

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mallett

(FV) Mike Lovell

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Jorge Garza

1st prayer Calvin Burks

2nd prayer Keith Stifflemire

Announcements: Jack Wall

Singing: Judd Wall

July 31th

Noon Fellowship

August 7th

Mission Sunday

August 19th

First day of School-Evant

August 28th

Noon Fellowship

September 4th

Mission Sunday

September 5th

Labor Day

Happy Anniversary

July 25th

Valerie & Jorge Garza

Happy Birthday

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindy Wall August 26th

Prayer List:

Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)

Mona Lancaster

Cheryl Burks

Mike Mallett

Mark Kirby

Virginia Lovell

Dora Martinez

Letha Sheldon

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

Sentence Sermons

- *You should never graduate from the school of experience as long as you live.*
- *Treasures in heaven are laid up when treasures on earth are laid down.*
- *A kind word picks a man up when trouble weighs him down.*
- *Nothing can hold liquor like a bottle, so why not leave it in the bottle?*
- *Sin will take you farther than you want to go, will keep you longer than you want to stay, and will cost you more than you want pay.*

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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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The Foundation of Respect for Others

Dishonesty, drug trafficking, sexual sins, murder, terrorism and a host of assaults against humanity continue to eat away at the foundation of our nation. Can such spiritual erosion ever be checked? The question was asked in Psalms 11:3, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" By "foundations," reference is obviously made to the principles and values that undergird the nation, and the worthy institutions, such as the homes and churches, that characterize the nation. No nation can be stronger than its guiding principles. We have been fortunate to live in a country blessed by those who came before us with a respect for God and His word, as revealed within the Bible. In the past few decades, this respect has been waning, with the result of increased lawlessness and violence, causing many to question the future of our republic and our freedoms.

When we take our eyes off God's word, we soon forget who we are—creatures of God's making, as Genesis 1:27 states it, we are made "in the image of God." This realization should produce a respect for ourselves, and also for others. Respect for self and respect for others are inseparable twins. Jesus summarized the principles of God's Law with two commands: (1) "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind;" and (2) "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:36-40). We cannot truly love God until we learn to love those whom God loves, and for whom Christ died. Nor can we truly love and respect ourselves if, in life, we are trampling others under foot. Dishonesty, thoughtlessness, broken homes, thievery, adultery, murder, rape and a host of other social problems have their roots in the fact that respect for others and a respect for self are missing in the lives of many. It is easier for us to attempt to blame guns for increasing acts of widespread violence, than it is to admit that, as a nation, we have lost respect for God, self and others. When a culture becomes so self-centered that people are used and abused for selfish reasons, that society is in trouble. The commandments commanding the honoring of parents, and forbidding murder, adultery, stealing, bearing false witness and coveting a neighbor's wife and possessions (Exodus 20:12-17) are there to teach us respect for others.

How do we know when we love our neighbors as we love ourselves? I believe Jesus gave us the answer to that question in what is popularly known as the "Golden Rule": "Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12). What a different and better world this would be if all could learn respect for others.

By Ron Bartanen

Pay Attention to the Adjectives

It's been a long time since I have been in English class. I sure do wish I had paid better attention then – I honestly believe that it would have greatly improved my Bible reading and study today. One aspect of grammar I do not remember studying much is the adjective (I must have slept through that whole semester!). An adjective is "a word used to describe or modify a noun," such as "white" in the phrase "a white house."

Now that our English primer is over, let's go to the Bible. I wonder sometimes if we pay too much attention to the nouns and too little to the adjectives when we read the Word of God. Contemplating the adjectives can bring the message of the Scriptures into full flavor.

Take for example 1 Peter 2, where we read that each Christian is a stone (v.5), house (v.5), generation (v.9), priest (v.9), nation (v.9), and person (v.9) of God. While these should hold great meaning for us, please don't skip over the adjectives. Pay attention to what they add to the text. Christians are **living** stones, **spiritual** houses, a **chosen** generation, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation, and His own **special** people.

Through the sacrifice of Christ, God is the one who can make us alive, immortal, elect, important, blameless, and exceptional. Because of this, it shouldn't be hard to remind ourselves of another adjective in 1 Peter 2 – that of concerning His "marvelous light" (i.e. salvation), and that should give us reason to "proclaim the praises of Him." (v.9).

By Edd Sterchi