

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

Vernon Houts
Theresa Pruett
Wanda Kitchens
Jorge Garza
Joyce Windham
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Happy Anniversary

May 24th
Dalton & Crystal Vann
May 31st
John & Michele Jones

Happy Birthday

Coryell Day May 7th
Michael Flores May 14th
Jana Wall May 18th
Michael Payne May 23rd
Cassidy Stapp June 2nd
Warren miller June 15th

Guest Speakers

May 4th

*Anthony Martinez
& wife Becky Martinez
From Azle, TX*

*There will be a noon
Fellowship on May 5th.*

May 11th

*Gerald Hardesty
& wife Beverly*

May 18th

*Adan Hernandez
& wife Karen & daughter Raquel*

May 25th

*Shawn Paden & wife Jennifer,
and family Mya, Seth & Gwenall*

May 4th

Mission Sunday
Noon Fellowship Meal

May 11th

Mother's Day

May 25th

Noon Fellowship

May 23rd

Evant Graduation

May 26th

Memorial Day

Quotes

By Abraham Lincoln

- Destroy your enemy by making him your friend.
- I would rather be a little nobody, then to be a evil somebody.

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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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Winning Last Place

We live in a society that is sports crazy. We love football and fishing, racing and wrestling, soccer and softball -- not to mention baseball, basketball and golf. Nearly all of us have had the experience of cheering for our team or favorite player to win, whether the contest was professional, college, high school or just the youth league team that our child or grandchild played on. And many of us have participated in sports ourselves. We've personally experienced "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

From a spiritual perspective, sports are not necessarily a bad thing. According to the Bible, sports teach us important lessons about disciplining ourselves when striving for a goal (1 Corinthians 9:24-27), playing by the rules (2 Timothy 2:5), and running with endurance (Hebrews 12:1). Obviously, we can allow sports to become a bad thing if we place too much importance on them or allow them to crowd out spiritual concerns. But sports can also impact us negatively in other ways. They can train us to be too competitive, self-seeking, and ambitious – too concerned with winning at all costs.

In most sports competitions, everyone wants first place. But there are times in the life of every Christian when he should seek last place. In Mark 9:35, Jesus told the twelve apostles, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." Jesus condemned the scribes and Pharisees because "They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues" (Matthew 23:6). He told His disciples, "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place . . ." (Luke 14:10).

The Bible reveals that we should be striving to win last place in our relationships with others! "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." (Philippians 2:3). ". . . Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."" (1 Peter 5:5). ". . . Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion." (Romans 12:16). Here are some practical suggestions for winning last place. The next time that you disagree with a brother in an area of judgment or opinion, insist that your brother get his way.

The next time that your wife or husband neglects to do a chore that merely benefits you, do it yourself. The next time they are looking for a volunteer at work to do some menial task, volunteer! Win last place! -

by Steve Klein

The Wheelbarrow in the Garage

Traveling evangelist Billy Sunday (1862-1935) once said, "Going to church don't make anybody a Christian, any more than taking a wheelbarrow into a garage makes it an automobile." There is plenty of truth here. The land is filled with church-going people who are less than they should be. They claim to be Christians, but their lives don't show it. In *The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne said that "No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true." The hypocritical life eventually catches up with even the most skillful of hypocrites.

Just "going to church" will not make anyone a Christian, but neither does staying away from church make anyone any better. There are hypocrites at church each Sunday morning, but there are even bigger hypocrites staying home, pretending that what they are doing is more important than meeting with the saints for worship. Even if some of the saints seem more like "ain'ts," why would anyone who claims to have any interest in the things of God not be in worship?

Hebrews 10:23-25 reminds us of our responsibilities in worship. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." When we assemble together, we must consider one another by provoking to love and good works, as well as exhorting one another. Power words like "provoking" and "exhorting" indicates that this is serious business.

There's more to the story, though. The verses immediately following in Hebrews 10 warn, "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" (10:26-29). It is a serious thing to forsake the assembly of the saints!

Bob Prichard