

Northside Church of Christ

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



God's Maturity

By Jimmy Hodges

Have you ever noticed how the world tries to keep us in adolescence? When we were younger we wanted something like cabbage patch dolls or baseball cards. When we get older we move on to a Camaro or the perfect dress. Then, we may progress to more mature sounding items like a house or 401k. Many times they are based on the same immature model “I want so I get.” I want the doll. I want the car. So I get it.

The world would gladly keep you in adolescence. You, continually wanting more and getting it, is good for the economy. The Bible tries to get you to grow up. “And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all these things and your Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Luke 12:29-31 NIV)

The devil is happy when you focus on getting. You work harder so you can get more. You look for satisfaction in the things you have. If you are occupied with what you have, good. If you are pre-occupied with getting more and try to get more, well that is even better.

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SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
When Shovels Break
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Book of Acts
7:00 PM



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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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Contentment
By Alan Smith

There was a father who was known by his family to be a chronic growler. He complained about everything. He was sitting one day with his family in the presence of a guest in the living room when the subject of food came up.

One of the children, a little girl, was telling the guest what food each member of the family liked best.

Finally, it came to the father's turn to be described. "And what do I like, Nancy?" he asked.

"You," said the little girl slowly, "Well, what you like most is anything we haven't got."

There are some people like that, who simply are never content. If they're served one food, they want something else. If it's hot outside, they want it to be cold. If it's cold, they want it to be hot. And they'd rather be ANYWHERE else other than where they're living right now!

To the young man Timothy, Paul wrote, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, we shall be content." (I Timothy 6:6-8). Since most of us seem to need far more than that to be content, we are challenged by Paul's words!

But, to Paul, they weren't just words to be spoken and discussed. They were words to be lived out. Despite the fact that Paul was writing from prison, he was able to say, "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." (Philippians 4:11). In the next verse, he said that he had learned to be content with a lot (which would be easy for most of us), but he was also content with little. The reason he could be content because he had Jesus Christ, and that was all he needed to bring contentment.

Do you have food? Do you have clothing? More importantly, do you have Jesus?

Have a contented day!

Rather than focusing on the endless cycle of working and getting, God would like us to slow down and focus on how much we receive from him. This is where Sunday worship is so helpful. When we are committed to worship every week, we are forced out of the cycle of working and getting. We worship God. We are reminded of how much we receive, and we are thankful.

Are you stuck in adolescence? If you catch yourself thinking, "Worship is a waste of time. I could be making money instead," or "I could be out buying what I want." You are head deep in this working and getting cycle.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32 NIV). God calls us to see what we have received rather than the continual hunger for more. Which are you focused on?

Announcements

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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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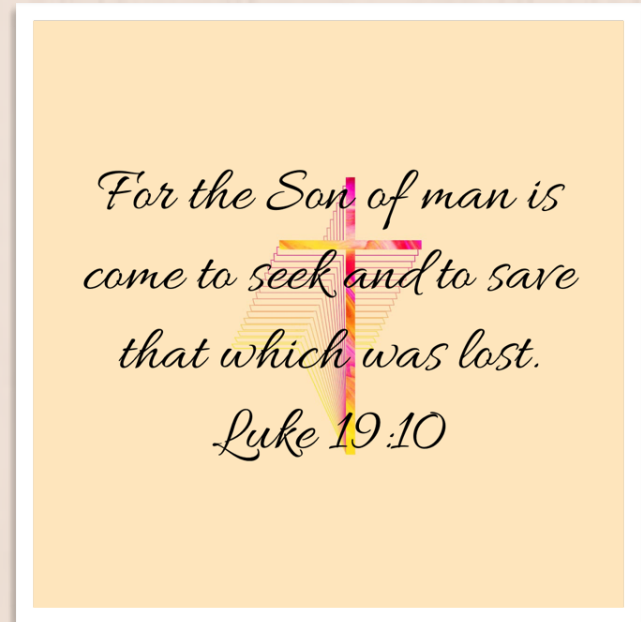
Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- October - Potts
- November - Rowell
- December -

October Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Patrick Ford - 1st
- Maxine Powell - 17th
- Bowen Stephens - 4th
- Don Potts - 22nd
- Dave Cradic - 6th
- Sonja Rowell - 23rd
- Gerri Thrash - 13th
- Keren Thrash - 29th
- Austin & Morgan Dudley - 24th

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



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Shay Cooper
Scripture Reading - Romans 9:1 - 5
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord's Table - Don Potts
Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts
Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29
Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg

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