

Encourage Yourself

In reviewing our day, we look for the positive things we have done and the successes we have achieved. We take stock of what our Power has provided for us and take the opportunity to be grateful for it. We accept ourselves each day, whether we have done well or have slipped back into old habits. We try not to be discouraged if we fall short of our ideals. These disciplines are part of our new way of life and we cannot expect to do them perfectly every time. We gain confidence in our new way of life by continual practice. We continue to watch for the self-centeredness or egotism which causes our character defects.

Perseverance	2 Timothy 2:1-8
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The apostle Paul used three illustrations to teach about perseverance. He wrote to Timothy: "Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. And athletes can't not win the prize unless they follow the rules. And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things" (2 Timothy 2:3-7).

Strength in Christ	2 Timothy 2:1-2
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Let the Past Go	2 Timothy 4:5-15
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Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). The path to freedom always leads to the truth, even the truth about the past. The apostle Paul once wrote to young Timothy: "Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done" (2 Timothy 4:14). Paul stated the truth about someone who had hurt him but leaves the matter in God's hands. We, too, need to honestly accept the things that have been done to us and then let them go, leaving them in God's hands.

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CALENDAR

Sunday	10:00 am	Bible Study	At the building and live stream
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship	At the building and live stream
Sunday	4:00 pm	Walking the 12 Steps with Jesus	TBD
Wednesday	10:30 am	Senior Breakfast	At Perkins Restaurant
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bible Study	At the building
Saturday	7:00 pm	Teen Group	At the building

- May 18-20th **Montana Men's Retreat:** "Creating Communities of Conviction" at the C-N Camp near Augusta, MT. Cost is \$150 for adults, \$90 for under 19, with a late fee of \$15 after May 10th. See Bob Queenan with questions.
- May 20th **Senior Breakfast** 10:30 at the building. Seniors, caregivers, and friends are all invited. (3rd Saturday each month.)
- June 3rd **Family Days in the Park** – 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. Bring games, sports equipment, and food in picnic style. Sunnyside Park (next to EIRMC)
- June 4th **Family Days in the Park** – 10:30 am – 5:30 pm. Worship starts at 10:30, then a potluck, then games and fun –Sunnyside Park (next to EIRMC)
- Aug 6th **Area Singing** with the Pocatello Church of Christ. Details to follow.

PRAYERS

- For Gary Brush and for Melanie. Gary came through his surgery well and is resting at home. Their address is 3461 Rosewood St., Kingman, AZ 86401.
- For Briley, coping with Marfans syndrome.
- For Bobbie Knight. Bobbie Knight, IDOC # 113912, PWCC - 2 C, 1451 Fore Rd, Pocatello 83204.
- For Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- For Ryan Burns, Jordan Allbritten, and Thomas Mullinaux, serving in the armed forces. Jordan would appreciate letters of encouragement: Jordan Allbritten, 5013 A, Fort Sill, OK 73503.
- For our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, & Carolyn.

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The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

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Welcome!

We're a bible-based congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God and to support and encourage each other. All are welcome! Please join us in our worship services and classes.



Meditation for Today

Remember that the first quality of greatness is service. In a way, God is the greatest servant of all, because He is always waiting for us to call on Him to help us in all good endeavor. His strength is always available to us, but we must ask it of Him through our own free will. It is a free gift, but we must sincerely seek for it. A life of service is the finest life we can live. We are here on earth to serve others. That is the beginning and the end of our real worth.

I pray that I may cooperate with God in all good things. I pray that I may serve God and others and so lead a useful and happy life.

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