



Life Lines

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Kindness? Always?

When People Mistreat You

I could quote the verse long before I really felt the impact God intended for it to have in my life. It was several years ago, when we lived in Birmingham, that one of my children's Bible classes was memorizing short phrases from the Bible. The teacher asked for my help and I readily responded. Decades have passed, but I distinctly remember those six words of Paul and the impact they had on me. What were those words? "Be ye kind one to another" (Eph. 4:32).

Bible demands kindness. We are told to be kindly affectionate to each other (Rom. 12:21); to be kind and forgiving (Eph. 4:32); to put on kindness (Col. 3:12) and to give all diligence in adding kindness to our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-7).

The Bible illustrates kindness. The lives of those saints of old show what kindness is, and we are amazed as we read about them. Joseph was kind to his brothers who sold him as a slave (Gen. 50:21); Moses was kind to

the seven daughters of Reuel who were mistreated by the evil shepherds; David was kind to the crippled grandson of evil King Saul (2 Sam. 9); and the good Samaritan was kind to that stranger, beaten and bleeding, whom he saw beside the road. As we read these stories, we are amazed at how differently these saints reacted from the way we would have reacted!

It is so easy to be kind to some people. When people show kindness to us we readily respond kindly to them. Jesus described it in these words, "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?" (Matt. 5:46). The measure of our kindness is not determined by how we treat those who are kind to us.



It is so hard to be kind to some people. Those words of Jesus follow His words about how we should deal with our enemies, with those who curse us, with those who hate us and those who despise us, with those who out of spite take advantage of us and persecute us. We are to love them, bless them, do good to them and pray for them. Here is the measure of true kindness. It is manifested in how we treat people who are rude to us in the market place, to co-workers who mistreat us, to family members who aggravate us and to all those whose agenda seems to be to hurt us with words and deeds. Here is the measure of true kindness.

Kindness is not what we do, it is what we are. The reality is that if we wait until the moment of conflict with unkind people to decide what to do, we will likely respond unkindly. Kindness is a trait of heart, not an artificial action. Kind people do not have to decide to act kindly. This is their automatic response! It is who they are.

God help us to be kind one to another!

By Dan Jenkins

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

"To be upset over what you don't have is to waste what you do have."
Ken S. Keyes Jr.

We are all blessed with so many things. Some of us want even more. Some of us are satisfied with what we have. As age comes upon us, we seem to be even more satisfied with what we have. Things don't last and we can't take them with us.

I really like what little five years old Reese Lovell (Emma Walters' daughter) says about what you get. She says, "What you got is what you get, so don't throw a fit!" This is a practical way of looking at about anything that happens in our lives. She has learned that it is useless to throw a fit! Take what you get and be content.

Wouldn't this be wonderful if grown-ups, and teenagers, could take this attitude about things? Many of us have a selfish streak and can't seem to be satisfied with what we get. We want more, or something someone else has.

We find that selfish people are not happy. They are never satisfied with what they have. And when they get more; that is still not enough. God frowns on selfishness. It goes against His command to "love others as we love ourselves." How can we love others when all we think about is "us?"

The writer of Hebrews tells us to be content with such things as we have, we should not covet what others have. God is our refuge. He will not leave us or forsake us. (13:5)

God has promised to take care of our needs. We must pray about our needs and always realize that needs and wants are entirely different things. When we get upset over what we don't have, we waste what we do have.

Like little Reese says, "What you got is what you get, so don't throw a fit!"

Remember Our Sick

Cindy Bennett – back at work, doing therapy.

Susie Boley – needs our prayers.

Nancy Callanan – (Pat's sister surgery scheduled for Feb. 19th at MD Anderson

Johnny Estes – broke his ankle after having the knee surgery. Rehab at Stella Manor for 2 weeks.

Marion Helton – possible knee surgery after cardiology appt on Jan. 20th

Cyndie Loper – has gallbladder ultrasound for Jan. 14th

Pat McAlister – angiogram and other tests normal, no heart problems.

Lauren Reynolds – (Walt Davis family) 10 years old, had a heart transplant but may need another one.

Merrell Shoptaw – back surgery February 2nd

Bryan Simoneaux – (Sonia Williams' brother) having retina surgery Jan 29th, very serious.

Michael Tindall – needs prayers.

Earl Whitted – Knee surgery January 20th

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Bob Lee
Billie Nichols

Legacy Heights:
Bonnie Vinson
Juanita Whitted

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley,
Wm/Susie Boley, Donna Chambers,
Troy /Rachel Curtis, Leota Hickey,
Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper,
Bea McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda
McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller,
Julie Moss, Valentina Penno, Linda
Turner, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Joyce
Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Expectant Mothers:

Rachael Robinson
Laticia Rainwater
Jessica Walters
Andrea Henson

HE LOVED AND DIED

*When He was being beaten and
spat upon*

*When His flesh was being torn by
the whip*

*When His back was scourged,
Then He saw me being baptized
and so He permitted them to do
so.*

*When the crown was crushed into
His head*

*When He tasted His own blood
When the thorns pierced His flesh,
Then He saw me praying
and so He killed them not.*

*When His cross was so heavy that
he fell*

*When He carried wood on His
torn flesh*

*When He wished simply to move
no more,*

*Then He saw me in confession,
and so He got up and walked on.*

*When His hands were being
pierced*

*When He hung from a cross
When His side was bleeding,
Then He said I love YOU.
and so He died.*



EVENTS

Ladies' Devo
February 19th, 2015
Hostess:

Men's
Business
Meeting
February 9th
@ 7:00 pm

Watch your thoughts
For they become your words.

Watch your words
For they become your actions.

Watch your actions
For they become your habits.

Watch your habits
For they become your
character.

Watch your character
For it becomes your destiny.
(Submitted by Charlene Clark & the
Ladies Class)

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ

Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Stories and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class



2015 Theme For
Lads-to-Leaders
"ONE"

Convention is April 3-5
in Memphis.
Scriptures will be from
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
&
Colossians
For more information
Contact Chris Moss

January *Birthdays*

01 *Billy Walters*
02 *Marilyn Veasman*
06 *Shelby Bell*
07 *Aaron Horton*
Chris Moss
08 *Chad Rainwater*
09 *Micah Williams*
10 *Kortland Baldrige*
14 *Luke Miller*
15 *Chris Besterfeldt*
Amie Barkley
17 *Holly Jennings*
18 *Edward Meadows*
20 *JoAnn Killer*
Teresa Parker
Patsy Wisbrock
21 *Bennie Lou Meadows*
23 *Mary Stamps*
28 *Mary Ann Cloud*
30 *Shawn Price*
Melissa Jackson

In Search
of the Lord's Way

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on their website

@

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon

or

Phil Sanders

weekly lesson can be

heard and seen on

LR KASN TV 38

Sunday @ 7:30 a.m.

THOSE TO SERVE

January 25th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Allen Veasman
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Donny Forehand

Serve: Alan Boatright
Brent Hottinger
Brett Cains
Brett Walters

Scripture Reading

Earl Stamps

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Charles Davis

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

Greeters

The Elders

Wednesday Night Services

@

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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