

Accountability

Bible Reading: Jude 1:20-23

As we grapple with our sins, we are likely to avoid honest communication with others about our problems. It is important, however, that we return to the relationships that will help us face the truth. Paul spoke of the value of honesty: "So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body" (Ephesians 4:25). Jude, the brother of Jesus, reminded his readers that they were to deal honestly and directly with those who were doing wrong: "Show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives" (Jude 1:22-23).

Accountability and honesty in our relationships are essential to spiritual growth. When we make ourselves accountable to others, the caring influence of godly friends can help keep us on the right track. They can provide us with an objective perspective, helping us to admit the truth. We often become isolated as a result of our shame or fear that we will be rejected if we ever reveal who we really are. Admitting our wrongs to trustworthy people helps break down the isolation.

Stand Firm with God’s Help

Jude 1:17-23 - God's Word is reliable and true. It warns us about people who might try to hinder our spiritual growth. When we learn to expect such people, we can prepare to stand firm against the temptations they bring us. By learning to recognize our weaknesses, walking humbly, and depending on the Holy Spirit's guidance, we can shun the things that tear us down. When we encourage others, the story we tell must be clear and consistent with our lifestyle. We can share God's message of hope by showing others the kind of selfless love that God has already shown to us. We cannot live this way under our own power; we can do it only by receiving the power God offers through his Holy Spirit.

Avoid Temptations

Jude 1:14-16 - Jude reminded his readers that the false teachers among them would suffer terrible consequences for their selfish and sinful lifestyle. We may be tempted to follow our old friends back into the "pleasures" of sinful habits. Jude's warning can help us turn away from any such temptations. If we take part in destructive activities, we will be enslaved and then destroyed. If we plant seeds of righteousness by following God's will, we will receive God's blessings and help. True freedom can be found only through a vibrant relationship with God.

Just for Today the Choice is Mine

Just for today I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. If anyone knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least one thing I don’t want to do, and I will perform some small act of love for my neighbor.

Order of Service

#999 - The First Noel Luke 2:1-14 - Gary Hunt #1001 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing #1018 - Joy to the World Luke 2:16020 - Gary Hunt Prayer - Gary Hunt #0593 - Consider Him Lord’s Supper - ty Pope (lead) - David King (bread) - Kyle Allbritten (cup) - Les Pope (offering) Matthew 1:18-21 - Kyle Allbritten #0163 - His Name Is Wonderful	Matthew 1:22-25 - Kyle Allbritten #0167 - Hosanna #0077 - Glorify They Name John 1:1-5 - Bob Queenan #0266 - Majesty John 1:9-14 - Bob Queenan #0215 - O Lord, Our Lord Isaiah 9:6-7 - John Felushko Invitation - John Felushko #0250 - The Great Redeemer Announcements - Bob Queenan Closing Prayer - Daniål King
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Meditation for the Day

Build your life on the firm foundation of true gratitude to God for all His blessings and true humility because of your unworthiness of these blessings. Build the frame of your life out of self-discipline; never let yourself get selfish or lazy or contented with yourself. Build the walls of your life out of service to others, helping them to find the way to live. Build the roof of your life out of prayer and quiet times, waiting for God’s guidance from above. Build a garden around your life out of peace of mind and serenity and a sure faith.

Bible Quiz

1. In which book do we read the story of the birth of Moses?
2. What archeological discovery identified ten long-lived pre-flood kings?
3. What tribe relaced the tribe of Dan in Revelations 7?
4. What man watched as angel ascend to heaven in a flame?
5. Finish the following quotations of Paul: “For to me, to live is Christ ... ”
6. Finish the following quotation of Jesus with one word: “I and the Father are ...”

Announcements

- The Burns family has Covid in the house. They'll be quarantining until early January.
- Looking for Photos of 2021: Do you have some photos from the past year for moments we shared in our church family? Help participants in Leadership Training for Christ create a scrapbook of memories for our church family by sharing photos with us. Possibilities include senior breakfast, bible class, youth camps, potlucks, worship services, etc. Please give photos to Tanya Barber or Jamie Odle, or you can send electronic files or links to IdahoFallsLTC@gmail.com. Thank you for your help
- There will be no Pew Packers until January 9th.
- Bobbie Knight would appreciate cards & letters: Bonneville County Jail, Bobbie Knight #36204, PO Box 2966, San Antonio, TX 78299-2966. They scan the letters in and Bobbie can read them on a pad. If you want to text directly, video chat, or send packages, please talk to Bob Queenan about how.
- **Bulletin Updates:** please email to bob_queenan@yahoo.com or text 208-403-3547.

