

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Discipline

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Wayne and Cathy, Peggy Beebe needs our prayers. Robert Webster, Peggy's nephew is in the hospital in TN in critical condition from complications due to the flu. Han's nephew, he is missing.

Family Gatherings: We will have breakfast together at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday January 18; This will be followed by a young men's training at the building. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Ben, Carla, Weston, Bella and Berty are in Tennessee.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

Women's Study: The next women's study will be Saturday January 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Building. All the women are encouraged to attend.

Evangelism: There are several bible studies ongoing. Check the website and attend if you can.

Today's Scripture: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." **Romans 16:17 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded. He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity." **Job 36:9-10 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 72/40: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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Discipline

Most of us have heard the statement “spare the rod and spoil the child”. It is most often preceded by something along the line of “the Bible tells us”. We may have even used it ourselves. The problem is that it is NOT in the bible, although the meaning is. What the Bible says about this is found in three places in the book of Proverbs. These passages state **Proverbs 22:15 (KJV)**; **“Proverbs 23:13 (KJV) and Proverbs 29:15 (KJV)**. But Paul also tells us “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” **Ephesians 6:1-4 (KJV)**. While the old adage “spare the rod and spoil the child” is not found in the Bible, it is clear that God expects that the children will need discipline at some time in their lives and He expects the parents to provide it. We all understand this concept. Unfortunately we are living in a time when parents are not following this concept, but are listening to man’s directions on rearing children. And we see the consequences in our schools, neighborhoods and the court system.

But children are, in reality, not the only ones who sometimes need correction. The New Testament is full of warnings about false teachers and their impact on the church. Peter warned us that the devil was stalking Christians, looking for those he could devour; “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” **1 Peter 5:8-9 (KJV)** Paul also warned us, telling us that even from the Elders false teachers would arise. “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.” **Acts 20:28-30 (KJV)**. But not only did we receive warnings from Peter and Paul, but Jesus Himself warned us about them as well; “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” **Matthew 7:15 (KJV)**

But it is not only false prophets and teachers that we are warned against. Paul taught us to watch out for those who cause divisions within the church. Listen to what he has to say about this to the Corinthians. In **1 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV)** he tells us this; “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same

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judgment.” And in **1 Corinthians 3:3-4 (KJV)** he tells us “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are ye not carnal?” Then finally he tells us “Now in this that I declare *unto you* I praise *you* not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.” **1 Corinthians 11:17-18 (KJV)**

So how is the church supposed to deal with these things and other issues today? We don’t have Paul or Peter here to help us today. But we do have their instructions, and they tell us that we have to do the very same things parents are supposed to do, exercise discipline. Paul tells us this; “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.” **Romans 16:17-18 (KJV)** We are to mark those that cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine that was learned and avoid them. And Jesus Himself gives us clear directions in this regard. **“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.” Matthew 18:15-17 (KJV)**

When it comes to discipline in the church, it is the responsibility of the Elders exercise it. They have the responsibility to feed and oversee the flock. Peter tells us this very clearly; **“1 Peter 5:1-3 (KJV)** “The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over *God’s* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.” When this didn’t happen in Corinth, Paul dealt with it in his first letter to them. Read the fifth chapter of 1 Corinthians when you have the time.

Just as discipline in the family is critical, so discipline in the church is also critical. It will keep us strong and headed in the right direction when done as we are instructed. If the Elders here decide that discipline of some of our members is needed, it is our responsibility as members to follow their lead. Sometimes this will be painful, but if it saves someone from Hell it will be well worth it. And it could result in saving all of us.