

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Attitudes

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Ralph Campbell, Josiah, Wayne and Cathy, Helen Spicer, Peggy, Katy Gilbert (Bill Beebe's niece) has Covid . All health care providers

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Ben, Carla and family are in TN for a couple of months.

Friday Evening Class: The location of the Friday evening class for this week will be determined.

Breakfast Meeting: We will have a breakfast meeting Saturday November 14 at 8:30 AM. It will be held at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant again.

Young Men's Training: There will be a young men's training class at the church's building beginning immediately after the breakfast meeting on Saturday November 14, 2020.

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program and our "One Minute for God" series which airs three times a day six days a week on KMBQ 99.7.

Today's Scripture: "And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's keeper?" **Genesis 4:9 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips." **Job 2:9-10 (KJV 1900)**

Attendance Last Sunday 76: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Attitudes

We have all seen people with poor attitudes. It seems that no matter what happens to them, they can find something in it that they can complain about. A person like this, even if he/she was gifted with a million dollars, would have something bad to say about it. It may be something like "They could have given this to me when I was younger and could enjoy it." Or, "I just wish people would stop asking me for loans." On the other hand we have also known people with good attitudes. These people seem to find the good in any event that happens in their lives. When they are faced with poverty, they recognize that what they have is a blessing even when it is barely enough to keep them alive. When faced with obstacles in life, they consider them to be an opportunity to learn and become better persons. But we can also have poor or good attitudes toward education and knowledge. Some look at education as a giant waste of time while others view it as an opportunity to expand their minds and gain knowledge. In this, we can see how a person's attitude impacts their views on teaching. A person who has a poor attitude toward learning will not confront false teachers; on the other hand a person with a good attitude toward learning will want to know that what is taught is the truth. They will behave this way because their attitude will not allow them to tolerate false teachings.

We have examples of both attitudes in the Bible. In the case of people with a poor attitude toward learning all we have to do is look to the Pharisees at the time of Jesus. They not only tolerated false teaching, but were intolerant of the truth. Their attitude toward learning was such that they rejected the truth even when faced directly with it. This is what they did in **Matthew 12:1-15 (KJV)** "At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synaogogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?"

Sermon by: Tom Betti ; Article by: Bill Beebe

How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; Even faced with uncontroversial evidence of the truth in Jesus's words, they would rather kill him than change their beliefs.

On the other hand, there is Saul of Tarsus. Saul was a Pharisee and an ardent persecutor of Christians. He stood with those who stoned Stephen to death, he received an arrest warrant and pursued Christians to Damascus. But near Damascus, he met Jesus just before entering the city. When Saul was faced with evidence of the veracity of Jesus and His deity, his attitude was directly opposite those of the Pharisees who challenged Jesus over picking grain on the Sabbath. He was led into the city and spent three days fasting and in prayer. When Ananias was sent by Jesus to tell him what to do, Saul didn't hesitate. He was baptized, becoming a Christian and was one of the most effective proponents for Jesus in history. Becoming known as the Apostle Paul, he wrote a majority of the New Testament, established churches throughout the Middle East, Asia and Europe including the church's in Corinth, Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Colossae, and Hierapolis and at least four others and maybe more. And these churches were responsible for starting others. So it is really impossible to determine his influence in the first century in directly starting churches, nor in the centuries that followed through his writings.

Paul's attitude was such that he was willing to make a major change in his belief system, something that not many of us are willing or maybe even capable of doing. Paul was intolerant of false teaching. His attitude toward this was so strong that he confronted his own countrymen when they began to teach that Gentile men had to be circumcised as well as being baptized in order to be Christians. "And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question." Acts 15:1-2 (KJV)

Which one of these examples would describe you? Are you willing to tolerate false teaching because your attitude toward learning is poor? Are you unwilling to change when faced with the truth? Or will you stand up for the truth like Paul did, even if it means a major shift in your personal belief system?