

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: Billy Box

On the Table: Head - David Key
Servers - Greg Lowery
Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Eddie Dickinson

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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Elders: Leonard Key / David Key
Billy Box / Eddie Dickinson

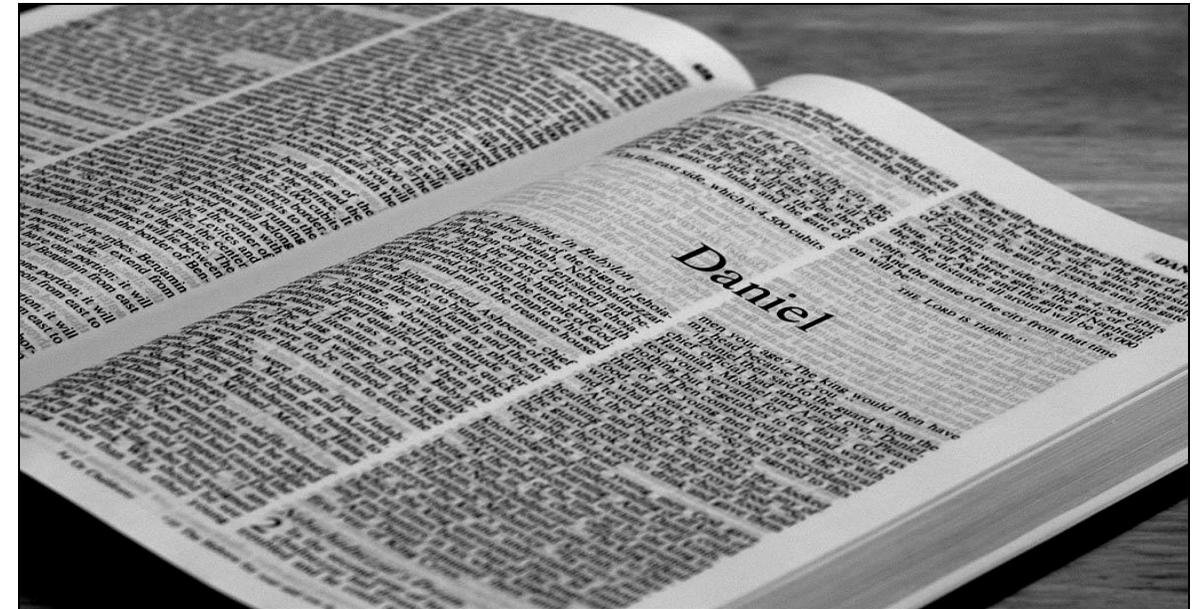
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Unnoticed Influences on Children

By Dan Jenkins

If you were asked what influences were in your life which caused you to become the person you are today, what would you say? More specifically, let me focus the question to ask about what impacted your life spiritually to walk with the Lord. What influenced you to be a follower of God?

There are the obvious answers to the question. The first impact on an infant is often his/her parents. A child’s view of His heavenly father is often shaped by having a godly father on this earth. When my brother wrote his graduate thesis on how John used the word “faith,” he dedicated the thesis using these words, “To my mother in whose lap I first heard the word faith and to my father in whose life I saw it every day.” There are many other obvious answers, and we should be thankful for each of them.

However, there are others who impacted our lives far more than we realize. In our youth we may not see it, but as we get older and look back it becomes more obvious. Parents greatly impact our lives, but have you ever considered just how much grandparents often more silently change our lives?

You know of three preachers of whom this is true. They are Dan, David and Josh. Over the years, I have heard them talk about their grandfather’s spirituality. This is not to minimize the importance of the obvious impact their parents had on them but simply to magnify the role God saw for grandparents. Just ask any of the preachers about their grandparents. You will be amazed at these unnoticed influences.

