

View

"...Having the eyes of your heart enlightened..." Ephesians 1:18

Thoughts To Ponder

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."
(Proverbs 28:13)

Welcome Visitors!

You are our honored guests and we are pleased that you have chosen to visit us today. Our goal is to do everything according to God's word, including respecting its silence. This is a church of Christ; we are not a denomination, not part of anything larger than this local church and we have no earthly "headquarters." The five elders oversee this work and, ultimately, we answer only to Christ. The comments you hear today are primarily aimed at our own members, as we examine Scripture and seek to be built up in our faith in Christ. If you don't understand something, please do not hesitate to ask one of the elders. We welcome and appreciate your comments and questions on any issue and especially if you see or hear anything that you feel does not corre-

Please Fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection plate. Thank you

Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:30 - Classes

Auditorium: The Gospel

10:30 - Assembly

Speaking today: Zach McGinnis

2 PM Class at the building

Room 13/14 Minor Prophets

5 PM (building)

Proverbs

Weekly Young Adult Class

5PM @ Jeff & Sara's home

Tuesday, 10 AM Class

At the building

Wednesday, 7 PM

Auditorium: The Gospel

Singing at the Folsom Care Center

3rd Sunday each month at 3:15 PM (see Grant Mulligan)

Men's Saturday Morning Meeting

7 AM, second Sunday of the month (see Tyler Wade)

Information

Children's Classes

We have classes for children from 18 months and up. Please see the map in the hallway or ask any of the members which room is appropriate for you and/or your child. There are several Bible studies in progress on Sunday afternoon and evening. Check with David Posey if you have questions.

Restrooms

There are two sets of restrooms: one off the first hallway to the right of the lobby and another at the end of the first hallway to the left. Ask anyone and they'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

For Small Children

There is a special room for nursing mothers and a separate "cry room" at the rear of the auditorium. You enter them from the first hallway to the right, across from the restrooms.

Online

You can find copies of class material and archives of previous editions of the View and listen to sermons online at www.folsom.com. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/folsomchurch>.

View & Junior View

Be sure to pick up a copy of the View and Junior View; both are sent out weekly, plus there are some hard copies printed on Sundays.

Teenagers: Deciding Early

Dee Bowman

Memory is reserved for the human family. While it is true that animals--even plants--have a sort of memory, it is not of the moral sort. Human memory is the foundation for all learning. Learning is basically piling new information on top of memory. We become quickly disquieted when we can't remember something or especially when a loved one has lost the faculty for recalling things. Memory loss is the sign of serious problems.

Moral decisions are the product of a good moral memory (II Pet. 1:12-13). Life consists in a series of judgments, comparisons and distinctions. The whole of our knowledge is greatly affected by these things; in fact, it consists of them. These judgments, comparisons, and distinctions must result in good choices for life to be rich, full, and rewarding and they are all dependent on good moral recollection. Remember when your parents told you, "remember who you are?" They were stressing the importance of your moral sense, of using what you "know" (remember) so you will be what you should.

I have jotted down some things for young people that might help as you begin to make use of this great moral faculty to make those all-important early decisions.

Remember—there is strong evidence that the habits formed in your teenage years will likely not be broken; of if they are, only with great concentration. It's vital that you make good habits early. For instance, your regular attendance at the services, your exposure to good bible instruction, your devotion to daily prayer, your dedication to piety and goodness, if they are done as a matter of course, will become a part of your life, and the devil will have considerable difficulty in wresting them away from you (compare Prov. 3:21-26). On the other hand, if you begin early to practice duplicity, dishonesty, disregard for authority, hypocrisy in your dealings with others, these become habits that may well follow you all the rest of your life (look at Prov. 4:23-27).

Remember—that you are not born good or bad; you become so only as you decide to do so. But look carefully to your natural tendencies. To be good, you must do good. To be evil, you must do evil. Your natural abilities have considerable to do with what you become. If you have a good concept

of what is evil, if you have listened carefully so that you can identify it easily, you will be far less likely to become an evil person. But you have to learn to look at yourself honestly. If you have predispositions toward certain things not in your best interests, you must decide how you're going to handle them. If you know what is good and know the value of choosing it, you will likely make good choices when temptation comes (Jas. 1:12-15). And remember, there is always a way of escaping temptation; it is your job to find it and use it (I Cor. 10:13).

