

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill
Servers - Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson
Blake Eddy

Closing Prayer: Billy Box

Preparing the Lord's Supper Deborah Box

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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Good Stewards*



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Beacon*



Prejudice

By David Conley

The word “prejudice” simply means to “prejudge” or to make a determination before looking into the truth of the matter. Webster says of the word, “(1) preconceived judgment or opinion (2) an adverse opinion or leaning formed without just grounds or before sufficient knowledge.” Another word that often is used to define “prejudice” is “bias.” Webster says that “bias” is “an inclination of temperament or outlook; a highly personal and unreasoned distortion of judgment; one’s tendency.”

Here is the unfortunate thing; people confuse “prejudice” with “judgment.” If I make a judgment about a certain doctrine, lifestyle or practice, then I may be accused of prejudice by someone! This is not the case at all! Oftentimes, I may be called prejudiced in an attempt to divert the attention from the issue and discredit my character.

Judgment is something that should be exercised in all aspects of life. Jesus insisted that we “judge righteous judgment” (John 7:24). Jesus named “judgment” along with “mercy” and “faith” as important matters that we should exercise (Matthew 23:23).

The Greek word for “judge” is “krino.” It means to “judge,” “determine,” “condemn,” “go to law,” “call in question” or “esteem.” Webster says “judge” is “to form an opinion about a matter through careful weighing of evidence and testing of premises; to determine or pronounce after inquiry and deliberation.”

To have an opinion (judgment) about anything without knowing about it is indeed folly! However, to abstain from an opinion (judgment) after studying the facts is irresponsible! I must come to a conclusion (judgment) concerning important issues in my life.

What could be more important than my soul? I must carefully weigh out the truths and make a determination (judgment) as to which doctrine is true and which is false. If I make a judgment based on others’ opinions or because I “feel” a tendency to go in that direction, without knowing anything about the doctrine, it is folly! If I fail to make any judgment or commitment at all, even after having studied the issues, then I am irresponsible with my soul’s future!

Don’t be prejudiced, but do make righteous judgments!

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THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: he is fighting cancer, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd’s in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Wyatt Spann: found two new spots on his brain, he has been accepted at St. Judes, please pray that he will win this fight and defeat this cancer

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey’s son) has some health problems, please pray that the doctors will be able to help him

Jeff Upton (Donna Martin’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Tyler Upton: is in Atlanta going through rehab for injuries received in an automobile accident, please keep him and his family in your prayers

W. H. Box: recovering from recent bypass surgery, please pray that he will have a successful recovery

Winfred York: bladder cancer has returned, he will have a procedure to clean out his bladder in a few weeks, please be praying for him and Mrs. Vertie

Larry Eads: (member at Carbon Hill) diagnosed with stage 4 esophagus cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge’s Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer will have surgery (1/7), please pray that this cancer can be defeated

How Closely is God Watching Us?

By Cliff Holmes

“Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause” (Job 2:3 NKJV). It may seem that with so many people living on this earth today, we are so small and insignificant that God might not care to observe our day to day actions. If this were true, we might be able to hide our sometimes sinful actions from the Almighty Creator of the universe. That is not now, nor has it ever been, a possibility. God created the universe of stars, planets, comets and moons. He made the human body with all of its functioning systems to make us live, breathe, walk and talk. Then, He placed us exactly where He wanted us, in an environment perfect for our ability to sustain life and to grow. Consequently, He has an eye on each of us as His creation.

The proof of that is evident when God conversed with Satan concerning His servant Job. God knew the very heart of the man Job. He knew there was no other man like him on the earth, blameless, upright, always fearing God and always turning away from evil. Job was a man holding his integrity even in the face of Satan’s onslaught to do total evil to Job. Satan’s goal was to get Job to curse God to His own face. Thus, Job would have become hated by God, and Job would have suffered eternal punishment.

Today, there are millions more people alive and walking this earth than ever before. Is it possible that God cannot keep track of all of His creation and His creatures? Certainly not because our God Who created all that now exists is all wise, all powerful and all knowing. He sees our every action whether good or bad. He knows our every thought, and He feels our joys and our despairs. He knows when we are weak in our service to Him. He knows the thoughts of our hearts for good or for bad. He knows if we lose our integrity.

Allow me to leave you with the same admonition that I have given to many young Bible class students, and to my own children and grandchildren “Never do anything that you would not do if you knew God was standing beside you and watching you. For to tell the truth, He is with us and knows what we think and do.”

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More Than A Children’s Song

By Dan Jenkins

Sometimes one of life’s greatest lessons can be found in places where we would not think they could be found. There is a simple song which has been sung by children for at least sixty years which has profound truth. In reality, while it may be thought of as a children’s song, those who are older would truly profit if they thought about its message.

*Watch your eyes, watch your eyes what they see.
Watch your eyes, watch your eyes what they see.
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So watch your eyes what they see.*

Each succeeding verse is similar but changes the word eye and the word see to point to another part of the body. The children point to each part of the body so there is a lot of action. Those of us who are older could profit, not by doing the accompanying actions, but by doing the “action” in our hearts.

Watch your eyes, what they see. “The woman saw that the tree was good...pleasant to her eyes” (Gen. 3:6). “All that is in the world...the lust of the eyes...is not of the Father” (1 John 2:16). “The eyes of man are never satisfied” (Pro. 27:20). “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes” (Pro. 12:15).

Watch your ears, what they hear. “Hear my prayer, O God, give ear to the words of my mouth” (Psa. 54:2). “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination to God” (Pro. 28:9). “Then he read from it in the open square...from morning until midday...and all the ears of the people were attentive to the book of the law” (Neh. 9:8). “Incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding” (Pro. 2:2).

Watch your lips, what they say. “Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit” (Psa. 34:13). “O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise” (Psa. 51:15). “My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul which you have redeemed” (Psa. 71:23). “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight” (Pro. 12:22).

Watch your hands, what they do. “My hands also will I lift up to Your commandments, which I love and I will meditate on Your law” (Psa. 119:48). “These six things the Lord hates, yes seven are an abominations to Him...hands what shed innocent blood” (Pro. 6:16-17).

Watch your feet, where they go. “I thought about my ways and my feet turned to Your testimonies” (Psa. 119:59). “I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word” (Psa. 119:101). “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path” (Psa. 119:105).

Let us sing.

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Upcoming Events

Today	Country Place	2:00 pm
January 12 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
January 19 th	Fellowship Meal	
January 19 th	Bible Bowl	2:00 pm