

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

Odell Mallett
 Dora Martinez
 Mona Lancaster
 Willis Hughes
 Letha Sheldon
 Ruby Jones
 Pray for our Nation
 Our Troops
 Law Enforcement
 Rescue Personnel

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July 19, 2020

July 26th

Noon Fellowship

August 2nd

Mission Sunday

Remember

**Doug & Theresa Pruett and
 the Duckett Family in the
 passing of Doug's sister
 Dorthey Duckett**

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Quotes & Sayings

- *The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.*
Abraham Lincoln
- *Time = life; therefore, waste your time and waste your life, or master your time and master your life.*
Alan Lakein
- *Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back.*
Marvey Mackat

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 19th

Mike & Connie Mallett

July 25th

Jorge & Valerie Garza



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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Man's Duty To "Prove All Things"

by B. C. Goodpasture

Men are prone to go to extremes. This has always been true. Paul seems to have been guarding against this tendency when he wrote, "*Despise not prophesyings; prove all things; hold fast that which is good*" ([1 Thessalonians 5:20-21](#)). In his day, there were those who claimed to "prophesy" by the Spirit, and did; and there were those who claimed to "prophesy" by the Spirit and did not. The result was that, at least, some "despised" all "prophesyings" by reason of the false claims of the pretenders. Such a wholesale rejection of all "prophesyings" was unreasonable and unsafe. It was wrong. It is not right either to reject the true because some is false or to accept the false because some is true. Paul indicated the safe course: "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*" If there had been no evil mixed with the good, the admonition to "*prove all things*" and to "*hold fast that which is good*" would not have been necessary.

What is the meaning of the word "prove?" In this connection it cannot mean that the genuineness of "all things" is to be established, for the simple reason that the "all things" to be "proved" are not all genuine. It rather signifies to try, to put to the test. The word is employed elsewhere in the New Testament in this sense ([Luke 14:19](#)). It means that we should examine everything we hear before we receive it or reject it, as the case may be. At this point, Adam Clarke said, "Whatever ye hear in these 'prophesyings' or preachings, examine by the words of Christ, and by the doctrines which, from time to time, we have delivered unto you in our preaching and writings. Try the spirits — the different teachers — by the word of God."

In the words of the prophet, "*To the law and to the testimony! if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them*" ([Isaiah 8:20](#)). The conduct of the Bereans was in keeping with the spirit of the command under consideration, for we read, "*Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so*" ([Acts 17:11 ASV](#)). The people of Berea put what they heard to the test, using the scriptures as their standard of examination. They acted rightly and wisely.

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Why will people not do the same today? It is common for the message of a modern preacher to be accepted without thought, testing or investigation by those who are his friends religiously, and just as common for the same message to be rejected, without consideration, by his prejudiced religious enemies. These two unreasonable extremes are two of the most unmitigated curses of Christendom.

Let it be observed that this passage which *allows the right* also *enjoins the duty* of proving, testing, and investigating what is heard. It does not permit one to be an indifferent and passive listener. This some seem to prefer. They attend the services, not to be taught, not to bring into use any faculty of discernment or testing, but to be impressed, and that without effort on their part.

"*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world*" ([1 John 4:1 ASV](#)). All professed Christians should endeavor to become "*fullgrown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil*" ([Hebrews 5:14](#)).

Self-Control

The Bible clearly teaches that Christians are to exercise temperance or self-control (2 Peter 1:6) if we are to make our calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10).

There are those who profess to being Christians that do not exercise self-control and as a result they lose their temper; they use speech not fitting for a Christian to use or engage in actions unbecoming to one wearing the name of Christ.

How can we develop self-control? Paul gives us the answer in 2 Corinthians 10:5; "*...bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*" When our every thought is controlled by the desire to be obedient to Christ in all things we will be able to exercise the self-control expected of followers of Christ.

- by James Hahn