



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Current Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship
~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal
~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal
Current Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

THE MOST TALKED ABOUT SUBJECT IN THE BIBLE? – PART TWO

Last week, we looked at what is believed to be the most mentioned subject in the Bible – being a giving or generous person. When Jesus talks about giving in the Bible He doesn't see it in terms of either giving money or giving of our time and talent(s). Instead, He calls us to be generous with everything we have for His sake. There are more promises in the Bible about **GIVING** than any other subject and of course, the biggest Giver in the Bible is God, who "so loved the world that He gave his only Son that we may not perish but have eternal life." God is the Chief Giver and if we want to be like Him, we need to be generous too.

We also talked about the fact that besides simply being generous because God asks it of us, there are definite benefits to being generous. First, generosity draws our heart closer to God's heart. Second, generosity strengthens our faith. And third, generosity is an

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WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We PROMISE Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 36—The Love Of God

Song No. 535—Sing To Me Of Heaven

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 187—In Heavenly Love Abiding

- LORD'S SUPPER • 

Song No. 303—Heavenly Sunlight

Song No. **XXX**—When We All Get To Heaven

- SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 477—Earth Holds No Treasures

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 276—Higher Ground

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

- GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

SERMON



GROWING TOGETHER - 6:1-9

- SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Ephesians 6:1-9; Mark 9:42-48; Proverbs 1:8; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Colossians 3:21; Acts 10:35; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 4:10; Colossians 3:25; Colossians 4:1

- SERMON OUTLINE •

— REVIEW & INTRODUCTION —

- I. Walking Under God's Authority, 6:1-4
 - A. Children Obey Parents
 - B. Parents Rule By God's Law
- II. Slaves/Masters Walk By God's Authority, 6:5-9
- III. The Workman: Obedience
 - A. With Respect & Fear
 - B. In Sincerity Of Heart
 - C. Not As Men Pleasers
 - D. As Servants Of Christ
 - E. With Good Will
 - F. Result: Rewarded By God
- IV. The Master: To Obey God
 - A. Same Christian Workman
 - B. Is Not To Threaten
 - C. The Reason: Subject To God

— CONCLUSION & INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

FEBRUARY 28 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Corinthians 10:14-31 —



— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
ANNUAL CHURCH "PICNIC"

— APRIL 28 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— MAY 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
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investment in eternity.

We left off in Part One of this article at James Kraft, the inventor of cream cheese and president of Kraft Foods, Inc. until his death in 1953 at age 78, who allegedly gave 25% of his income to charitable works.

Some (a lot?) of Christians try to give at least 10% of their income. This, as I'm sure you know, is called tithing, a word that comes from a slight misunderstanding of the Old Testament system of giving whereby every Jew was required to give 10% of their income to fund the work of the temple in Jerusalem and all the nation's priests. I say misunderstanding because actually there were two annual tithes – so it was 20% – and there was another tithe that happened every third year – so really they were giving an average of 23 1/3% of their income – every single year. I've simplified the tithing system I just described because it's actually quite complicated with certain tithes happening every year but the seventh and others happening only in the first, second, fourth and fifth years and different tithes occurring in the third, sixth and seventh years.

Anyway, Jesus – Praise God – changes all that! Changes it to such an extent that the word tithe is never used in the New Testament about giving – except when looking back to the old way of doing things. Instead the New Testament in answering the question “How much should we give?”, relies instead on giving us some broad principles, and expects us to work out the details with God ourselves:

(1) Giving should be proportionate to our income. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, “each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.” So, if we're rich, we bless God by giving more. If we're poor, we bless God by giving less. (Of course if the rich and the poor actually did give the same percentage, the rich would automatically give more than the poor.

(2) Generosity should hurt. Ouch. Paul writes about the Corinthian church that they, “gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability” (2 Corinthians 8:3-4). In other words they made lifestyle sacrifices so that they could

give so, we could say that their generosity “hurt” them.

(3) What we give is up to us. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 tells us, “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” In other words, it's up to us to prayerfully decide how we are going to respond to God's generosity to us.

