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WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT A CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO REMEMBER?

Robert Jefferies

Have you ever received a reminder by way of text message, phone call, or email about an upcoming appointment? Whether it is a doctor's appointment or a dentist's appointment, I am always thankful for those friendly reminders. Sometimes, I remember them and other times they have taken me by complete surprise. There are times when God's people need to be reminded. In fact, the Apostle Paul when writing to Timothy, wrote about the importance of reminders. "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained" (1 Timothy 4:6). It is important to note that not only did the Apostle Paul write about the importance of remembrance, the Apostle Peter wrote about it as well. "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth" (2 Peter 1:12). What are some things that a Christian needs to remember?

We Are To Be Different From The World. The reason we are different is because we are set apart. The Apostle Peter reminds us this important truth. "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16 NKJV). The word "holy" comes from the Greek word "hagiozo" which means "to be set apart." Did you notice what area of life we are to be set apart? In all of our conduct. That means in every area of life. We are different from the world in the way we act, talk, and dress. The Apostle Paul when writing his second inspired letter to Corinth, he directed them "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:17).

God Has Always Given Us A Choice. God has never forced mankind to follow Him. During Moses' second speech to Israel, he spoke the following words, "Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers" (Deuteronomy 7:12; cf. 30:19). Did you notice the little word "if"? If they followed the instructions given to them in the previous eleven verses, God would bless them. After Moses passed the mantle of leadership on to Joshua, Joshua would encourage the people to make a choice as well. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). Have you made the choice to follow God daily?

Blessings Will Come If We Obey God. While encouraging the church at Smyrna, the Lord penned the following words, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). When the Apostle Peter wrote what we call the "Christian Graces" he followed that message by saying, "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:8-11).

Will you make the choice to be different from the world? If you will, there are eternal blessings that are promised to us.

YOU'RE INVITED!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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FEARLESS FAITH

JUNE 27th, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
LUNCH PROVIDED



GUEST SPEAKER:
DJ GREEN
PETER'S SERMON



GUEST SPEAKER:
FLETCHER NORROD
STEPHEN'S SERMON



THREE THINGS A FALSE WITNESS CAN DO

Ross Haffner

“**The ends justify the means**” and “**A little white lie never hurt anyone**” — these two clichés miss the obvious and contradict Almighty God. Proverbs 6:16-19 reveals seven things that the Lord hates. These abominations do not belong in the realm of moral ambiguity, yet man will run to defend them to some degree or another. James warns us about the tongue’s great potential to destroy, and John was told that “all liars” will have their part in the lake of fire, so we should not be surprised to find lying mentioned twice among the seven abominations God hates (Jas. 3:5-8; Rev. 21:8).

The difference between a lying tongue and “a false witness who speaks lies” in Proverbs 6 allows for a more specific and pointed application of the unchanging truth about lying. Lying is a weapon of destruction. By claiming to provide the truth, a false witness uses that weapon to its most terrible potential.

A false witness can condemn an innocent man on trial. Our Lord was slandered by false witnesses on the night of His betrayal. Certainly, a Christian should never have any interest in testifying falsely in court. But the application of the Bible’s stance on false witnessing extends far beyond the courtroom.

A false witness can destroy a man’s reputation in the court of public opinion. The words of the Christian are to spread grace, not malice (Eph. 4:29). While we carefully examine our own words, let us also recall that if God hates the sin of being a false witness, then we should avoid those who would bend our ears to gossip (Rom. 16:17; 2 Thess. 3:6-14).

A false witness can erase the potential yield of truth. Telling a lie attacks from both angles against the power of truth by spreading falsehoods and by replacing truth with error. Truth is the basis by which God’s will is known. Once a lie removes that, all that remains is discord. Speaking truth can restore the fallen, call sinners to Jesus, protect the innocent, edify the weak, and encourage the faithful. Lies cannot help anyone; instead, they actively dissuade those in need of truth from searching for it.

The reasons we lie are many, but ultimately each one comes down to control: I will either seek my own way or trust in the words of my Creator.

Sunday Sermons

What Does The Bible Say About
Homosexuality? (AM)

Houston, We Have A Problem (PM)

Bible Passages To Consider

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with
womankind: it is abomination"
(Leviticus 18:22)

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Lucy Chamberlain is in Baptist Desoto Hospital. She is being treated for a UTI and elevated kidney levels.

Brenda Dreher has been placed on Hospice Care.