God understood the impact grandparents can have. The month before his death, as the Jews were about to enter the promised land, Moses’ final words were, “And teach them to your children and your grandchildren” (Deut. 4:9). Solomon even described how grandchildren are the crown God gives to grandparents (Prov. 17:6).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Arlen Foss: please continue to pray for him and his family during this difficult time

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

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister} is in the nursing home in Guin, pray for her she has some ongoing health issues

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

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Don Lawrence: is scheduled for hip replacement surgery July 14th, please be praying that the surgery will be successful without any complications

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please pray that those working with her can help her

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Guy Weeks: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Sandy Markham: is recovering from knee surgery, please pray that she makes a complete recovery

Maddie Bishop (young girl South Haleyville) diagnosed with stage 4 Ewing sarcoma, please pray for her and her family and that treatments can defeat this caner

Billy Lee {Carolyn's Brother} he is in renal failure, is back at the nursing home in Guin, please be praying for him and the staff caring for him

Timmy Weeks: he is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that he will receive treatments that can restore his health

Danny Berryhill: diagnosed with thickness of the heart, please be praying that doctors can successfully help him with this problem

Bill Berryhill: dealing with cancer, please be pray that his battle with cancer can be controlled and won

Mason Estes: he is need of a liver transplant; please be keeping him and his family in your prayers

Charles Berryhill: having issues with his bladder, please be praying that it is nothing serious and that the doctors will be help to help him

Grady Powell: recovering from recent heart attack, please pray that he has a successful recovery

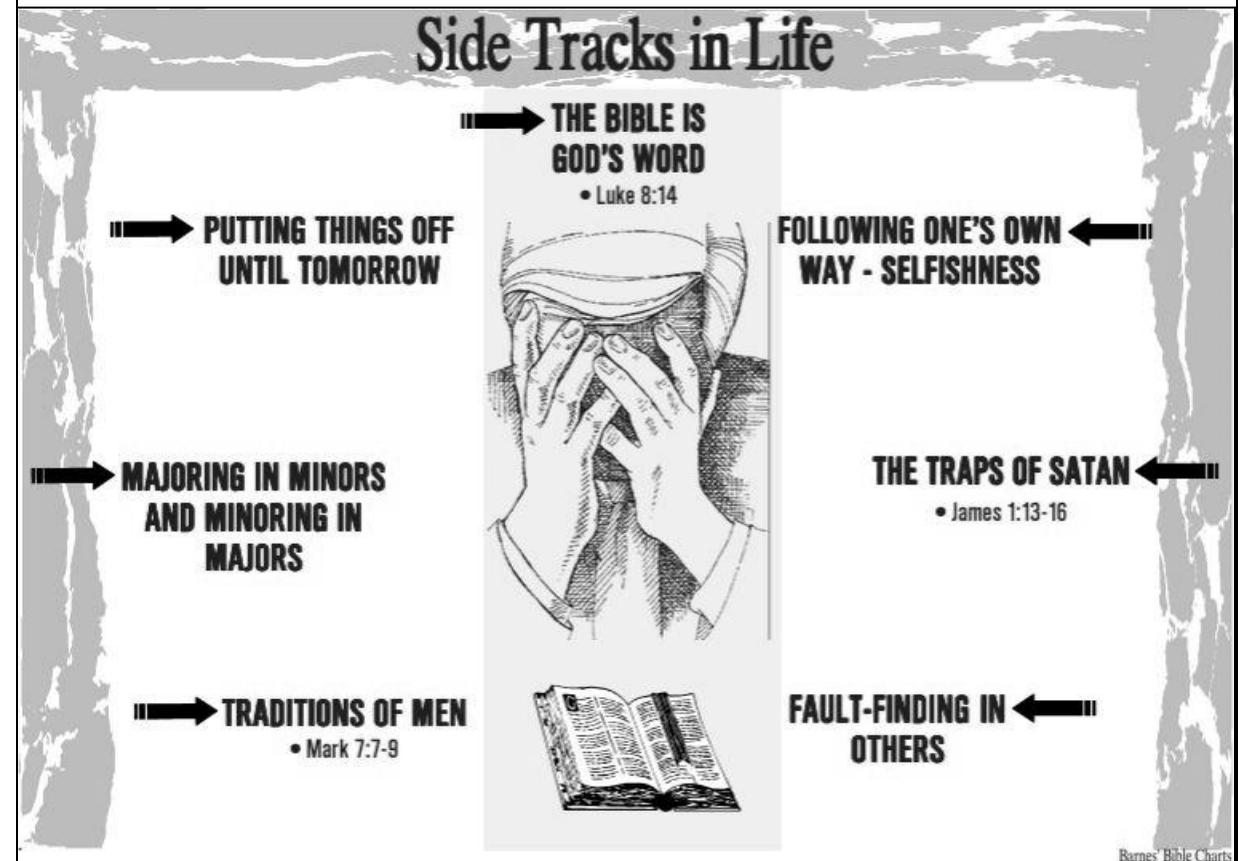
Clay Jones: recovering from recent ATV accident, please pray that he recovers without any complications