(4) Giving should be anonymous. Jesus said, “When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret” (Matthew 6:2-4). And lest you believe that generosity is all about giving our money in secret, in verse one of Matthew chapter six, Jesus said, “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from you father in Heaven.” So, we're to give of our time, talent(s), and monies as quietly and as

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CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sickesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

MARCH 3

PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY, ADDITIONS:

ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E., [1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] – He had a spinal tap on Friday, February 9 to drain the liquid from his brain but it is starting to retain fluid again. He was to meet with his doctor on Thursday, February 29 to decide if a shunt will be implanted. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She's contracted Covid (she thought she was simply suffering allergies). She's also had some stomach issues and was supposed to have had an MRI of her neck to see if it will reveal the cause of her severe pain. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Flatequals, Fletcher, Evan, Lauryn (Evan's girlfriend), and Isabel [Pam Flatequal's family members plus one] – All have the A1 Flu. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Lopez, Emily [Tom Woodard's granddaughter] – She recently gave birth to a healthy, *Praise God!*, baby boy named Bryson Paul making him Tom's 12th great grandchild. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She's been under the weather. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Randy [Roger Smoot's brother] – His Parkinsons is really taking a toll on him. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – She had the MRI on her neck and surgery is indicated. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She suffered a stroke week of February 25. She wasn't hospitalized and is recovering at home. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Villarreal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] – He's now on a trial drug for 18 months for his stage 4 prostate cancer which has metastasised to several areas of his body (lymph nodes and bones). ^[NEW]
- ◇ YWAM Kids Killed or Injured [Youth With A Mission – Where Bailey & Dan'iel, Smoots' granddaughters are attending] – On a mission

trip to Tansania, Africa, 8 kids were killed and 3 injured when they were hit by a truck. The injured remain in the hospital. ^[NEW]

FEBRUARY 25

- ◇ Burris, Gloria [Joyce Burris's sister-in-law, married to Ken] – She's been diagnosed with a large tumor on her brain. An eight to ten hour surgery is scheduled at St David's Hospital in Austin. ^[1]
- ◇ McMeans, Melanie – She's contracted Covid but **Praise GOD!** She's mostly back to normal. ^[1]
- ◇ Wife's Name Unknown – While at Chucky Cheese's, Pam Flatequal's granddaughter, Isabel (2-years-old) ran up to a little boy her age and gave him a big hug (Pam said it was Isabel's new boyfriend! lol). Pam started talking to the gentlemen (to whom the little boy belonged) who revealed that he was in San Antonio for his wife's cancer surgery ^[1]
- ◇ Orr, Dan – He's been battling allergies and has had some stomach issues. ^[1]
- ◇ Para, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] – He had developed blisters in his eyes, possibly from a medication(s) he's taking. He also needs knee surgery desperately but he can't until some time in June. ^[1]
- ◇ Smoot, Cody [Smoots' grandson] – He and his fiancée Emily were wed yesterday. Congratulations! ^[1]
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene & Carol – **Praise To GOD!** They both received good reports from their doctors. ^[1]

FEBRUARY 18

- ◇ Gorham, Robert [Member of Rose Hill CoC or possibly Pearsall CoC] – He thought he was having a heart attack and took himself to the hospital. Tests revealed he had pneumonia. He is/was to receive some imaging tests. ^[2]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She has to have an MRI, possibly Feb 21 ^[2]
- ◇ Richardson, Cheryl & Preston [Formally members of Natalia CoC, now living in Tyler] – Prayers

for the family – their 16-year-old and legally blind granddaughter disappeared for 3 days. When she returned she refused to divulge where she'd been. ^[2]

