

Those to Serve

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

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 27th

Noon Fellowship

October 4th

Mission Sunday

October 11th

Men's Business Meeting

October 25th

Noon Fellowship

November 1st

Mission Sunday

Happy Anniversary

October 2nd

Corey & Mattie Tackett

Happy Birthday

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Judd Wall Oct. 10th

Mike Mallett Oct 21st

Ruby Jones Oct. 24th

Sharon Boatwright Oct. 27th

Prayer List:

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

Role Models

"He who walks with wise men will be wise. But the companion of fools will be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20, NKJV).

It has been said by some professional athletes that they desire not to be role models. When I hear this I marvel at the naiveté because each person is influential to some varying degree, and it can't be anything but this way. Thus we can't control whether or not we are influential, but we can control what others see and hear in us. The wise one gains wisdom from the wise, and the righteous one gains righteous wisdom from One who is the standard of righteousness (John 14:6). The fool, on the other hand, is also influential, but his influence not only destroys himself—it leads to the destruction of others who follow in his footsteps.

By Ron Thomas

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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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They Really Needed That

An elderly woman, who lived just a block from the church, never missed a Sunday service for most of her life. Each week, as she greeted the preacher after church, she would always say, "Preacher, that was a wonderful sermon. THEY really needed that!"

One cold winter day, after a heavy snowfall with most of the town buried in deep drifts, she was the only one who showed up for church. The preacher decided that he would take advantage of the situation by preaching a sermon on the evils of being self-righteous and hypocritical.

As she left the church, the woman greeted the preacher as usual and exclaimed, "Preacher, that was one of the best sermons you ever preached. It was really great. It's too bad THEY weren't here. THEY really needed to hear that!"

Are we guilty of applying Bible teachings to others but not to ourselves? It is easy sometimes to fall into the trap of not seeing our own sins but seeing those of others.

Matthew 7:1-5 "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

The Bible directs commands specific to individuals on how they are to act. Husbands/wives; slaves/masters; parents/children; saints/sinners; elders/deacons; etc. the scriptures are intending for us to apply them to ourselves personally not to others.

We only profit from the scriptures when we apply them personally.

Hebrews 4:1-2 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

May we all strive to take the scriptures personally and apply them to ourselves as God intended.

By Larry Pasley

The Importance of Reputation

A recent Wall Street Journal interview with Google CEO Eric Schmidt revealed some disturbing realities about privacy and reputations in the digital age.

The Google CEO says you may have to change your name to escape your past.

The Internet-search-engine-giant's CEO stated, "I don't believe society understands what happens when everything is available, knowable, and recorded by everyone all the time." Because records are kept of all of your internet activity including internet searches, websites visited, and social networking posts, the indiscretions within the cyber world will scar your reputation and follow you throughout life. It is well known that many employers today will check social networking sites (such as twitter, Facebook, and MySpace) to evaluate the character of a prospect before serious consideration for hire. Google's CEO stated that the only way to "escape" such a wounded reputation in the future will be to legally change your name!

Rather than trying to do "reputation damage control" after the fact, it would be far better to guard your reputation from being ruined in the first place. Scripture teaches us the importance of having a good reputation. The writer of Proverbs gives the true life-principle, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold" (Proverbs 22:1).

The Preacher of the book of Ecclesiastes seconds this advice, "A good name is better than precious ointment" (Ecclesiastes 7:1). As Christians we must care about our reputations. We should put a high priority upon the value of our reputations.

We all make mistakes in the days of our youthfulness that we regret. David prayed to God, "Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions..." (Psalm 25:7). However, there is no excuse for "sowing wild oats" because we are young. God does not excuse the indiscretions of youth.

Accountable young people must realize there are consequences to their choices--even choices made on-line. The young man Joseph is elevated in Scripture as a young man who continued to seek God when in a foreign land (Genesis 39:9).

Likewise the young men Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego realized that they were accountable to God even when not around their parents (Daniel 1:8).

Actions have consequences. We reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7). We are to "sow for yourselves righteousness" (Hosea 10:12). If you sow to the wind, you can expect to reap a whirlwind (Hosea 8:7). May we all, both young and old, realize the importance of our reputations.

By Jonathan B. Jones II