

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

James Lovell
Michael Payne
Valerie Garza
Virginia Lovell
Vernon & Linda Houts
Wanda Kitchens
Jorge Garza
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

April 26th

Noon Fellowship

May 3rd

Mission Fund

May 10th

Mother's Day

May 25th

Memorial Day

May 31st

Noon Fellowship

June 7th

Mission Sunday

Happy Anniversary

June 5th

Bill & Dorothy Lewis

July 10

Kevin & Judy Grant

Happy Birthday

Connie Mallett April 30th

Coryell Day May 7th

Michael Flores May 14th

Jana Wall May 18th

Michael Payne May 23rd

Cassidy Stapp June 2

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY (Phil. 2:12; 3:13, 14; 4:13)- Blaming others, parents, or the environment for one's difficulties or experiences in life is unreasonable (**Ex. 32:22-24; Luke 14:28**). Failing to accept the consequences of one's behavior is immaturity (**cf. 1 Cor. 3:1-2; 13:11; 14:20**). One should own up to taking responsibility for changing weaknesses into strengths. N.B. Hardeman said, "The best place to pray for potatoes is at the end of a hoe handle." What was his point? Prayer is more effective when coupled with action.

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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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Tears Of The Poor

Thomas Carlyle once said, “The tears of the poor are the best epitaph of the dead.” Long ago King Solomon stated, “The righteous considers the cause of the poor” (**Proverbs 29:7**) and “He that has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and that which he has given He will pay to him again” (**Proverbs 19:17**).

One of my college professors was walking across a parking lot with another student when they were approached by a man asking for financial help. The student reached in his pocket and gave the beggar some money. The professor, a bit taken back by the unquestioning generosity of the student, asked, “Do you always do that?” The student answered affirmatively. When asked why he would give to a beggar who might misuse the funds without questioning him, the student replied, “I would rather err on the side of mercy than on the side of justice.”

Giving to the poor is like “lending” to the Lord. God will repay what the poor cannot repay. The story of the Good Samaritan (**Luke 10:30-37**) outlines three possible attitudes toward those in need. **First**, we may actively hurt or oppress them. **Second**, we may actively help them. And, **third**, we may completely ignore them. The robbers inflicted harm upon the traveler. The Samaritan showed active compassion in helping the man. But, the priest and Levite were simply indifferent toward him.

Few of us would inflict harm on the poor or needy., but ignoring them is easy to do. But it is not the spirit of Jesus who said He had come to preach good news to the poor. Solomon commended the “virtuous” woman as one who “stretches out her hand to the poor...she extends her hands to the needy” (**Proverbs 31:20**).

God does not bless me so I can be rich. He blesses me so I can be a servant. Each gift is a sacred trust. The extended hand is filled with compassion for the needy. Many around us are suffering. We are the body of Christ. That means we are his eyes that see their needs, his heart that feels compassion, and his hands that serve their needs. Many of those needs are for emotional and spiritual support as well as physical.

God has no other hands, no other eyes, no other hearts, no other servants to make a difference to our world. He is counting on us to deliver a message of redemptive love and grace, and to lift hearts and lives that are struggling around us.

By Al Behel

Don't Believe Everything!

I recently received a letter in the mail that promised me a large sum of money. It was sent by air mail. It was written on official-looking stationery and bore an official-looking stamp. It bore the logo and name of an attorney. It said that I had been appointed trustee, executor and beneficiary of a woman's estate. It said that I could use the money for my personal needs as well as for my ministry. It also said that all I had to begin this process was to respond via email and give them my phone number.

Before going any farther, I have a question: Do you think I am going to respond to this letter? If you do, you must think I am very gullible. I will not respond because of the following.:

- Though I have not received a hard-copy letter quite like this, I have seen letters like it sent via email.
- It is from a foreign country, from some “law firm” about which I have no knowledge.
- It is about a person, with which I have had no relationship.
- The stamp is not an official, “raised-letter” stamp, but a copy, with very unofficial language on it.
- There is the very impersonal address: “Attention Beneficiary.”
- It proposes an exorbitant amount of money (\$5,000, 000) to me and my ministry.

As you might have guessed this is almost certainly an attempt to retrieve personal information from me in order to steal my identity. I think most people would agree with me and would not take the chance and respond.

However, some of the people who might not respond to such a “phishing” attempt, might follow a religious teacher who does some of the same types of things. That teacher may use the Bible to teach a false doctrine. That teacher may propose something as appealing as \$5,000,000—eternal life (or at least, great happiness in this life). That teacher may “package” his false message in persuasive words and a well-spoken presentation. That teacher may “prove” his points by emotional appeal and popular opinion. That teacher may give you permission to live or worship in a way you believe to be wrong. (**Read Galatians 1:6-9.**) That teacher may tell you that your previous teachers were old-fashioned and unenlightened.

The way to avoid such deception is to test the message and the sender. “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they come from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world” (**1 John 4:1, ESV**). There is an old saying: “If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is.”

By Lance Cordle