

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Could We Find One Righteous Man?

By Mike Riley

In the morally bankrupt society of Jeremiah’s day, God instructs the prophet to: “Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; see now and know; and seek in her open places if you can find a man, if there is anyone who executes judgment, who seeks the truth, and I will pardon her, though they say, ‘As the Lord lives,’ surely they swear falsely” (Jeremiah 5:1-2).

A similar account is found in Genesis 18-19, where we also see God seeking to find a few righteous folks who will trust Him and be obedient to His will (Matthew 7:21). In the case of Sodom and Gomorrah, there were only three folks found (Genesis 19:15) who were spared God’s destructive force of fire and brimstone (Genesis 19:23-24).

Hopefully, in the city where we live, we would be able to find more than one righteous man. But if we could only find one righteous man who was honest, dealt fairly with his fellow man, and was seeking God’s truth.....

Would we qualify as that man?

Let’s think about it!

<p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <p>Triple E Edify, Exhort, Evangelize 4 Square 8:30 AM</p>	<p>SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Hebrews 9:30 AM</p>	<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP</p> <p>Worship Service 10:30 AM</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY NIGHT</p> <p>Romans 7:00 PM</p>
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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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Thank You Faithful Christians!

By Mike Riley

Too much of our writing, preaching, and visiting is directed to the weak and unfaithful. In this article, our intent is to reverse that order. This article is not addressed to you who have to be begged, petted, and pampered before you will attend all the services of the church, and still are absent as often as you are present! This article isn't for those who grumble the most while doing the least! Those in this category can stop reading now, for this is not written to you! This article of encouragement is written to the "faithful" of the Lord's church. Our vocabulary is not large or expressive enough to properly communicate to you, faithful members, how much you are appreciated!

You Will Be Faithful!

1) No matter what attractions or distractions the world may offer, you make whatever sacrifices are necessary to not forsake the Lord. You have no more time than the unfaithful members do, but somehow you manage to "make time" to serve our Lord with the finest and best of your time and talents.

2) Whatever good Bible based programs are put before the church, no one "wonders" what your response will be. You always fully support every program submitted by the elders. You will accept an assignment, and when you do it, it is a foregone conclusion that you will successfully complete it!

3) You don't "flirt" with sin and see how "worldly" you can become without completely apostatizing. You are appreciated even more because you demand no "special attention" or praise for your service, and you do not consider faithful attendance at every assembly and Bible class as a "grievous" burden or a "great" feat of valor, but as simply "serving the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2).

4) You are a godly example to the youngest member (as well as the oldest) and are an inspiration to all (Colossians 1:4). You make the work of an elder, deacon, preacher, or Bible class teacher much easier and more enjoyable.

Conclusion

Thank you, faithful Christians, for being what the Bible describes (and teaches) as simply New Testament Christians, (i.e. "servants of the most high God" – Acts 16:17) always "ready to be offered" and looking forward to receiving that blessed "crown of righteousness" from the Lord (2 Timothy 4:6, 8). As the apostle Paul expressed, "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you" (Colossians 1:3).

May the God of heaven bless each one of you (Ephesians 1:3) as you faithfully continue to serve in His kingdom this New Year – 2005! (Colossians 1:2-13; Hebrews 12:28).

Announcements

- Holiday Meal at Annex Building Dec. 20 @ 6pm
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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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Communion Preparation

- December - Rowell
- 2023 Sign up sheet is in foyer

December Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Connie Montgomery - 3rd • Crimson Rowell - 31st
- Rick Carlberg - 7th
- Dwight & Sandra Callens - 23rd

Every Sunday Morning
@ 8:00 AM
on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Dwight Callens
Scripture Reading - Jeremiah 1:4 - 10
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg
Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson
Scripture Reading - Isaiah 53
Closing Prayer - Don Potts

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