

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM

Speaker, Robert Emerson

Study Sunday 10:00 AM

Worship Sunday 11:00 AM

Worship Sunday 5:00 PM

Singing every 2nd Sunday evening

Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Dwight (18), Stanley (25), Larry (12/2)**Reading:** Chandler**Announcements:** Larry**Communion:** Robert, Marty, Stanley, David**Wednesday Lesson:** Mike (7), Larry (14),

Stanley (21), Kris (28), Mike (12/5)

Lawn Mowing (week beginning):

On winter vacation...

Singing: Robert and Betty's (25)**Area Meetings:**

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"Examine everything carefully..." - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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Restoring Others to Faithfulness

By Robert F. Turner

Question: "When members are lax in attendance of services, what are the best means of restoring them to faithfulness?"

I could reply briefly by saying, "Convert them to Christ!" using genuine personal interest in their souls, living godly examples before them, and teach them God's word.

But back of much "forsaking the assembling of ourselves" is misunderstanding of the nature of such. Some seem to think the "services" are a sort of "roll call"—satisfied by one's bodily presence. We may further the misconception by urging them to "be faithful to the church," when "faithfulness to Christ" is needed. Here are five things (not necessarily in order of importance) that bring brethren

together. Teaching them these things is a part of the converting process—the "all things whatsoever I have commanded you" that must be taught following baptism. It will not be hard to do this **IF** they were originally taught to put Christ absolutely first in their lives.

True saints are of one accord.

They have so much in common, such singleness of purpose, they are drawn together by mutual consent. In Acts 2:42 "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." V44, "All that believed were together, and had all things common;" and in v46, "They continuing daily with one accord in the temple." Then, in 4:32, "The multitude...were of one heart and one soul."

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Being espoused to Christ, we are faithful to him, put him first. Paul said, “I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ,” (2 Cor 11:2). We love Him more than father, mother, or life (Mt 10:37-39), and serve Him accordingly. It was in order to “hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering” that the Hebrew writer said, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,” (Heb 10:23-25), and concluded, “For if we sin willfully... there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,” (v26).

Christians love the truth. Like David of old, they “delight in the law of the Lord; and in his law [they] meditate day and night,” (Psa 1:2). Christians “desire the sincere milk of the word, that [they] may grow thereby,” (1 Pet 2:2).

They venerate the Christ, and “show his death” until he comes again. Our Lord has given us a memorial to observe “in remembrance of” Him. “As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death till he come,” (1 Cor 11:23ff). Saints follow apostolic example and do this “upon the first day of the week,” (Acts 20:7), because they love the Lord.

Christians work together, as a team, according to apostolic example. Using the inspired word as their only guide, they pool their funds to maintain their own unit (Acts 4:34ff), to assist needy saints in other congregations (1 Cor 16:1-3), and to preach the word (Phil 4:15-16). They edified one-another (1 Cor 14:12ff); and true saints faithfully do the same today.

—via Plain Talk, V9, N11, Jan 1973. 

SELF~CONTROL

By Bill Hall

What is the value of self-control? Self-control is that which enables us to hold our tongues when we are tempted to viciously put someone in his place once and for all; or when we know a juicy bit of gossip that would be entertaining to the group and would turn us into the “life of the party”; or when an

occasion almost demands that we betray a confidence that must not be betrayed under any circumstances.

Self-control is that which enables us to control our passions when another is provoking us to anger; that keeps the clinched fists in the pockets when the agitator is only half our size; that keeps the lips

sealed when another is railing and swearing at us. Self-control is that which enables us to be like our Lord “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously,” (1 Pet 2:23).


Self-control is that which enables us to maintain purity of heart and to thrust out evil thoughts before they can take root; that enables us to place the best possible construction on another person’s actions when unproven rumors could easily destroy our confidence in him; that helps us to maintain a cheerful disposition when everything around us has turned sour. Self-control is that which enables us to love the unlovable and to hate that which the world loves.

Self-control is that which enables us to rule our appetites; to say “no” when our lusts would lead us to sin or when that which is harmful to our health is placed before us. Self-control is that which enables the smoker to put down his cigarettes and the alcoholic to put down his drink and never return to it. Self-control is that which enables us

to rule rather than to be enslaved.

The Bible does not glorify the indifferent and impassive. It is not our goal to be uncaring. To be like Paul, we must be able to have our spirit stirred within us when we are surrounded by evil (Acts 17:16). To be like our Lord, we must sometimes feel anger when surrounded by hypocritical self-righteousness (Mk 3:5); we must even react with occasional outbursts of goodness on occasions, as when the Lord cleansed the temple (Jn 2:13-17). But, all such outbursts must be tempered with self-control, that in our anger we “do not sin,” (Eph 4:26).

God does not view our uncontrolled actions with amusement. Our temper tantrums and harsh, unbridled words are soul threatening, a potential bar to the abundant entrance into the Lord’s everlasting kingdom (2 Pet 1:5-11). We must not minimize the danger. We must not surrender to this evil.

What is the value of self-control? It is one of the qualities that enable us to go to heaven. The possessor of it is rich indeed. 

Remember in Prayer

As of the time of this writing, sister Polly is in Athens Hospital, rm 215, and has suffered a stroke; please diligently pray for her and her family.

Will and Emily were united in marriage Saturday; please pray for this young couple as they begin their lives

as one!

We continue to pray for Lois Adams and her brother, Ted; Ruth Black, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Teeple; and Buddy’s friend, Herbert Sides...