

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUG 14, 2016

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "FORBEARING AND FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "A LIFE OR DEATH CHOICE"

LADIES DAY, AUG 27, AT WHITE'S CHAPEL

OUR 5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT: OCTOBER - MSOP/GBN

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug 18: Glenn Lockhart

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Aug 15: Danny & Brenda Rushing

17: Frank & Wilma Brown

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827

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FORBEARING AND FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER
(Colossians 3:13)

I. _____ one another (Colossians 3:13).

A. Robertson's Word Pictures describes it as "_____ back oneself".

B. A word that is closely associated with forbearance is _____.

C. This forbearing is a characteristic modeled for us by _____.

1. Romans 3:25.

2. 2 Peter 3:9 teaches us of the forbearing _____ of God.

D. For us, it means that we hold back our _____ or our _____ when we are frustrated by others and even when someone sins against us.

1. Our Lord _____ forbearance according to Peter.

2. 1 Peter 2:23.

E. Remember that Paul was inspired to write this to _____.

1. We must put up with some things with one another to keep the _____.

2. In our easily _____ society, Christians are to model forbearance, especially towards one another.

F. We ought to be _____ for the forbearance of God.

G. In our quest to _____ one another, we must be forbearing like God is.

II. _____ one another (Colossians 3:13).

A. You and I must not _____ with forbearing, or not blowing our top, we must also forgive.

B. This, of course, is _____ for us by God.

1. Forgiveness is at the _____ of who God is.

2. We mentioned that His forbearance with us is, in part, to give us opportunity to _____ and give Him the opportunity to forgive us.

3. Psalm 86:5.

C. We must forgive like God does:

1. _____ - God does not _____ to forgive those that ask for forgiveness according to His will.

2. _____ and _____ - all of our repented of sins are completely removed and never brought back up to us.

D. Those that forgive have been found to be _____.

1. One reason is that with forgiveness, there is a _____.

2. We also are happy because we are _____ the character of God.

E. We can't let forgiveness stop at us, it must go _____ us.

F. Remember, we are to forgive others even as _____ forgave us.

1. Jesus did not forgive us until we _____ (Luke 13:3).

2. Unless repentance takes place, there can be no _____.

3. We need to be _____ to forgive and do so quickly.

HOW TO MAKE OTHERS FRIENDLIER

Neal Pollard

I am exasperated at how unfriendly the people at church are. They never speak to me. When they do speak, I feel as though I am simply being tolerated. I do not feel a part of their "crowd." It is so unfair! But, I have the answers for me and any other poor soul who has encountered such unfriendliness when at the services.

I AM GOING TO MAKE EVERYONE CONVERSE WITH ME. I'll strike up conversations with everyone at church, including those I hardly even know. To make it better, I am going to find out what interests them so I'll have plenty to say and hear with them. I'm not going to give them the chance not to speak to me. I will eagerly listen to what they say, and they will think they've never met someone so sincerely interested! That'll fix them!

I AM GOING TO WEAR A BIG SMILE. I am going to develop a personality so magnetic that no one can resist getting to know me better. My grin will be an open invitation to visitors and members alike. I bet they'll all wonder what's gotten into me, that I'm so happy. They'll be eager to be a part of what makes me so cheerful!

I AM GOING TO DO UNSOLICITED ACTS OF KINDNESS. I'll send them notes of cheer, cards of sympathy, and letters of encouragement. I'll visit their sick family members and neighbors. They won't know what hit them. I'll pray for those folks down at church...by name...every night!

I AM GOING TO STAY AROUND LONGER AFTER THE LAST AMEN. I'll hang around the auditorium, get to the foyer early enough to catch the early departures, talk to the elderly, the small children, and even the visitors. I bet they'll mistake me for a deacon or an usher.

I AM GOING TO STUDY EVERY PASSAGE ON FRIENDLINESS AND KINDNESS I CAN FIND. I'll memorize, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). I'll quote, "And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). I will model Colossians 3:12, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, hearts of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, patience..." I'll carry a plaque with me that reads, "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born of adversity" (Proverbs 17:17). I am going to memorize the beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), and the Christian graces (2 Peter 1:5-7). I can't kill them with kindness unless I've got my gun loaded!

Whew! Now I'm ready. Those unfriendly folks at church don't stand a chance. I'll melt every cold stare. I'll dodge every harsh word. I'll deflect every criticism with the shield of warmth. I'll be so friendly...hmmmmmm...maybe that was the biggest part of the problem anyway. If I were more friendly...