

Those to Serve

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

Sentence Sermons

- If you want to reap friendship, sow courtesy.
- When you ask God for guidance, don't complain when it differs from your own personal preference.
- Real charity does not care if it is tax deductible or not.
- Like all liquids that seek a lower level, alcohol takes the drinker down with it as it seeks a lower level.

Prayer List:

Odell Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

November 11th

Veteran's Day

November 25th

Thanksgiving Day

November 28th

Noon Fellowship

December 5th

Mission Sunday

December 7th

Pearl Harbor

Happy Birthday

Jorge Garza Nov. 12th
Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th
Calvin Burks Nov. 26th
Linda Houts Nov. 28th
Lynette Vann Dec. 14th
Virginia Lovell Dec. 19th
Kevin Grant Dec. 24th
Letha Sheldon Dec. 25th

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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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Secret Sin

Since Cain killed Abel, people have been trying to hide their sins from God and those around them. That's why Cain lured Abel to go out to the field with him (Gen. 4.6). No one would see what he was going to do. No one would know about it. Even when God asked Cain about his brother, he tried to deflect responsibility and truth by saying, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen. 4.9). God gave him a chance to admit his sin. He had urged him to do what is right and to master his sin (Gen. 4.7). But Cain, like the rest of us, chose to try to keep it secret.

Of course, he couldn't. God sees and knows everything, and had to punish Cain because of his sin. Cain, like his parents when they sinned, was sent away from the Lord's presence (Gen. 4.16). Yet, from the time of Cain until this very moment, people from all generations, cultures and nations have attempted to hide their "secret" sins from God and each other, and have suffered the same result ... separation from God.

The Bible is filled with warnings about secret sins. "You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence" (Psalm 90.8). "The sons of Israel did things secretly which were not right against the Lord" (2 Kings 17.9). "Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the Lord, and whose deeds are done in a dark place" (Isa. 29.15). "It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret" (Eph. 5.12). "Everyone who does evil hates the light ... for fear that his deeds will be exposed" (John 3.20). Thus, the admonition, "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Rom. 13.12).

With our laptops, tablets and smart phones, secret sin is easier than ever to conceal. But the availability of pornography, vulgarity and impurity on these devices also makes it easier for others to view that as a greater evil, and to ignore the secret sins they practice: envy, gossip, hatred, anger, slander, greed, etc. As with Cain, the opportunity to sin (secretly or otherwise) is only a part of the temptation. A wicked and evil heart is where temptation begins. When an evil heart has an opportunity to fulfill the evil desire, that is temptation. When the heart gives in to the temptation, that is when sin is committed (James 1.14-15).

There is no such things as secret sin in God's eyes (Num. 32.23). All sin must be confessed and covered with the blood of Jesus to avoid separation from God. Cain had an opportunity to master his sin, but chose otherwise. What about you? **By Joe Chesser**

A Little Fire Does A Lot

By Bill Brandstatter

I am amazed by the wildfires in California. As they are burning, we are seeing the smoke in Illinois. The fires started small as fires always do and grew to be huge. The effects are being seen hundreds of miles away.

James describes our tongues as fire. He mentions; "How great a forest a little fire kindles!" (James 3:5b) It is true, isn't it? Sometimes the smallest remark will produce a great response. Something little that is no big deal can grow quickly and become something prominent. Jesus described how idle words will meet us at the judgment. Those words may be little in size but are big in result. (Matt. 12:23-24)

Let us learn how to answer all people in all situations (Col. 4:6). Paul notes that what we say should provide "grace to the hearers."

Let us try to make little words become big words. Simple words like "Thank you,"; "You're welcome"; "Excuse Me"; "Hope you don't mind;" "Pardon me" are all small words but they make a big difference.

Let us try to use the small words mentioned above in places we never used them before. Do you and your spouse say, "Please" and "thank you" to each other? Do husbands and wives say "You're welcome" to each other? They should. A little bit goes a long way. If you don't currently do that, try it and see the effect it will have. It might make a difference in your marriage. It might make a difference in your home and family. It might make a big difference in the world. "How great a forest a little fire kindles!"