

Those to Serve

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

Quotes & Sayings

- *"After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him... The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut." ~ Will Rogers*
- *"I would love to see Mr. (Henry) Ford in there, really. I don't know who started the idea that a President must be a Politician instead of a Business man. A Politician can't run any other kind of business. So there is no reason why he can run the U.S. That's the biggest single business in the World." ~ Will Rogers*

Prayer List:

Tammy Parker
Harold Green
Mike Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

February 21st

Presidents' Day

February 27th

Noon Fellowship

March 6th

Mission Sunday

March 13th

*Men's Business Meeting &
Daylight Savings Time Begins*

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

March 20th

Spring Begins

Happy Birthday

Eloisa Garza March 2nd

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Connie Mallett April 30th

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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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Christian Math

I remember sitting in my high school algebra class thinking to myself, "When am I ever going to use this stuff again after this class?" If you have ever asked yourself the same question I am happy to say I now have the answer—it is when your child is going through the same thing. My 5th grade daughter is studying economics and algebra; supply and demand, competition, $2n + 12 = 18$. I am dredging the recesses of my brain to come up with the tools to help her. Maybe I've forgotten the terms. Maybe, I never knew the terms. No matter what it is, lucky for me the rules stay the same even if I can't remember the terminology. So, how about some Christian math and economics...

To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less" (John 3:27-30).

John's disciples had come to him worried because Jesus was gaining a greater following than their mentor, hence his statement. The principals that John the Baptist understood and stated here are the essentials of Christian math. John understood that if Jesus were to become greater then he would have to become less. Furthermore, he was content with that because John had done what he needed to do—prepare the way for the Messiah.

Interestingly enough, John's Christian math is exactly what must take place today in our own lives. When we become a child of God, the growth that takes place has to be more of Christ and less of ourselves. Granted, this is not an easy equation. There is a competition raging in me much as Paul describes in Romans 7. It is hard to overcome the selfish desires in my life, even though those desires are the ones that inevitably make my life less than what it could be.

If you have some of the same struggles with self as I do here is some Christian economics I often need to refresh in my mind...

God supply > My needs.

God supply is greater than my needs. His love is greater, His blessings are greater, His plans are greater than mine. I need to get my Christian math to the point in which I have more of Christ living in me than there is of my own desires. Then, God's awesome supply far outdistances my demand. This aim is a balance that is good for me and everyone I come in contact with.

Wade McKnight

Keeping Out Of Ditches!

I grew up on a farm in Collingsworth County, Texas back in the 40's. We didn't have many paved roads in those days. When it rained, we had to be very careful to keep out of ditches on both sides of the road. Often in trying to keep out of one ditch, it would be easy to oversteer and end up across the muddy road in the other ditch.

A Valuable Lesson Learned

A valuable lesson can be learned from the above experience. As Christians, we must realize that there are "**ditches**" on both sides of the spiritual road. On side is the "**ditch**" of liberalism. John wrote: "**Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son**" (2 John 9). In our day, some in the Lord's church are heading toward, or are already in that "**ditch**" of liberalism, ignoring the plain teachings of God's Word.

But the other "**ditch**" is just as dangerous. In keeping out of the "**ditch**" of liberalism, there are those in the church who may begin to bind where the Lord has not bound and look upon all with an unfavorable attitude who do not follow (or agree with) their ideas, opinions, or philosophies, even though they are not substantiated (or authorized) by God's Word. Some even pull off from faithful congregations and begin new congregations following their ideas, opinions, or philosophies.

Conclusion

How is a Christian to keep out of either "**ditch**"? One must strive to stay in the "**center**" of God's Will, ever studying His Word and praying for wisdom to follow it, neither adding to nor taking from it. "**Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you**" (Deuteronomy 4:2). By Mike Riley