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I AM JUST HUMAN

Mike King



It is not uncommon for someone to say to me, “You are expecting us to be perfect, but we are just human!” Have you heard or made that statement before? Once in a while something similar will be said by a child, “I am just a kid and not an adult after all!” There is some sense of meaning to these statements but usually they are expressed in the form of justification or licensing of an unacceptable behavior.

Never would I shun appealing to every individual alive to strive for the ideal. Not perfection, for we know that all sin and fall short of God’s expectations (Rom. 3:23). Each congregation is made up of human materials even though the blueprint and design were conceived in heaven. Every congregation reflects those human weaknesses and imperfections. The ideal is set forth in the divine plan and every Christian in every age should strive to measure up to it. This can only be possible by each Christian dedicating themselves to following the Bible in all matters of faith and practice. We then will become the same kind of Christians, as were the apostles. If we settle for sin, impurity, indifference, with vague and general understanding and adherence to the ideal, we then are no different than reprobates. God deserves and demands the best that we can find and develop within our lives. We must perform better than Cain who gave a token offering rather than stepping up to the standard God expected. Nadab and Abihu opted to waive exercising the ideal by drawing from a strange source of fire for their offering (Lev. 10:1). The ideal was held before the readers of Paul’s epistle to the Galatians (Gal. 1:6-9) in the form of gospel teaching.

*What a man is outwardly, that to him will the world
be outwardly: his mood affects the very “quality of the day.”*

~ Bradford Torrey ~

When refusing the ideal that God has set before us, obviously mediocrity becomes our standard. We are to be “looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2). As Christians, we are to “*seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.*” Col. 3:1). Our Lord taught us to “*Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness*” (Mt. 6:33). We hear advertisements on T.V. quite often that question, “Why settle for less than what you deserve in a product.” When we settle for a watered down teaching, a flawed life-style, or an organization of men through which we strive to honor God, we have shunned the ideal for the flawed thinking and connivings of men that prove to be fruitless both here and in eternity.

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2016

Announcements: Andy Clemmer
Sound Room: Dan Cobb
Usher: Brian Carpenter

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Richard Jennings
 Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison
 Wed.: Thomas, Tyler, David,
 Caleb,

Sunday Prayers:

Dec. 04:
 A.M. Terry Stubblefield
 Randy Wall
 P.M. Troy Robertson
 Greg. Clayton
 Dec. 11:
 A.M. Richard Adams
 Tyler Weaver
 P.M. Harold Russell
 Jerry Grimmett
 Dec. 18
 A.M. Shane Crotts
 Terry Young
 P.M. Ruston Adams
 Matt Jennings
 Dec. 25
 A.M. Harold Crowe
 Jason Jennings
 P.M. Dillon Clayton
 Bobby Marques
 Jan. 01
 A.M. Greg Harrison
 Mark Jennings
 P.M. Tim Dye
 Paul Ormon

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Lonnie Weaver South Head: Phillip Young
 North Helper I: Steve Todd South Helper I: Olen Clark
 North Helper II: Roger Clayton South Helper II: Will Bowlin

Scripture Reading:

Dec. 04— Thomas Wall
 Dec. 11 — Phil Young
 Dec. 18 — Alvin Parks
 Dec. 25 — Dean Dillard
 Jan. 01 — Michael Crotts

Wednesday Prayers:

Dec. 07 — Jim Gann; David Clayton
 Dec. 14 — Perry Jones; Richard Jennings
 Dec. 21— Anderson Parks; Caleb Jennings
 Dec. 28—Daniel Drummond; Hunter Jennings

Prepare Communion:

Lea Anne McMillen

Usher & Lock:

Dec. 04 — Lonnie Weaver
 Dec. 11 — Roger Clayton
 Dec. 18 — Randy Wall
 Dec. 25 — Lonnie Weaver

Host Youth Devo:

To be combined with 3rd Sun. night
 Fellowship, Dec. 18th

*** If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let Randy Wall know before service time.**

FLATTERY

Flattery is saying positive things about people that you do not really believe, and it is condemned in the Bible.

Flattery is a trap. Prov. 29:5 asserts, *"A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet."*

Flattery is used to gain advantage over someone. *"These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage (Jude 1:16).*

Flattery is deceptive. Paul wrote, *"Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple"* (Rom. 16:17-18).

Flattery brings ruin. *"A lying tongue hates those who are afflicted by it, and a flattering mouth works ruin"* (Prov. 26:28).

It is important that we are truthful in our speech toward others. But we need to be kind in speaking the truth.

Our words should be filled with grace. *"Let your speech always be filled with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one"* (Col. 4:6)

Our words control our destiny. *"But I say to you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by their words you will be justified, and by thy words you will be condemned."* (Matt. 12:36-37).

