

Those to Serve

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



April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall



Steve Sugg April 6th
Emma Lee Burks April 28th
Connie Mallett April 30th
Jana Wall May 18th

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Prayer List:

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

April 12th
Easter Sunday
April 26th
Noon Fellowship
May 3rd
Mission Fund
May 10th
Mother's Day

Quotes & Sayings

- *Depression tends to turn us away from the everyday things of God's creation. But whenever God steps in, His inspiration is to do the most natural, simple things-things we would never have imagined God was in, but as we do them we find Him there. Oswald Chambers*
- *When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles, When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devils shouts for joy. Corrie Ten Boom*

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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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The Most Difficult Command

What do you think is the most difficult command God has given us? I'm sure you could think of many options. I'm guessing the rich young ruler in Matthew 19 thought selling all his property and giving it to the poor was the most difficult thing God expected. And that would be tough, wouldn't it? Others might think the command in Luke 9.23 to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus might be the most difficult thing to do. What about the command to make every effort to live at peace with all men (Hebrews 12.14)? All men? Really? That is challenging.

To decide which command God has given is the most difficult of all may not be possible, or even necessary. But this question came to my mind when I read 1 Corinthians 16.14: "Let all that you do be done in love." Now, that's a tall order!

This is not a difficult command because it is hard to understand. It's a pretty simple statement. Do everything in love. You'd need help to misunderstand this. No, what makes this so challenging is that it is so unnatural for us. We do not naturally love like God does, especially in everything we do. God's love is agape love, meaning that love is constantly looking for a way to do good to others regardless of how that love is received or returned. God is the epitome of "Let all that you do be done in love." And through His transforming power, that is what we can become, but it goes against our human nature. Our love is inconsistent. Our love is conditional. Our love is biased. Our love is selfish.

It's not natural for husbands and wives to treat each other with love all day every day. It's not natural for parents to be 100% loving to their children all the time. It's not natural for us to always be loving towards our neighbors or co-workers or even our friends. It's not natural for us to do everything in love when in traffic or at ball games or in politics. It's not natural for us to love the lost so much we will sacrifice our time, money and energy in taking the gospel to the whole world.

It's not natural. It's very difficult. But it is possible. I know it's possible because that's what God says He expects of us. That's why He taught us that the greatest command is to love Him with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, and the second greatest command is to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12.30-31). That's why it was necessary for Jesus to become flesh and go to the cross ... so that we could witness love in action. That's why God gave His powerful, active word (Hebrews 4.12) that can transform our minds to become like Him (Romans 12.2).

Doing everything in love is a most difficult command. But it is possible!
By Joe Chesser

The Late Mr. Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- Maybe it was *my* fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies:

- Don't spend more than you can earn.

And reliable strategies:

- Adults, not children, are in charge.

His health began to deteriorate when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Tylenol, sun lotion or a band-aid to a student, but could not inform parents if a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments become contraband, churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. He began to lose ground rapidly when well-intentioned, but overbearing regulations were set in place — reports of a 6-year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash (alcohol) after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, just to name a few.

His condition only worsened when it became not only punishable for you to defend yourself from a burglar in your own home, but opening the door for the burglar to sue you for assault.

Finally, there was no hope for Common Sense, after a woman failed to realize that steaming cup of coffee was actually hot. After spilling a little in her lap, she was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion and his children, Responsibility and Reason.

He is survived by his 3 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm a victim.

Not many attended the funeral because so few realized he was gone.

By [Mike Riley](#)