Calendar

Jan 22nd Senior Fellowship Breakfast @ 10:30 at the building. (Yes, 10:30.) Seniors, pre-seniors, caregivers, and support folks welcome. Even Danial!

Prayers and Praise

- Pray for Kay’s nephew Jeremy: he has been moved back into ICU because he developed Diverticulitis. His wife, Amy, says it has caused blood poisoning. They are now trying to stay ahead of the infection.
- Pray for Cody Lanford’s friend Lathan, having health issues.
- Pray for our school kids, coping with changing circumstances.
- Pray for Brenda & Gene, sheltering at home.
- Pray for Will & Jeri, sheltering at home.
- Pray for Caleb, training at AIM through March and then serving the Lord in Arlington, Texas.
- Pray for Harry & Barb’s daughter Crystal, for encouragement.
- Pray for Harry, coping with medical issues.
- Pray for Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- Pray for Jordan and Thomas, serving in the armed forces.
- Pray for our widows: Bonnie, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Millie & Carolyn.

Bible Quiz Answers
1-Exodus (2:1-10)
2-The Weld Prism
3-Manasseh (Rev 7)
4-Manoah (Judges 13:20)
5-“...and to die is gain.”
(Philippians 1:21)
6-“...one.” (John 10:30)

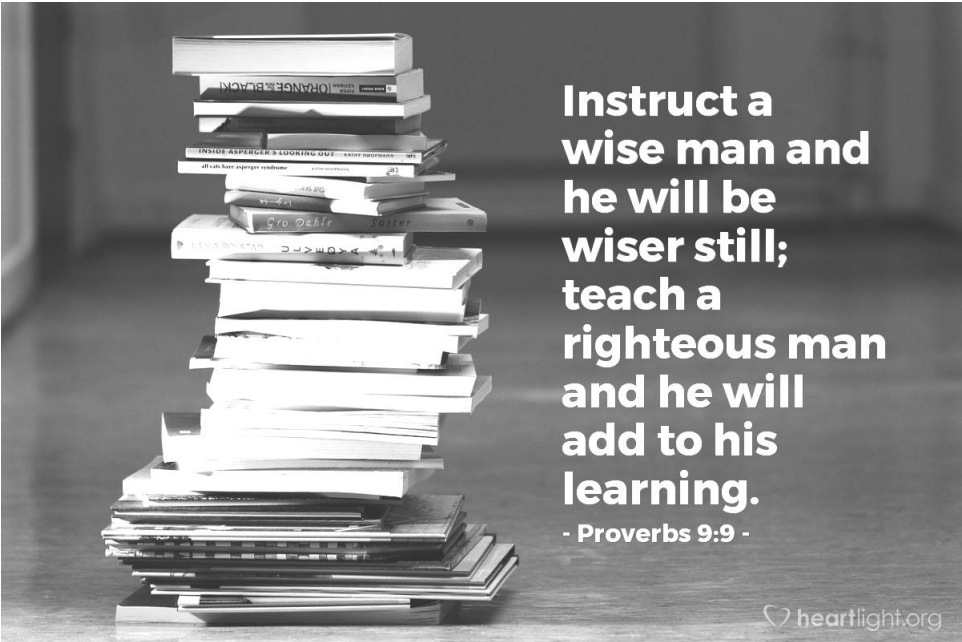
The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

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Welcome!

We’re a bible-based and non-denominational congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls. All are welcome! Please join us in our worship services and classes.

Sun10:00 am.... Bible Studyat the church and live stream
Sun11:00 am.... Worship Serviceat the church and live stream
Wed.....10:30 am.... Senior Breakfastat Perkins
Wed.....6:00 pm Fellowship Mealat the building
Wed.....7:00 pm Bible Studyat the building



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