

Weatherly Weekly

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A Different Rule

Michael W. McLemore

What is the attitude God expects us to have toward those of a different race, color, language, nation, or even social status? Jesus put the attitude perfectly when he said in Matthew 7: 12, "Whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, even so do you also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets."

This precept was not given for the Jewish people alone, but for all people of all races and nations. It is the perfect end toward which all the law and the teaching of the Lord are directed. It requires that each one put himself in the place of the other. We do not want others to be prejudiced against us; we want them to understand us. Hence we are not to be prejudiced against others, but try to understand them.

No matter in what position we may

find ourselves, we want to be treated with consideration, fairness, kindness, even sympathy, and sometimes with compassion and mercy. We are, therefore, to treat others in the same manner. This is a very simple principal and easy to understand. But, living the life enjoined upon us by the Lord — "It's not so easy!"

If we would follow the Lord's teaching in the matter of equity, fairness and justice, no matter what others may do, it would go far in removing all prejudice and misunderstanding of others, and would also go far in removing the prejudice of others toward us. Our world is filled with pre-conceptions about our fellows. Our job as God's people is to live by a revolutionary mindset; by a different rule. It will make a difference.

May the Lord grant us the intelligence and faith to understand and accept His wisdom and to practice it in our attitude toward others. □

What does it mean to be a Christian? Different Christians would undoubtedly give different answers, based upon the greatest impact Christianity has had on their

degree of activeness would vary from answer to answer, but virtually everyone would emphasize the fact that a Christian has to actively *do something* in order to serve God.

Service

The Life of a Christian

lives. Some would emphasize salvation. Some would highlight forgiveness, the forgiveness of their sins, the guilt of their sins lifted from their shoulders. Others would emphasize the peace that comes to the Christian who understands that he is "in Christ" and on his way to Heaven. Similarly, still others would focus on having gained a fuller meaning to their lives. Each of these answers would be correct, and all of them together would be correct as well.

Asking the original question a little differently, what does it mean to live a Christian life? Again, different perspectives would be offered based upon different individual experiences and understandings. Some would speak of the spiritual emphasis in their life since they became Christians. Others would speak of faithfulness, taking care to govern their lives by God's will. Still others would note that a Christian life is a life lived in service to God. Again, each of these answers is correct, and all of them together are correct. The last one is our focus.

What does it mean to live a life of *service* to God? We again come up with different ideas based upon individual understandings of different Christians. Answers would vary based upon personal Bible knowledge, experience and spiritual maturity. But most every answer would offer a similar element, some idea of *activeness*. The word *service* naturally carries the idea of action, or activity. A Christian cannot *serve* God without being active in some way. The de-

Adapted

Different words describe the life of service that a faithful Christian should exemplify, such as "servant," *Matthew 24:46*, "slaves," *Romans 6:16, NKJV* and "minister." *Matthew 20:28, KJV*. Each of these, of course, carries the idea of *active* service, even *labor*. "Works" is another word that identifies the Christian life as being one of active service, *James 2:17*.

It is interesting that the Bible teaches the Christian that one way in which he serves God is by serving others, *Matthew 23:11*. There are many ways in which we can serve others. Some of them are simple. We can brighten the day of a shut-in by paying them a short visit. We can encourage a person struggling with illness by sending them a card with a personal note, or by making a phone call to see how they're doing.

Sometimes serving others requires more time, energy and resources. Someone's house may need cleaning. Someone might need grocery shopping to be done for them. Someone might need a ride to see the doctor. Someone might need help with an expense. These are but a few examples of serving God by giving of ourselves to serve others. The opportunities are endless.

Let's examine ourselves as to how, specifically, we're serving God. Are we living the life of a *servant*? Are we *ministering* to the *works* that God has given us the opportunity and ability to do? Are we as dedicated to serving God as would be a *slave* to his master? Do we note ways in which we can serve God *by serving others* in the name of Christ? The life of a Christian is not one of complacency. In a word, *Service is the life of a Christian...* □

Watch LIVE



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ron Harmon will be undergoing tests on Tuesday and Thursday this week, then meeting with his cardiac surgeon on Friday. Please pray for **Ron & Phyllis** and family.

Steven & Julie Guice made it to Friendswood, Texas, about 30 minutes south of the M.D. Anderson, on Friday. Steve has an appointment on Thursday of this week. Please continue to pray for him.

Bobby Ferguson has been admitted to hospice care at home. He has been in a slow decline for several months. This designation will allow him to be treated for his discomfort. Please pray for Bobby and for his family.

