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 Worship.....6:00 PM

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Goals For 2022
 Theme
 Be Ye Imitators of Christ
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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Mark Maudlin
Is preaching today

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

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin, Sharon Nale,
 Polly Ward , Dunn family on Les' passing
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH: Respected Scriptural Authority
 Mt. 4:3-10, 2 Tim. 2:15 Acts 20:32

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper
 Luke 22:14-23

Scripture Reading
 AM: Matt. 17:24-27
 PM: James 1:21-26

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 16
 Invites last month: 19
 Visitors YTD: 15

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Our Theme for 2022...
"Being Imitators of Christ"
 1 Cor. 11:1
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Jesus' Respect for the Scriptures

Reading: Matt.17:24-27

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, 1 Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



He Quoted Scripture
 Matthew 4:3-10
 Luke 4:18-21
 John 13: 18-20
 Matthew 21:42-44
 Matthew 22: 41-46

The Scriptures are the Will of the Father
 John 7:16-19
 John 4:34
 John 5:30
 John 6:38-39
 Matthew 26:42
 John 12:48-50

He Fulfilled Scripture
 Matthew 3:15
 Matthew 5:17-20
 Matthew 26:53-54
 John 19:28-29
 Luke 24:44

We Must Also Respect the Scriptures
 Acts 20:32
 2 Timothy 2:15
 James 1:21
 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 Galatians 1:8

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Do We Pass the “I” Test?

Scripture: James 1:21-26, 2 Peter 2:20-22, 1 Corinthians 9:27

Am I too Harsh on Others?

Matthew 7:1-6
Luke 18:9-14
James 1:21-26
2 Timothy 2:23-26

Am I Growing as a Christian?

2 Peter 3:18
2 Thessalonians 1:3
John 15:1-8
James 2:14-23
2 Timothy 2:15

Do I Use My Tongue Properly?

James 3:1-11
Matthew 12:33-37
Colossians 4:6
Proverbs 10:11, 13

Do I Encourage Others as I Should?

2 Timothy 1:16-18
Acts 4:34-37
Acts 20:32
1 Thessalonians 3:1-3

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Authority

“He who overcomes by force, hath overcome but half his foe” (John Milton).

LIKE EVERY OTHER MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING OUR OBJECTIVES, AUTHORITY IS A TOOL THAT HAS SOME INHERENT LIMITATIONS. It is always sad to see a person become frustrated trying to reach a complicated goal and begin flailing away at it with nothing more than the force of his or her authority. To be sure, there are times when authority has to be exercised, but as Milton suggests in the quotation above, if we do no more than require someone to submit to our will because we have the power to do so, we have not accomplished anywhere near all that needs to be done.

To say that authority has limitations, however, is not to say that it is not good. There is no tool in the world that is capable of doing every single job all by itself. So let’s not forget the tremendous value of authority. We must understand its limits (and even its dangers), but we shouldn’t go to the opposite extreme of throwing it away completely. Authority happens to be a very good idea — it is necessary to the functioning of human society. So we’re not thinking wisely if we think of authority as an evil thing that is always to be avoided.

Authority is subject to the law of diminishing returns. It must be used sparingly because the more it is used, the less effective it becomes. “Nothing more impairs authority than a too-frequent or indiscreet use of it. If thunder itself was to be continual, it would excite no more terror than the noise of a mill” (John Barnard).

Yet for every person who fails to *exercise* authority rightly there are probably more of us who don’t *submit* to it as we should. Authority is, after all, a two-way street. Those who are our leaders in various situations would be very grateful if we decided to respect their authority in a more constructive and cooperative manner.

As anyone knows who has ever been asked to be a leader: it is a very hard thing to do. It’s doubtful whether any part of life is more challenging. So when it comes our time to lead others in one of life’s relationships — and authority is given to us to get the job done — let us be aware that we’re being tested. The responsibility will call for the highest and best that is within us. Let us decide to pass the test.

“There is no stronger test of a man’s character than power and authority” (Plutarch).

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