Justin Camp, husband of Kim Camp, father of Lily, will be resuming cancer treatments.

Jerry Baird is recovering from pneumonia.

Vern Schrimsher has developed a closed pressure wound on the back of his heel.

Dorothy Butler is slowly improving.

Rannie Butler is taking therapy at Senatobia Healthcare and Rehab.

Jean Jones is taking physical therapy at Desoto Health.

Arcadio Acosta, father of Michel Reyes, has been released from the hospital and is now at home. He recently had a biopsy on his intestines and is awaiting those results.

Lawrence Rapp, father of Deke Rapp, is recovering from a recent heart attack.

Please continue to remember the following: **Joyce Valentine, Don Sykes, Meredith Peek, Betty Culbreath, Barbara Day, Alan & Linda Stone, Debbie Shull, Pat Pierce, Beverly Parnell, Lucy Chamberlain, & Karen Oglesby** in your prayers.

BATTLING CANCER

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone; Brenda Dreher; Pam Eaton; Charlene Farris; Justin Camp**, husband of Kim Camp; **Andrew Utz**, great nephew of Peggy Shull; **Varda Cole**, sister in law of Linda Davis; **Don Cheathour**, friend of the Sykes family; **Joe Daly**, online viewer in England; **Houston Hall**, great nephew of Karen Oglesby & Beth Roney; **David Taylor**, neighbors of the Sykes; **Dan Manuel**, friend of Tommy & Peggy Shull; **Heather Butler**, daughter of Lewis Dawson; **Vickie Parker**, sister of Nick Parker; **Kim**

Butler, sister in law of Larry Butler; **Lily Jane Jordan**, neighbor's granddaughter of Terry & Brenda Harris; **Oakleigh Free**, great granddaughter of Alan & Linda Stone; **Mandi Singer**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **Mandy Dunbar**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **TJ Holt**, cousin of Amber Wallis; **Margarito Zuniga**, father of former member Alan Zuniga; **Becca Reynolds**, niece of Anita Sanders; **Laura Sowell**, mother of Erin Sowell; **Doreen Harris**, former member; **Glenn Jenkins**, the husband of Bonnie Reid's niece, **Carol Tierce**, sister of Peggy Shull & **Whitley Joy**, great niece of Larry & Elaine Melton.

SHUT-INS/ NURSING HOME

Lucy Chamberlain; Debbie Shull; Brenda Dreher; Beverly Parnell; Pam Eaton; Phyllis Smith, The Goldton at Southaven Room #116.

MEN TO SERVE - June 7th, 2026

Preside: Jonah Adams

Serve: Neal Weatherford, Kellen Christian, Jack Etheridge, Edwin Reyes, Reed Rister, Colin Iglinsky, Tim Vanderhook, Sammy Terrell

AM Opening Prayer: Jason Bayless

AM Closing Prayer: Bruce Dunaway

PM Opening Prayer: Gary Barch

PM Closing Prayer: Larry Cox

Wed. Opening Prayer: Tyler Williams

Wed. Closing Prayer: John S. Stubblefield

Announcements: Josh Walker

Song Leader: David Rister

Scripture Reading: Lucas Gahagan

Security: James Stuckey

REMINDER:

If you are a song leader, scripture reader, or have opening prayer, you are asked to sit on the front pew when worship begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7-10, 6PM: VBS at Coldwater

June 12-13: Diana Singing in Diana, TN

June 14-20: Sardis Lake Christian Camp. If you would like to help send a child to camp or with camp expenses please see Vern Schrimsher. The cost per child is \$200 but any amount is greatly appreciated.

June 27: Vacation Bible School 9am-12pm: If you are willing to help in any way (teach, assist, crafts, decorate, snacks) please sign the sheet in the foyer.

JUNE FOOD TEAM

Captain: Christy Gahagan

Mary Barch, Lisa Craig, Missy Kelley, Jennifer Stubblefield

OUR RECORDS

Bible Study	223
A.M. Worship	294
P.M. Worship	161
P.M. Wed. Worship	164
Contribution	\$



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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Worship.....	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday P.M. Service.....	7:00 p.m.

ELDERS

Gary Barch
Larry Everson
David Rister

DEACONS

Bruce Dunaway
Michael Gahagan
Aaron Gallagher
TJ Johnson
John Stubblefield
Chris Tice
Andy Young

MINISTERS

Robert Jefferies
Josh Walker