

## Lincoln's Pockets

The night US president Abraham Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theater in 1865, his pockets contained the following: two spectacles, a lens polisher, a pocketknife, a watch fob, a handkerchief, a leather wallet containing a five-dollar Confederate bill, and eight newspaper clippings, including several that praised him and his policies.

I wonder what the Confederate money was doing in the president's pocket, but I have little doubt about the glowing news stories. Everyone needs encouragement, even a great leader like Lincoln! Can you see him, in the moments before the fateful play, perhaps reading them to his wife?

Who do you know who needs encouragement? Everyone! Look around you. There isn't one person in your line of vision who is as confident as they seem. We see all one failure, snide comment, or bad hair day away from self-doubt.

What if we all obeyed God's command to "please our neighbors for their good, to build them up"? (Romans 15:2). What if we determined only to speak "gracious words" that are "sweet to the soul and healing to the bones"? (Proverbs 16:24). What if we wrote these words down, so friends could reread and savor them? Then we'd all have notes in our pockets (or on our phones!). And we'd be more like Jesus, who "did not please himself" but lived for others (Romans 15:3).

~Mike Whittmer

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### Meeting times:

#### Sunday:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday:

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

### Elders:

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### Minister:

Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 08/11 72

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 08/11 \$2297.11

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### Doing that which is our duty

In the sixth chapter of the book of Ephesians, there are sundry-duties listed that are enjoined upon Christians., such as children obeying their parents, honoring our fathers and mothers, servants being obedient to masters, masters treating their servants justly, and finally, our putting on the whole armour of God and standing in the fight.

Children are commanded to obey their parents in the Lord, "For this is right," That is what the Lord expects of them.

When we are in the employ of someone, we must be careful that we give just service. I once heard a young man boast that on the job in a factory he, along with a number of other workers, wasted several hours on the job on coffee breaks. Sometimes, we act as men-pleasers. When the boss is around, we are as busy as bees; but the minute his back is turned, we become idle. Such an attitude as that is displeasing unto the Lord. We should be doing our work "as to the Lord, and not unto men." (Eph. 6:7) It doesn't matter so much whether or not the boss sees us as it does that the Lord always sees us.

It is true that many times, more so in years past than in the present age, employers have taken unfair advantage of their employees. They sometimes have no feelings for the needs of their employees. But Christ and the Father, whom we serve, are not that way; and neither is there respect of persons with him." (v. 9) The apostle Peter tells us, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." (1 Pet. 3:12)

The thing that we as Christians need to keep in mind is that we are the servants of God. We should not think that we have done any great thing when we have exhausted our every effort to keep the commandments of God. That is only what we should have done. Jesus taught that lesson in the 7th chapter of Luke: "But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready where with I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doeth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow (think) not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." (Luke 7:7-10)

God is not an unjust Master, but he is our Master. He bought us with the blood of his Son. It is our duty to keep his commandments. The apostle John said, "For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous." (1 John 5:3) That is, he is not asking us to do something that is unthinkable difficult or unreasonable. We are to put on the whole armor of God and fight the battle against the wiles of the devil. If we fail to keep his commandments, we are no better than the slacker on the job in the factory. God is not going to bid us sit down to enjoy the bliss of heaven until we have done our duty here on earth. ~W.L. Totty

28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30)

<b>Keep These Dates in Mind</b>	<b>August Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>	
08/10 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 08/11 Open Congregation Meeting 500p 09/01 First Sunday Potluck 09/08 Open Congregation Meeting 500p 09/14 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship	Debbie Bolt 8/8 Danny Mendoza 8/13 Clarence & Melinda Botts 8/13 Ron & Ila Stephens 8/13 Maddison Reeser 8/18 Eric Calzadillas 8/19 Bill & Fran Henniger 8/19	Merry Bunker 8/22 Harvey & Lynette Jones 8/25 Sue Minor 8/25 Eddie Petross 8/28 Bonnie Johnson 8/28 Barbara Oldham 8/31

**The Lord is on my side;  
I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?  
It is better to trust in the Lord  
than to put confidence in man.  
It is better to trust in the Lord  
than to put confidence in princes.  
(Ps. 118:6,8,9)**



**Issues (ongoing):** Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Karen McBurney's father and brother, .  
**Norm Goldsmith and Barbara Oldham both** went home to God this past Thursday. Memorial will be held for Barbara in Spokane. Details on Norm will be forthcoming. Keep both families in your prayers,  
**Lupe Mendoza's** test results showed a few spots and she will be undergoing biopsies this week to see if they are malignant. Keep her in your prayers.

