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**Sundays**  
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM  
 Worship.....6:00 PM

**Wednesdays**  
 Bible Study.....7:30 PM

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Goals For 2021  
Theme  
 A Church with a Mind to Work  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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**Brian Anderson will be preaching today.**

***We are now in week #41 of our Daily Bible Reading.***

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn Maudlin's father  
 Pam Caudill  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 The Wards & Beth McFarland  
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas  
 Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewellen  
 Roseanne Denison, Mark Maudlin

**Benevolence: Ps. 112:9, Prov. 14:31, Acts 11:29**

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Rom. 5:6-10

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Acts 6:1-6  
 PM: Psalm 100

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 0  
 Invites last month: 8  
 Visitors YTD: 14

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**Things Not Around In The Apostle's Days**

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

**Intro:** Our theme is a church with a mind to work. This month we're looking at Benevolence. Benevolence is defined as "The disposition to do good; good will; kindness; charitableness, An act of kindness; a good done; charity given." We're going to discuss this lesson this morning and touch on how the Apostle's set things up in the church. For instance, there were no:

- I. Instrumental Music**  
 Ps 81:1-4, 2 Chron. 29:25, Eph. 5:19  
 Col. 3:16, Heb. 2:12
- II. Church Supported Missionary Societies**  
 Mt 28:19, Mk 16:15, I Cor. 9:14  
 Phil. 4:15ff, 2 Cor. 11:8
- III. Sponsoring Church Arrangements**  
 Acts 14:23; 20:28, I Pet. 5:1-2
- IV. Church Supported Homes or Organizations**  
 I Cor. 16:1-2, Acts 6:1-3, I Tim. 5:5, 9-11  
 I Tim. 5:16, Gal. 6:10, 1-8, Js 1:26-27
- V. Fellowship Halls or Other Carnal Pursuits**  
 Jn 18:36, Rom 14:17, I Cor. 11:22, 34  
 I Pet. 2:5, I Tim. 3:15, Acts 6:2, I Thes 1:8
- VI. Fellowship With Denominations**  
 Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:22-23, Eph. 4:4, Jude 3  
 Eph. 4:5, Gal. 1:23, Rom. 1:5, Gal. 1:8-9  
 I Cor 7:17, Phil 3:16, Acts 2:42, 2 Tim. 3:16  
 Jn 17:20-21, I Cor. 1:10-13, 2 Jn 9-11  
 Acts 9:29; 17:17

## An Identity Crisis

**Intro:** In the world today there seems to be a lot of confusion about who we are. We have even gotten to the point where we don't know who are the boys and who are the girls. If we're not careful the church can have an identity crisis. Let's remind ourselves this evening who we are.

### I. Sheep of His \_\_\_\_\_

Ps 100:3, Jn 10:11-13, Ps 23, Deut. 33:27  
Ps 18:2; 95:7, Jn 10:27, Jer. 10:23  
Prov. 14:12, 2 Cor. 5:7, Rom. 10:17

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ In His Vine

Jn 15:5, 2-4, 8, Js 3:17-18, Phil. 1:11  
Col. 1:10, Titus 3:14, Mt 7:21-23  
2 Tim. 3:16-17

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ In His Army

2 Tim. 2:3-4, Eph. 6:11-13, Jude 3  
Eph. 5:11, Phil. 1:27, Eph. 6:17

### IV. Citizens of His \_\_\_\_\_

Col. 1:13, Heb. 12:23, Jn 18:37  
1 Tim. 4:16-17, Lk 17:20-21, Eph. 2:19  
Lk 6:46, Jn 12:48, Jn 3:3-5, 1 Pet 1:22-25  
2 Cor. 5:17, Gal. 3:27, Col. 2:12

### V. Children In His \_\_\_\_\_

Eph. 1:4-5, Gal. 4:4-5, Gal 3:26-27  
1 Tim. 3:15, Eph. 2:19, Gal. 5:13  
Eph. 5:21-22, 25, 1 Jn 4:11, Heb. 13:1  
Phil. 2:3-4, Eph. 5:1, Matt 5:44-45  
Rom. 8:17, 1 Pet. 1:3-4, Rom. 8:18

## Words From A Wiseman

Solomon is often called the wisest man in the Bible. As a youth, he asked God to give him wisdom, and our amazing God answered his prayer abundantly. "All the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart" (1 Kings 10:24). If we want to share in this wisdom from heaven, we must spend time meditating on the words of this wise king. Look at these four times Divine wisdom says we should not talk.

Do not talk about helping someone tomorrow when you can help today. Solomon said, "Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it,' when you have it with you" (Prov. 3:28). There are times when you may have to wait about helping another, but Solomon says help a person today if you can.

The context of these words have to do with benevolence, but the principle applies to many situation in our lives. If others ask us for spiritual help, we need to help them today! They may not come back to ask again when we do not eagerly show our willingness to help immediately.

Do not say that you will "settle the score" with a person who has wronged you. "Do not say, 'I will recompense evil'; wait for the Lord, and He will save you" (Prov. 20:22). One truth taught repeatedly in the Bible is that no one will ever get away with doing evil. Paul says it this way, "God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Gal. 6:7). How can you turn the other cheek? How can you give food and drink to an enemy? It's very simple. Vengeance belongs to the Lord, and He will always repay (Rom. 12:19). There is no need for us to preempt God.

Do not say that you will treat others the way they are treating you. Listen to Solomon again. "Do not say, 'I will do to him just as he has done to me, I will render to the man according to his work'" (Prov. 24:29). These words are diametrically opposed to the "Golden Rule" given by Jesus. Treating others like they treat you is a message from Satan. We live by a much higher rule, putting ourselves in their place.

Do not say that the past is better than the present. Solomon said, "Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than these?'" For you do not inquire wisely concerning this" (Ecc. 7:10). It is not wrong to remember the past, but it is foolish to live in the past. Things are always changing, and while some things in the past seem better, we must live in the present world.

Do you want to be wise like Solomon? Then take time to read what he wrote. Make his words the words which rule your life. Sometimes we talk too much!