

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Everybody Else Is Doing It”

This statement has been used numerous times by children who are attempting to justify doing something to which their parents strongly object. The parents often answer by saying, “if everybody jumped off a building, does that mean you should jump off too?” Imitating the majority can be both sad and tragic at the same time. Consider the following Bible examples.

Noah built an ark, but did the majority enter that vessel and live through the flood? No. Only a very small number (eight souls) chose to follow God’s instructions (I Peter 3:20). The majority paid dearly for staying with the crowd—they lost their precious souls and their lives in the great flood (Genesis 7). Lesson learned; do not follow the majority.

Did the majority leave the sin filled cities of Sodom and Gomorrah before God rained fire and brimstone upon them (Genesis 19)? No. Only three souls—Lot and his two daughters were delivered from the mass destruction. His wife even lost her life because she did not obey God’s instructions; another instance where we learn the majority was terribly wrong.

God’s orders to the children of Israel were for them to enter the promise land and possess it. Twelve spies were sent into the land to bring back a report (Numbers 13). Ten of the spies said it was not possible to take the land because the people living there were too strong. Two spies (Joshua & Caleb) encouraged the people to go in and possess the land immediately and with God’s help they would succeed. Of those twelve men, only two made it into the promise land—Joshua and Caleb. The others all died (along with 600 thousand other men) in the wilderness. Again we learn to not follow the majority.

Jesus spoke of two gates and two ways—the broad and narrow (Matthew 7:13-14). He said that the narrow way was the right way, but He added that only a few would travel its path. He also said that the majority would choose to take the broad way, which, unfortunately leads to eternal destruction. According to the Son of God the majority is not a good standard to follow.

Everybody else in religion may be using instruments of music in worship, but that does not mean it is acceptable to God (Ephesians 5:19, we are told to sing). Everybody else in religion may be saying the “sinner’s prayer,” but that does not make it God’s authorized plan of salvation (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38). Everybody else in religion may be letting women preach to the men, but the Bible says that women are not to do this (I Timothy 2:11-15). Everybody else may be clapping their hands, shouting, jumping around and putting on a show, but that does not mean that God wants you to do the same. Just look at the Biblical record—the majority has been wrong on many occasions.

The Bible determines what is right and wrong in life and in religion. In matters pertaining to salvation and worship we must turn to the New Testament which is the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2). So often the majority turns to the Old Testament to justify something they want to do in worship today. The Old Testament contains the wrong law—the God of heaven wants us to listen to His Son, not Moses (Matthew 17:1-5). The words of Jesus will judge us in the last day not the Law of Moses (John 12:48).

The majority in this world never has and never will follow God’s will. That may be shocking, but the Bible clearly verifies it. The majority will either ignore God’s Word or claim to follow it when in reality, they are not. Forget about the majority—stay in the

minority. Take the safe course—follow the Bible.

—Richard Massey

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Francisca Melendez in the death of her daughter, Jasmine. **Jasmine Melendez** was a victim of a homicide on October 20th in Midland. She died in a hospital in Dallas from the injuries she received. Jasmine's mom (Francisca Melendez) was a former co-worker of Christy Weakland.

Prayer Request

Courtney Williams (an acquaintance of John Wood) is in need of prayers. She left last Tuesday going to M.D. Anderson in Houston to undergo cancer surgery. Her surgery was scheduled for either Wednesday or Thursday. Courtney is in her early twenties.

Concerns Update

David Ryan is scheduling appointments to have testing done on the herniated disc in his lower back that is causing him pain. However, David is getting around a little better now.

Prayer List

Robert Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; Terri Armentrout; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Steve Chavez; Jon Cooper; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Opal Hager; Winford Hambricht; Leo Holloway; Vertie Howard; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez, Jr. & Julie Munoz; Barbara Murphy; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Erica Patiño; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriguez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Tom Siler; Sheila Stanton; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Bobby Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Robertta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (True or False)

When the Jews stoned Paul outside of the city of Lystra, they thought they had killed him. (Acts 14:19)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Jesus told the lawyer to, "go and do likewise" like the neighbor who shows mercy on others. (Luke 10:37)

Baby Shower

There will be a "**Baby Shower**" for Ashley Carson at Bonnie Sorenson's home at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 14th. Jacob and Ashley are expecting a baby boy. Their selections are at Target. Diapers and Baby Wipes are also requested.

Wedding Shower

We are hosting a "**Wedding Shower**" for Dylan Straw and Shannon Keith for their upcoming marriage on December 19. The table is set up in the east foyer for their gifts. Dylan and Shannon's selections are at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

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” will be here Tuesday, December 8th to pick up **Paper Towels** and the **Christmas Gifts**. Money donations are also accepted.

Church Membership

An elder in another city called a family that had attended services a number of times. He had found that they were members of the body of Christ. He asked them where their membership was, “We hope our names are in the book of life,” the lady answered. “That is fine,” he replied, “but where is your membership?” It developed that it was nowhere. They considered themselves members of the universal body of Christ but were not affiliated with any certain congregation.

It is true that to be a member of the church means that one is a member of the universal body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23) *The Lord adds to the church those who are saved* (Acts 2:47). Christ is the Savior of the body (Eph. 5:23). This is highly important and nothing should ever be said to disparage this fact.

However, a Christian should be a member of a local congregation. Paul’s letters such as Romans, I Corinthians, Ephesians, etc., were written to local churches. John’s letters in the first part of the book of Revelation are addressed to local churches—the church at Ephesus, at Sardis, at Laodicea, at Philadelphia, etc. The New Testament writers—contemplate local church membership as a normal thing. If you had been living in the first century would you have been a person who was included in the salutations of these letters? Not unless you were a member of a local congregation.

How can a Christian have a group of elders who, as shepherds, watch for his soul, if he is not a part of a local church? (Hebrews 13:17). A Christian needs leaders who watch in his behalf. He needs leaders to see that he is fed properly with spiritual food (I Peter 5:3).

A floating church member who attends one place one week and another place the next week is not living at his best. He misses many blessings. Likely he feels no certain responsibility. He should be a member of a local church and function as a member of the body.

— Raymond Kelsy

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Springs church of Christ

November 1st, 2020

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Don Easlon	Oliver Hernandez
Second Prayer	Tommy Garcia	Gary Loving
Closing Prayer	Doug Gynn	Miguel Lozano
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Richard Siler	Cody Wesson
		Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983 — *Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Trinidad Wood 413-8508 — *Collections:* Trinidad Wood

Sunday AM

“What’s Love Got to Do With It?”
(I Jn. 4:20; 5:3)

Sunday PM

“Changing Lives Through Preaching”

(1 Thess. 2:1-6)

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