Remember—to learn from your mistakes rather than trying to excuse them, or blame others. And you will make them, be sure of that. It's actually easy to practice self-justification. There is always something or someone on which to blame your failings or mistakes; the devil sees to that. But if you start early with that sort of thing, it will haunt you all the days of your life. You will use it to excuse all manner of things— failure, procrastination, even laziness; and, worst of all, sin. There is just no place where you can justify the use of self-justification, so don't even start with it. Be up front. Admit wrong. Confess sin. When you're to blame, take the blame (Read Ezekiel 18:19-24).

Remember—to live with what you have been given. Life is too short to decry continually what might have been. In the ultimate reality, every person is unique, interesting, enjoyable. So don't try to be someone you're not. Just act natural and folks will like you. Actually, you can't be who you aren't anyway, so don't try. If you have considerable talent, you can devote it to good or bad; it's your choice. Use your talent, but for the good of others. If you are introverted and timid naturally, you can allow that to make you bitter at those who are extroverted and out-going. Don't do that. Don't let your inadequacies make you worse; rather, use them to make yourself better. Attitudes about self and work and compassion and service are formed early. Get involved early in doing good (Gal. 6:10) and chances are the process will never end. Be sure to examine yourself (Gal. 6:4) periodically and make sure you're headed in the right direction (Gal. 6:7-8) and you will likely continue to do it as long as you live.

Remember—there's a heaven and there's a hell.

What Will Your Children Remember?

by Lowell Blasingame

The Psalmist said that a man's children are "a heritage of the Lord," (Psa. 127:4). Most admit that there is something badly wrong with parents who do not love and value their children as such.

Parental love motivates us to be concerned about our children's welfare and seek what is best for them. We try to train them to eat properly so they will develop strong healthy bodies. We warn and advise against dangers of which they are not aware. We make decisions for them until we think they are mature enough to make their own.

Unfortunately, parents often fail their children in the most important area of all in life - the need for seeking first the kingdom of God (Mt. 6:33). I once visited with a father and tried to impress upon him this need. His response to me was that when he was a child his mother made him get up on Sundays and go to the little church in the community where they lived and he made up his mind then that when he became a man of his own, that he wouldn't go until he wanted to go. This man later in life came to recognize that need and obeyed the gospel but his son, who was in his formative years when I talked with his father and needed a father's example, didn't get such then and today is not a Christian. Fathers are admonished to bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," (Eph. 6:4). Timothy's unfeigned faith is attributed to the example of a godly mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5). On the other hand, of Ahaziah it is said, "For his mother was his counselor to do wickedly" (2 Chron. 22:3).

Jeremiah made an observation about his generation that its sin was written with a pen of iron and the point of a diamond upon the table of their heart and horns of their altars, "Whilst their children remember their altars and their grooves by the green trees upon the high hills," (Jer. 17:1-2). Judah's example was imprinting the future of their children - it was being decided by what they remembered from the example of their forefathers.

Statistics recently released from a study made reveal the tremendous impact of parental example in the lives of their children. It was learned that children growing up in homes whose parents actively participated in the work of the local congregation had a tendency to be more active in the work of the congregation when they became adults than those whose parents manifest little or no interest in the

work of the church. In fact, very rarely did parents who spasmodically attended and took no part in the work of the congregation have children to become active members when they became adults. They exhibited the same undependable traits that their parents did.

I can conceive of nothing more heart rending than for one seeing his child condemned in the day of judgment and know that he had influenced his child in the wrong way. Jeremiah said that Judah's children would remember her altars and groves. His point was that their idolatry would influence their children to serve idols and incur the wrath of Jehovah and that they were partially responsible for it by their examples.

What will your children remember? Will it be that you never obeyed the gospel, or that you turned back and ceased to serve the Lord, or that you constantly complained and found fault with your brethren in the Lord? Will they remember that you could sit on a backless bleacher for a two to three hour ballgame or in a boat fishing, but that an hour on a bench in the church building had your back killing you? Will they remember that you skipped services when kinfolks came, or for a golf tournament, or for the opening day of deer season? Will they remember that you bought the best with which to golf, hunt or fish, that the price of gasoline, motels and food never kept you from Mountain View, Pigeon Forge or the beach, but you never could drive fifty or a hundred miles to worship with brethren and encourage them in a gospel meeting? Will they remember that you were always early for the movie, first at the picnic and in the stands before the first pitch of the ball game, but that you never seemed to be able to get to worship services before the singing had started?

Remembering you will be a major factor in imprinting the lives of your children and grandchildren, is this what you want?

"Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid"

(1 Tim. 5:24-25).



Read your Bible daily

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2Tim 2:15 KJV