Say what you mean and mean what you say but don't be mean with what you say. ~ Larry Pasley, bulletingold

CARE GROUPS MEET

- Care group 2 will meet at the fellowship building Friday night, Dec. 2nd, at 5:30pm.
- Care group 3 will meet at Cravin Catfish in Sherman, Sat. Dec. 10th, at 5:00pm
- Care Group 4 will meet Sunday, Dec. 11th, following morning services at the fellowship building.

PRAYER LIST



Earnestine Dye, mother of *Tim Dye* is scheduled for surgery Nov. 29th, in TN.

Ricky Adams, father of *Richard Adams* was to undergo a heart cath at the Tupelo Hospital, Mon. Nov. 28th.

Jerry & Lucille Gibson, have both been dealing with health issues. *Lucille* was released from the hospital Mon. after suffering from dehydration, low blood pressure and low potassium.

Connie Walton is scheduled to have surgery Dec. 8th, in Corinth.

Gloria Jones, is scheduled for neck surgery Dec. 9th.

Mary Frances Reid has been moved back to Cedars Care Center in Tupelo after spending several days in the hospital with a urinary tract infection and pancreatitis.

Continue to Remember:

Becky Cargile, Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Lana Gann, Jerry Gibson, Jacqueline Golden, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Abby Jones, Judy Kirk, Taylor Kirk, Perry Lepard, Dean Long, Grace Lyon, Earnestine McKinney, Stanley McMillen, Brandy Sandie, Cliff Sanders, Jean Simmons, B.A. Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Genice Collett, Wanda DeLoach, Perrin & Jean Drummond, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Mary Frances Reid, Claudia Senter, Mayner Senter, Miriam Styers, Ione Wall

Military List:

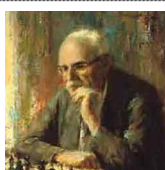
Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley & Chase Seals

AREA EVENTS

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Antioch Church of Christ Dec. 1st-4th. The guest speaker will be *B.J. Clark*. Times: Thurs.-Sat. nights at 7pm and Sun. at 10 & 11am and 2pm.

I've Learned...

God looks not at the quantity of the gift but to the quality of the giver.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- December 02. Dillon Clayton
- December 02. Stacie Dunn
- December 04. Daniel Drummond
- December 07. Kathy Clayton
- December 08. Larry Ashmore
- December 08. Deloris Crowe
- December 10. Maria Ormon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- December 08. David & Sharon Peeler



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men's Breakfast and planning session for the upcoming year is scheduled for Sat. morning, Dec. 3rd, at 7:00am. Please men, make every effort to attend this breakfast and meeting. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the foyer so we can get a head count for breakfast.



LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Ladies, you are invited to the annual Christmas Brunch at the home of *Novene Robertson*, Saturday Dec. 3rd, at 9:30am. You are asked to bring brunch items, finger foods or snacks and a wrapped Christmas ornament. Please make plans to join us, you will be glad you did!



QUILT EXHIBIT

There will be a quilt exhibit at the fellowship building Dec. 10th & 11th, from 1-4pm. Everyone is invited to participate. Condition does not matter, old or new. The "worn" ones just show history. Please let *Eleta Grimmitt* know by Dec. 4th, how many you would like to display. Her # is 662-534-2387 or 347-5977.



"The family, through God's eyes, as SEEN in 2016!"



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

MINISTER

Mike King 507-0625
 Home..... 534-6872
 Office 534-4649

ELDERS

Richard Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton252-9762
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Thomas Wall
 A.M. Prayer..Terry Stubblefield
 Closing Prayer.....Randy Wall
 P.M. Prayer.....Troy Robertson
 ClosingGreg Clayton
 Wed.12/07.....Jim Gann
 Wed.12/07.....David Clayton
 Usher & Lock....Lonnie Weaver

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....96
 Sunday A.M.....120
 Sunday P. M.....91
 Wednesday.....78
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PANTRY ITEMS

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The Dart Test

A young lady named Sally relates an experience she had in a class given by her teacher, Dr. Smith. She says that Dr. Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons.

One particular day, Sally walked into the class and knew they were in for a fun day.

On the wall was a big target, and on a nearby table were many darts. Dr. Smith told the students to draw a picture of someone that they disliked or someone who had made them angry, and he would allow them to throw darts at the person's picture.



Sally's friend drew a picture of a girl who had stolen her boyfriend. Another friend drew a picture of his little brother. Sally drew a picture of a former friend, putting a great deal of detail into her drawing, even drawing pimples on the face. Sally was pleased with the overall effect she had achieved.

The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripping apart. Sally looked forward to her turn, and was filled with disappointment when Dr. Smith, because of time limits, asked the students to return to their seats. As Sally sat thinking about how angry she was because she didn't have a chance to throw any darts at her target. Dr. Smith began removing the target from the wall.

Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus. A hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus; holes and jagged marks covered His face, and His eyes were pierced.

Dr. Smith said only these words, *"In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."* Matthew 25:40

No other words were necessary; the tears filled eyes of the students focused only on the picture of Christ.

~ Author unknown