Please continue to pray for **Betty Reavis** as she continues treatments. Your care for her and your prayers are so meaningful.

Please continue to pray for **Glenda Cavender** as she struggles with chronic illness. She is missed in our assembly and is much loved by every one in our family.

Will Starks' sister, **Sarah Jernigan**, continues on our prayer list. She is recovering from several mini strokes. Your ongoing prayers for her recovery and for her strength are appreciated.

Gordon Dorris' sister, **Brenda Dorris**, also remains on our prayer list. She has multiple challenges and requires a good bit of help. Pray for Brenda and for **Gordon & Elaine** as they travel to and from Kentucky.

Laura Phillips, Jenny Jacks' mom, remains on our prayer list. Say her name to the Lord as you pray this week. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Travis Barnett	Glenda Cavender
Melvin Godette	Marty Haselden
Betty Reavis	Debbie Harbin
Barbara Jean Woodard	Dot Summers

Sunday Night Study Series

The fall edition of Sunday Night Study Series continues with week #4. Our theme this Fall is **God Works Through His People: "I Want to Be a Worker."** We hope every member of our Weatherly family will participate heartily in these evening assemblies.

Tonight the auditorium class will be led by **Phil Shaver**. We will be studying from Nehemiah— "Welcome More to the Work, Pt 2."

Two milestones...

Searcy & Evelyn Hall are celebrating 67 years of marriage! That is a big number. And **Lane Roberts** celebrated her 98th birthday last week! Congratulate these milestones. ☐

Ladies Meeting Thursday

The Weatherly ladies will be meeting Thursday, November 7th, at Peggy Coward's home at 10:00 a.m. We hope our women will be able to attend.

Group One Meets Today

Group One, led by **W.D. Patrick**, will meet immediately following evening class in the back classroom. Please plan to attend.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



11-7	Brody Besherse	11-8	Crystal Robinson
11-8	Julie Singleton	11-18	Samuel Holland
11-20	Riley Monroe	11-21	Mile Hagewood
11-22	Ina Carter	11-24	Carolyn Holland
11-25	Debbie Harbin		

Godly Wisdom

Michael W. McLemore

The Bible is the most apparent source of godly wisdom. In it God's principles for right speech, conduct and character are found for any and every situation or decision that may confront man.

Have you ever been verbally assaulted by a co-worker or blamed for a costly mistake that was not your own and wholly undeserved? In such cases it would be easy to respond with anger and spite. Yet, Jesus called His disciples to "bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you," *Luke 6:28*. A gentle response for an ugly accusation isn't natural, but it is biblical.

Most can bring to mind occasion when we did not respond with grace, or with wisdom. Why? Two reasons – Either we didn't know or we chose to ignore what God has revealed to His followers in the Bible.

To ensure that we are acquainted with God's standards and the importance of following them, we have to spend time reading and understanding His Word. Knowledge comes from learning biblical principles; wisdom has to do with applying them. Then, it requires moral courage, or virtue to follow through with its application in those life-moments. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Ben Little
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, November 3

Welcome: Forest Summers
Song Leader: Charles Hill
Opening Prayer: Bill Thompson
Scripture Reading: Gene Preston
Colossians 1:9-14
Sermon: Mike McLemore
Origin of a Grateful Heart
Closing Prayer: W.D. Patrick

Sunday, November 10

Welcome: Forest Summers
Song Leader: Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: David Jacks
Scripture Reading: Jeremy Leshko
Psalms 103:1-19
Sermon: Mike McLemore
A Model of Thanksgiving
Closing Prayer: Phil Shaver

Evening Worship

Study Series Phil Shaver
Songs Leader: Charles Hill
Opening Prayer: Ed Dill
Closing Prayer: Riley Monroe

Evening Worship

Study Series Marty Hunt
Songs Leader: Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: Forest Summers
Closing Prayer: Jimmy Harbin

Wednesday, November 6

Songs Leader: Phil Furlough
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Jim Risner

Wednesday, November 13

Songs Leader: Mike Coward
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Terry Barnett

Group 1

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

Group 2

Quarterly Adult Classes
October – December 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY

The Gospel According to John
Mike McLemore

Serving in November

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood	Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Nick Holland	W.D. Patrick
	Jimmy Harbin	Wes Caudle
	Tommy Hill **	John Patrick

Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough **	Kirk Hatcher
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Communion Prep	Cathy Preston & Susan Hand, Ellie Pellegrini
Building Lockup	Charley Skinner