ONGOING

NOTE: If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Bippert, Cheryl ^[15]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[15]; Boldt, Sandy ^[15]; Brown, Hunter ^[3]; Brown, Scott ^[20]; Brown, Stephanie ^[6]; Bucheit, Dan Family ^[21]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[8]; Corren, Jan ^[8]; Davis, R. Family ^[15]; Davis, Preston ^[3]; Davis, P. Family ^[21]; Delaney, Sophie ^[9]; Dye, Joyce ^[15]; Evans, Steve ^[8]; Fintel, Pam ^[15]; Flatequal, Fletcher ^[5]; Green, Marvin ^[9]; Green, Sonia ^[5]; Halverson, Rich Family ^[21]; LeFluer, Miranda ^[5]; Mays, Alice Family ^[10]; McLay, Carla ^[3]; McLay, Gary ^[3]; McMeans, Velma ^[5]; Montalvo, Louie ^[17]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[15]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[15]; Neal, Larry ^[3]; Noble, David Family ^[19]; Norris, David Family ^[8]; Orr, Lori Family ^[24]; Parra, Rudy ^[21]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[3]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[7]; Sensat, Miriam ^[22]; Shaw, Nancy ^[8]; Slaughter, Ron ^[20]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[5]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[7]; Smoot, Bailey ^[3]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[3]; Smoot, Deborah ^[5]; Torres, Donna ^[13]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[11]; Turnbow, Gary ^[11]; Villarreal, Doris Family ^[5]; Welsby, Chris ^[5]; Wentreck, James Family ^[11]; Woodard, Sue ^[24]



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anonymously as practical.

I'd like to close with a final thought – we've talked about principles of giving, and we've talked about why generosity is good for us – but what does God want us to be generous towards? Well, there are three broad areas of giving that God points us to in the Bible. First is to support the needs of our fellow Christians. Second is to support the needs of the poor. And last – but by no means least – is to support the mission of the church. I believe that all of our income here at Lytle is spent either on our mission to be a Christian presence for our community or it's spent on maintaining our base of operations here – this building complex and its maintaining, insuring, heating, cooling (VERY important in South Texas), lighting, etcetera.

So, that's generosity – that's what those generous Philippians were doing which produced such a pleasing aroma to God (Philippians 4:15-20) and which created such a lasting impact on Paul and on his missionary work. Their generosity paved the road for the gospel to reach Rome and eventually Britain and then the world. I wonder what road our generosity paves? And I wonder if it produces a pleasing aroma to God?

Let me make one thing crystal clear – God is not after our money – it's His anyway. No, what God is after is our hearts; and when He has our hearts, then our time and talents and treasure will follow in an outpouring of generosity.

In closing, I'm going to simply invite you to offer your heart to God, and ask you to make Him your real treasure, for “where your treasure is, that's where your heart is” (Matthew 6:21). **E**

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

1 JOHN 3:9-15

⁹ Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Joyce Burris	March 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	March 12	Birthday
Darrell Ranne	April 13	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And April 13, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)</p>
Every Thursday	 <p>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun–Mar 10	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>What God Wants For Me</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Mar 17	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Spiritual & Religious</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Mar 24	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Walking With The Lord</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Mar 31	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Our Adversary</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p>VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun–Mar 3	¹ Anthem & ² Canadian Bacon & ³ Cold Cuts & ⁴ 33 Flavors Days
Mon–Mar 4	National ¹ Pound Cake & ² Snack & ³ World Obesity Awareness Days 
Wed–Mar 6	National ¹ Oreo Cookie & ² Frozen Food & ³ White Chocolate Cheese Cake Days
Thu–Mar 7	National ¹ Cereal & ² Flapjack & ³ Crown Roast Of Pork Days 
Sat–Mar 9	National ¹ Crabmeat & ² Meatball & ³ Genealogy Days 
Sun–Mar 10	National ¹ Ranch Dressing & ² Blueberry Popover ³ Pretzel Sunday 
Sun–Mar 31	Easter Sunday 

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

**ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!**

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Mar 3 - Num 18-20
MON	Mar 4 - Num 21-22
TUE	Mar 5 - Num 23-25
WED	Mar 6 - Num 26-27
THU	Mar 7 - Num 28-30
FRI	Mar 8 - Num 31-32
SAT	Mar 9 - Num 33-34

Num = Numbers

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM 1 JOHN

1:7-9 — ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2:15 — ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

3:1-2 — ¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

4:7-8 — ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

