

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Greatest War

The greatest of all wars is the war between right and wrong. It is greatest in point of numbers engaged and involved. Every responsible person is on one side or the other. There are no neutrals; neither can there be any. Jesus settled that when He said: ***“He that is not with me is against me”*** (Matthew 12:30). If you are not fighting for the right, your very example, no matter what your desires may be, is helping the wrong. This is the greatest war, if measured only in dollars and cents. Think of all the government machinery engaged in protecting the good citizens and in apprehending, trying and punishing the criminals. To that must be added the loss of good citizens murdered and also the vast amount of property criminally destroyed; also we must add the cost of every lock, every safety-deposit vault etc. And, above all, it is greatest because of what is involved. Some wars decide the destiny of nations; your part in the war will decide the destiny of your soul.

This is a war of conquest; the conquest of hearts. You may surrender to either side. God is leading the forces of righteousness; the devil, the forces of evil. For yourself; you decide the issue. ***“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”*** (Romans 6:16). The devil gains a point each time he induces you to do wrong and he gains a victory when he induces a person to make no effort to obey God. Be sure that he is using everything possible to keep people from obeying God. He uses religious theories with great effect, such as universalism, unconditional salvation, “one way is as good as another,” and so on through the whole catalogue of false theories.

Let this statement find permanent lodgment in your heart: Anything, whether it be doctrine preached from the pulpit or business affairs, or social relations, or anything else that keeps you from doing God’s will or makes you feel at all comfortable in disobedience, is of the devil.

But people who earnestly desire to do right will not be led astray. ***“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled”*** (Matthew 5:6).

This means that they will attain to what they desire. Everyone who sincerely and earnestly desires to do right will find the right. That promise of Jesus is as plain and definite as: ***“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”*** (Mark 16:16). I cannot doubt either promise. Hence, I believe that every honest person comes to know the truth.

But many people who are honest with their fellow men are not honest with God. What is honesty? It is to render to the other person everything that rightfully belongs to him. If I take or withhold from my neighbor that which belongs to him, I am not honest with him. If I am indifferent about my obligations to him, I am not honest with him. If I withhold from God that which belongs to Him or am careless or indifferent about my

obligations to Him, I am not honest with Him. I owe it to God, as I do to my fellow man, to treat His Word fairly. Also I have been bought with a price; by right I belong to God. Honesty requires that I deliver to Him in full that which belongs to Him, to be used by Him as He pleases. To act on the principle that one way is as good as another is dishonest. In business affairs we have certain standards of values, weights and measures. To deviate from these carelessly or intentionally is dishonest. God's Word is the standard by which our conduct is to be regulated. By it we are evaluated, weighed and measured. Let us be honest with Him in making a determined effort to abide by that standard. The devil is a skillful warrior; be not deceived.

—R. L. Whiteside

Prayer Requests

Please keep **Rudy Ochoa** in your daily prayers. Last Sunday, April 19th he was taken to the ER at Medical Center Hospital. Rudy was diagnosed with a mild stroke. He had a CT scan and an MRI done and will also undergo inpatient therapy on the 3rd floor.

Jr. Munoz was scheduled for cancer surgery on Wednesday, April 22nd. He is expected to be in the hospital for about a week. Please keep Junior in your daily prayers.

Linda Latch who had colon cancer surgery two weeks ago received good news. They were able to get 100% of the cancer and she does not need radiation or chemo. Linda is the wife of one of Jeff Wesson's co-worker.

Jed Martin, nephew of Jeff Wesson, started with more chemo treatments last Monday, April 20th, at MD Anderson Hospital. He is in need of prayers.

Lindsey Well is home recuperating from her auto accident that she had on April 13th. Please continue to keep her in your prayers that she heals quickly.

Prayer List

Jack Aaron; Brian Basaldua; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Maddie Clay; Lavern Couch; Emma Craig; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Linda Latch; 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; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Danna Robertson; Janelle Shirley; Susan Simmons; Princess Tadashi; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Jackie Wallace; Lindsey Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

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Bible Quiz Question

How many psalms are contained in the book of Psalms?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

It was Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who put Jesus in the tomb. (John 19:38-39)

Events

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

Office News

The **New Mexico Christian Children's Home** has temporarily cancelled all grocery pickups at this time. However, donations can be made to the home online at NMCCH.org. All gathered

Dear Ones,

Love & Miss you. Hope you are all well and will continue to be well. I was laid off March 3, 2020. I count this as a blessing.

Praying,

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If Jesus Were on Facebook

In February of 2004, Mark Zuckerberg, a student at Harvard University, along with three of his roommates, launched what is now called Facebook. The website's membership was initially limited to Harvard students, but it quickly spread across Ivy League campuses, and today it is actively used by 500 million people. Facebook gives individuals an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, while at the same time introducing them to new ones. It also gives family members an opportunity to correspond with those they may not converse with regularly. Each person, once on Facebook, can post whatever is on their mind. In addition, they have the option to confirm, ignore, or remove any friend they choose.

If Jesus were on Facebook He would want us to **RESPOND** to His friend request (cf. Matthew 11:28-30; Revelations 3:20; 2 Thessalonians 2:14).

If Jesus were on Facebook He would want us to **READ** His posted message (cf. Psalm 1:2; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hosea 4:6; 2 Kings 23:2).

If Jesus were on Facebook He would want us to **REPLY** to His posted message (cf. John 14:15; I John 5:3; James 1:17-25; Matthew 7:21).

If Jesus were on Facebook He would want us to **REMOVE** the filth from our profile (cf. James 1:21; Hebrews 12:1; Romans 13:12-14).

If Jesus were on Facebook He would want us to **RE-ITERATE** His message to others (cf. Romans 10:14ff; Mark 16:15ff; Luke 14:23).

If Jesus were on Facebook He would want us to **REMAIN** His faithful friend (cf. John 6:66ff; James 4:4; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Revelations 2:10; 22:4).

There is coming a day when all will see the Lord face to face. Today, we see Him through the eyes of faith, and we read His post (His Message) through His inspired Word. He wants to be our friend. Will we confirm Him or ignore Him?

—Terry R. Townsend

Sunday, April 26th, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus spread in Odessa and surrounding areas, the Eisenhower Church of Christ elders have made the decision to “Live Stream” all their services on Facebook since we can have no more than 10 people in attendance. Below are our scheduled services:

Sunday Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service -- 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class -- 7:00 p.m.

Sunday AM

“The Saint’s Riches”
(Romans 8:31-39)

Sunday PM

“Preparing to Serve”
(Mark 10:45)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder of the Month:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 — *Deacon:* Richard Siler 556-2151— *Pulpit:* Josh Wells 770-6753— *Table:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702— *Collections:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702

