

Northside Church of Christ

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



Are We Still Following The “Toddler's Creed”?

By Mike Riley

As I was surfing the Internet this week, I came across an interesting site containing “The Toddler’s Creed”. The words of the creed state:

- “If I want it, it’s mine.
- If I give it to you and change my mind later, it’s mine.
- If I can take it away from you, it’s mine.
- If I had it a little while ago, it’s mine.
- If it’s mine, it will never belong to anybody else, no matter what.
- If we are building something together, all the pieces are mine.
- If it looks just like mine, it is mine.“

Anyone who has a toddler or has ever known a toddler, knows the truth of the above creed. While we expect to see this trait in toddlers, we should show great disdain of the trait when we see it in adults. It’s called covetousness.

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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

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
4 Square
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Philemon
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Romans
7:00 PM

Giving Us The Power To Perform

By Mike Riley

When Isaiah saw the heavenly scene recorded in Isaiah 6:1-4, he admitted his inadequacies when he said:

“Woe is me! for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts” (Isaiah 6:5).

That consciousness of inefficacy came from the awesome scene of God’s throne. How could a man who is unclean take such a great message for such a great God? But when God asked, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” (Isaiah 6:8), God’s prophet confidently answered:

“Here am I! Send me” (Isaiah 6:8).

The man who has never felt unfit for a task, will never be fit for any task, whether great or small. There must be a proper estimation of our ability and a consciousness of inefficacy to do God’s work by our own power, knowing that whatever the Lord requires us to do, we can do (Hebrews 13:6; cf. Philippians 4:13).

We sometimes fault Moses for his excuses not to lead God’s people out of Egyptian bondage and into the promised land. While he was not eloquent in speech, he forgot that when God assigns a task to someone, He also gives them the power to perform it (Exodus 4:10-12).

As in Isaiah’s case, our own consciousness of inefficacy should cause us to throw ourselves before the throne of God and plead for His mercy. This was also the attitude of the Publican, when he would not so much as lift his eyes to heaven, but smote his breast and said, “God be merciful to me a sinner!” (Luke 18:13).

As followers of Christ, we must be aware of our need for God’s grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), simply because we lack the power to save ourselves, and thus are in need of a Savior (Matthew 1:21).

If we were able to see the same scene that Isaiah saw, we too would confess to God:

“We are a people of unclean lipswe are undone.”

On the other hand, we should have confidence in our great and powerful God who can give us the power to do what we cannot do by ourselves. Therefore, we should always be as ready as Isaiah was to preach the word to needy souls with an attitude of — “Here am I! Send me.”

Like Moses and Isaiah, God will always give us the power to perform any task or responsibility He requires (cf. Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:8).

The apostle Paul wrestled with the sin of covetousness (Romans 7:7 NKJV). But after carefully studying the law of Moses, he recognized covetousness for what it is. Instead of remaining a coveting, grasping man, he became a truly generous person (cf. Acts 20:33-35 NKJV).

What we give, based upon our ability to give (cf. Acts 11:29 NKJV), is the acid test of whether or not we are still spiritual toddlers. Are we allowing the our Lord to create in us a giving heart, or are we still following the “Toddler’s Creed”?

Announcements

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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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Communion Preparation

- September - Thrash
- October - Carlberg
- November - Callens
- December - Rowell

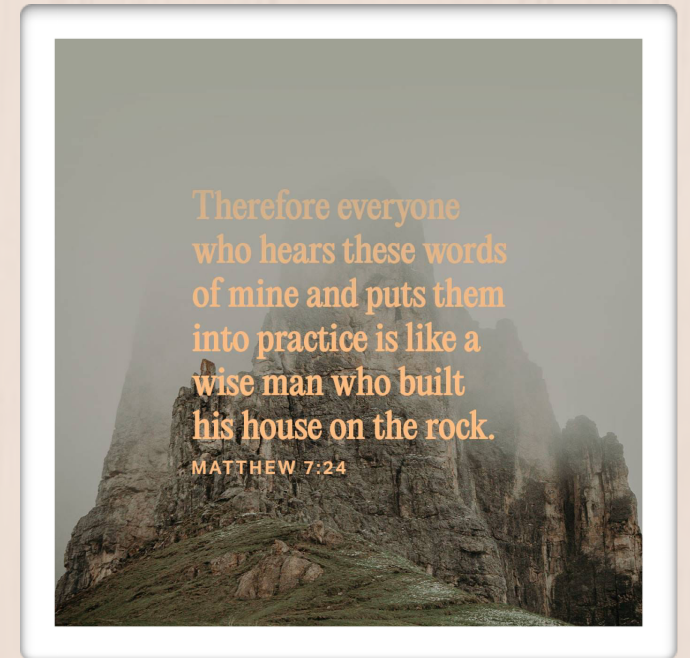
September Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Camden Cooper - 1st
- Dwight Callens - 9th
- Bostyn Rowell - 10th
- Aubri Cooper - 15th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 13:1 - 8
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord’s Table - Dwight Callens
 Assist on Lord’s Table - James Johnson
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:32 - 37
 Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper

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