

Beware of those who "by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:28). Just because it sounds good doesn't mean it is!