Becky Jones: she has been diagnosed with renal failure; please be keeping her in your prayers

The role grandparents can play is vividly seen in the life of Timothy. As a youth, likely still in his teens, Timothy was respected by those who knew him, not only in his hometown but in a city over 30 miles away. How did that come about? Hear Paul talk about the origin of Timothy's faith. His genuine faith "...dwelt first in his grandmother, Lois" (2 Tim. 1:5). We may have seen Timothy as being godly like his mother, but God saw it differently. He saw where that same faith first was found.

Not all are grandparents, but let me urge every grandparent who reads these words to fulfil the role God has for you. Your impact on children does not end when your children are grown. There is another place God has for you. It may be unnoticed by many, but realize that in some areas you can have a greater influence on them than their own parents!

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Social Justice Vs. Bible Justice

By Brad Harrub

All Christians should seek and support Biblical justice. God demands it. There are countless passages that talk about how God is a just God. The Bible talks about His righteous judgement (Romans 2:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:5). Christians should fight for Biblical justice.

But what about social justice? Should we be marching in the streets and/or carrying banners to defend a specific cause? If social justice is in line with God’s Word, then all Christians should support it and defend it. But what about those occasions when social justice is not aligned with Biblical justice?

Christians must realize that their mandate of faith is not to a cause, but rather to Him and His Word. So, if a specific cause goes against Biblical justice, then Christians certainly should not support it. Instead, we should be pointing out how it goes against Biblical justice. We should boldly declare sin for what it is.

For instance, Queer Theory is one aspect of Critical Theory that activist use to challenge laws and undo heteropatriarchal conditions in our culture. They want to change laws and redefine how our culture views gender and marriage.

Many Christians have bought into the idea that Christians should join hands with this social justice cause and fight on their behalf. They believe that Christians who refuse to support causes like this are the enemy. But before we take up banners and march arm-in-arm, we should first ask the question: Is this social justice cause in line with Biblical justice?

In the example above the answer should be clear. God instituted marriage between and man and woman (Genesis 2, Matthew 19). It was God who designed a patriarchal system in the home, patterned after the church. It was also God who defined homosexuality as an abomination—and has indicated that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of heaven.

This is Biblical justice as defined by the Creator of the Universe. So as a Christian who seeks Biblical justice, I cannot (and should not) support any social justice cause that goes against Biblical justice. Not only that, I should be warning those who participate and support such things that their souls are in jeopardy.

And while it may seem “right” to cherry pick passages of Scripture that paint Jesus as one who loves everything, the Truth remains that sin separates us from God. Jesus never loved and supported behavior that went against God’s Word. In fact, it was Jesus who pointed out that people on the broad way were on a path to destruction. Cherry-picking Scripture to recast Jesus as someone He was not is idolatry—it is making Him into someone created in by your image.

There is a major battle brewing that will characterize Christians in a negative light. We will be viewed as those unwilling to support various social justice causes. But let me encourage you to stand firm and turn the discussion back toward Biblical justice. Will I personally support social justice causes? Absolutely! I will and I already have—as long as they are in line with Biblical justice. Make sure your children understand the difference in the two.

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