

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Man's Duty to "Prove All Things"

Men are prone to go to extremes. This has always been true. Paul seems to have been guarding against this tendency when he wrote, ***"despise not prophesying's; prove all things; hold fast that which is good"*** (I Thess. 5:20-21). In his day, there were those who claimed to "prophesy" by the Spirit and did; and there were those who claimed to "prophesy" by the Spirit and did not. The result was that, at least some, "despised all prophesying's" by reason of the false claims of the pretenders. Such a wholesale rejection of all "prophesying" was unreasonable and unsafe. It was wrong. It is not right either to reject the true because some is false, or to accept the false because some is true. Paul indicated the safe course: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." If there had been no evil mixed with the good, the admonition to "prove all things" and to "holdfast that which is good" would not have been necessary.

What is the meaning of prove? In this connection, it cannot mean that the genuineness of "all things" is to be established, for the simple reason that the "all things" to be "proved" are not all genuine. It rather signifies to try to put to the test. The word is employed elsewhere in the New Testament in this sense (Luke 14:19). It means that we should examine everything we hear before we receive it or reject it, as the case may be. At this point, Adam Clarke said:

"Whatever ye hear in these prophesying's or preaching's, examine by the words of Christ, and by the doctrines which from time to time, we have delivered unto you in our preaching and writings. Try the spirits— the different teachers—by the word of God (Clarke's Commentary: I Corinthians—Philemon)".

In the words of the prophet...**"To the law and to the testimony"**! If they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them" (Isaiah 8:20). The conduct of the Bereans was in keeping with the spirit of the command under consideration, for we read, "Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). The people of Berea put what they heard to the test, using the Scriptures as their standard of examination. They acted rightly and wisely.

"...there were those who claimed to 'prophesy' by the Spirit and did not."

Why will people not do the same today? It is common for the message of a modern preacher to be accepted without thought, testing, or investigation by those who are his friends religiously, and just as common for the same message to be rejected, without consideration, by his prejudiced religious enemies. These two unreasonable extremes are two of the most unmitigated curses of Christendom.

Let it be observed that this passage which allows the right also enjoins the duty of proving, testing, and investigation what is heard. It does not permit one to be an indifferent and passive listener. This, some seem to prefer. They attend the services, not to be taught, not to bring into use any faculty of discernment or testing, but to be impressed and that without effort on their part.

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (I John 4:1). All professed Christians should endeavor to become “full grown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil”. (Hebrews 5:14)

—B.C. Goodpasture

Response

Our hearts were made to rejoice after our services last Sunday evening when **Alex Rubalcado** responded to the Lord’s invitation. Don Easlon took his confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and then baptized him into Christ for the remission of his sins. Please get to know Alex if you haven’t already. He is Mary Anchondo’s son.

Prayer Requests

Trina Plyler (George and Jurlean Warren’s daughter) passed out on Thursday, March 12th and hit her head. She was taken to a doctor who admitted her into the hospital. Trina had low potassium levels. She is in need of prayers at this time.

Since Parks Living is in a “Lockdown” mode, no one can visit their loved ones. Janice Smith has requested prayers for her dad (**Winford Hambright**) because it is going to be hard on him not see anyone for a while. Please keep him in your daily prayers.

Conchida Williams (Devida’s sister) is being scheduled for a hip transplant in the future. She needs prayers.

Concerns Update

Jackie Wallace (Loyce Driver’s granddaughter) had a successful surgery to remove a tumor. She is recuperating from her surgery. Keep Jackie in your prayers.

Prayer List

Jack Aaron; Brian Basaldua; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Lavern Couch; Emma Craig; Kim Drake; Loyce Driver; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Kyle Foshee; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Liz Leach; Betty Leeth; Charles Lewis; Jed Martin; Alyssa May; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. Munoz; Maxine Newton; Tanya Nichols; Juanita Orosco; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Danna Robertson; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Teresa Simmons; Princess Tadashi; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Jackie Wallace; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

Youth

Bible Quiz Question (True or False)

The apostle Paul was present at the stoning of Stephen.

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...

It was Omri and Ahab (two kings of Israel) that Micah referred to as a representation of evil of a nation.

Events

Watch ***“In Search of the Lord’s Way”*** Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

The Lee Street Church of Christ in Midland, TX are hosting their “61st Annual West Texas Lectureship” - April 12th -16th, 2020. The Theme is: The Challenge of the Great Commission. All lessons will be taken from the book of Acts.

MARCH ATTENDED NURSERY

3/22/20 Patsy & Nancy E.

3/29/20 Linda T. & Devida

Office News

STF Group #4 will have their meeting and luncheon this morning following our service.

We are God’s “Heart”

Our hearts began beating about 23 days after we are conceived in our mother’s womb. Since then these organs have worked tirelessly to pump blood throughout our bodies. Occasionally, a heart may skip a beat, but it starts right back to work. Some may have a more severe problem, such as a heart attack, and medical help will be needed to get the heart to function properly. But the heart must constantly work to give life. When it quits—this lie on earth is over. Christians are kind of like God’s “heart” on earth. He gave us the job of “pumping” His Word throughout the world (Mark 16:15). When we work faithfully, precious souls will hear how to have life eternal with our Lord. As blood flows through the human heart, the “Words of Life” will pour from our lips as we share the gospel with the lost. Perhaps now, more than at any time in our nation’s history, there is the need for people to know God.

Like the human heart, there may be times when we “pause or fail” for a brief period, but we must begin working anew or our own spiritual death occurs. Sometimes the equivalent of a “heart-attack” hits, and we need spiritual help from a brother or sister to get back on track.

The average human heart will beat more than two and a half billion times in a normal life. God has blessed us with hearts that can do the work. Now, let’s be God’s heart—and work—work—work— work faithfully to take Jesus, the true Life to the lost!

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:34).

—John K. Wills

March 22nd, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Tom Sorenson	John Wood
Second Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Clint Titlow
Closing Prayer	Jacob Carson	Jaxon Straw
Lord’s Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Don Easlon</u>	
West...	Gary Loving	Cody Wesson
	Joshua Weakland	Communion
	Jeff Wesson	(In Library)
East	Scot Straw	
	Josh Wells	
	Kevin Wilcox	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon*: Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Pulpit*: Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table*: Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons*: Trinidad Wood 559-1054 — *Collections*: Trinidad Wood 559-1054

Sunday AM

“Savior’s Invitation”- Part 1
(*Matthew 11:28-30*)

Sunday PM

“Savior’s Invitation - Part 2”
(*2 Timothy 4:1-5*)

Our Records

Bible Class... 50
Morning Worship...96
Evening Worship...60
Wednesday...72
Contribution...\$4,109.00