

Those to Serve

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



February 14th

Vernon & Linda Houts



Avery Vann Feb 11th

Mac Vann Feb 14th

Eloisa Garza March 2nd

Dennis Sheldon March 30th

February 12th

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 14th

Valentine's Day

February 23rd

Noon Fellowship

Prayer List:

Willis Hughes
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Quotes & Sayings

- *Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.* John Wooden
- *This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.* Theodore Roosevelt
- *Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.* Thomas A. Edison
- *When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.* Alexander Graham Bell
- *A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it is not open.* Frank Zappa

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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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Worse Sinners

Frank Himmel

[Luke 12](#) records Jesus' sermon to an audience so vast that people were stepping on each other. On this occasion, some told Him about a group of Galileans whom Pilate butchered while they were in the process of offering sacrifices. Perhaps this was reported to divert attention from themselves Jesus had just sternly rebuked the multitude. At any rate, the implication was what terrible sinners these must have been!

Jesus answered, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered this fate?" ([Lk. 13:2](#)). In other words, can we tell by what befalls a man what kind of man he is?

Sin's Consequences

In one way the answer is yes. Sin has immediate consequences as well as eternal ones. Moses told ancient Israel, "Be sure your sin will find you out" ([Num. 32:23](#)). Solomon observed, "the way of transgressors is hard" ([Pro. 13:15, KJV](#)).

One who drinks alcohol is far more likely to have a debilitating or fatal traffic accident. A promiscuous man lives in fear of discovery and disease. Lying, cheating, swindling, and stealing invite others' wrath. Divorce is laden with heartache. In this sense, it is absolutely true that the more one sins, the harder his life. This is one reason Paul said godliness holds promise for the present life as well as the life to come ([I Tim. 4:8](#)).

Sin and Suffering

We go too far, however, when we always equate one's suffering with his sin. This was the mistake of Job's friends, who argued that only sinners suffer in life, while the righteous always do well. That has never been true.

One may face hardship as the result of another' sin, not his own. Or, hardship may not at all be directly related to anyone's conduct, as in the case of the blind man in [John 9](#)(note v. 2). Conversely, since God "causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" ([Mt.5:45](#)), He may allow the wicked to prosper materially. The point is, God's estimate of a man is not necessarily revealed by the man's lot in life.

Worse Sins and Sinners

Jesus' answer built on this truth. Were these greater sinners? "I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" ([Lk. 13:3](#)). He then cited a similar circumstance and reiterated His conclusion (vv. 4-5). In so doing, the Lord returned the drifting focus of His hearers to where it was needed: on themselves. It is not another's sins but my sins that I need to assess.

Rules of the Road

By Ron Adams

Without rules and regulations driving on today's roads would be chaotic and dangerous. Proper knowledge of them and adhering to them is important. But not everyone driving on the roads follows the rules. Either ignorantly or knowingly they disobey and become a danger to all other travelers.

KNOW THE RULES

Rules and regulations for traveling on Life's Road are found in the Scriptures. Knowledge of them is important. And it's essential to follow them. Be advised that not everyone on the road follows the rules. As such, they pose a danger because of their ignorance or disobedience.

FOLLOW THE RULES

Conduct yourself in a manner worthy of a Christian. Keep alert for bad "drivers." Understand that some may be under the influence of dangerous ideas and habits. And especially be aware of those who may need help.

"Take hold of instruction; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life" ([Proverbs 4:13](#)).

"Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity" ([Colossians 4:5](#)).

"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness" ([2 Peter 3:17](#)).