### Schedule for speakers over the next few months

:Leonard Peters will be bringing us the message from God's word this morning and tonight we will be watching part three of the film series "The Silencing of God by Dave Miller of Apologetics Press.

08/04 – Tom Mendoza; 08/11 – Joe Botts; 08/18 – Leonard Peters; 08/25 – Clarence Botts; 09/01 – Danny Mendoza; 09/08 – Allen Lindsay; 09/15 – Tom Mendoza; 09/22 – Joe Botts; 09/29 – Leonard Peters

### Our Ministries

#### Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

#### Peru Ministry – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

#### Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

#### Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

### Mimeographs Are Not Lost Technology

With the advances in technology over the last half-a-century, the word "mimeograph" and the whole history of mimeograph technology is being lost as a relic of the past. Before photocopy machines, there were mimeograph systems, which created a stencil through which ink was forced onto paper. Using that stencil, numerous copies could be made over and over, which would match the stencil. Look at the word "mimeograph" and recognize that the copies that were made from a stencil would actually "mimic" (look like) the stencil.

What does all of this have to do with us? The Greek word, from which we get our English words "mimic" and "mimeograph," is found a handful of times in the New Testament. Keeping in mind the mimicking nature of a mimeograph machine duplicating the original stencil, consider how God uses this word to instruct Christians.

**As Christians, we must mimic the Lord!** "Therefore be imitators of God" (Eph. 5:1). "Become imitators...of the Lord" (1 Thess. 1:6). He is the stencil; we are the blank sheets of paper onto which His image must be stamped and exhibited! When others look at you, can they see the imprint of the original stencil? Do they recognize whose image you bear?

**As Christians, we must mimic the faithful of the past!** "Imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Heb. 6:12). Lives of faithful imitators of God are detailed in Scripture "for our learning" (Rom. 15:4) and "as an example" to mimic (1 Cor. 10:11). We must strive to look like them, duplicating their faithfulness in our own lives!

**As Christians, we must mimic the faith of our leaders!** "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith" (Heb. 13:7). Look back at the lives of faithful elders and mimic their faith in your own life, as they mimicked the image of Christ!

**As Christians, we must mimic good and not evil!** As the apostle John contrasted the divisive, self-centered nature of Diotrephes with the proven, faithful character of Demetrius, John urged his readers, "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God" (3 John 11). Which stencil are we using—evil or good? One stencil is "of God" and the other has never been in the presence of God! Does your life mimic what is good (to look like God) or what is evil (to look like the world)?

Mimeograph technology may be a thing of the past, but Christians are still called upon to mimic the stencils provided to us by God and the faithful who have gone before us! ~David Sproule

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Stress. The very word itself, just saying it, is distressing! It closely resembles "stretched," which is what some stress feels like. It rhymes with "press," which is what other stress feels like. Life often has a way of gripping us with tension, worry, anxiety and troubles of all sorts. When stress has you stressed, may I encourage you to take a moment (you can afford just one quick moment) to find a place of isolation, close your eyes, take an extra-deep breath, exhale very slowly, and remember these wonderful truths:

(1)God is with you (Josh. 1:9). Stop and say it, "God is with me!"

(2)God loves you(1 John 4:19). Stop and say it, "God loves me!"

(3)God wants to help you (Psa. 46:1; Heb. 13:6). Stop and say it, "God wants to help me!"

(4)God wants what is best for you (Deut. 6:24; Rom. 8:28). Stop and say it, "God wants what is best for Now, go back to #1 and go through it again (and again). Trust God! Trust that He knows! Trust that He cares! Trust that He is your God! – (Via Palm Beach Church of Christ Bulletin)