

Acting Like My Dog

Acting Like My Dog We're dog people. For the past thirty plus years we've had a dog or dogs living with us. They have been mostly house dogs, a Beagle, multiple Chihuahuas, and Terriers. We enjoy our dogs (most of the time) and they entertain us and keep us company. Though all dogs have different traits, habits and personalities, most dogs have some good traits in common. In many ways Christians should act more like their dogs, for example...

- Dog are always glad to see you when you come home.
"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another" (Romans 12:10)
- Dogs are satisfied with a little something to eat and a place to lay down.
"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11)
- If you're sick and feeling bad, dogs will lie in your lap or at your feet and give you quite comfort.
"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." (1 Thes. 5:11)
- Dogs are forgiving. Even after you scold, discipline or hurt them accidently, they still love you.
"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

~Jay Lanus, Maud Church of Christ

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Conforming to the World

The word "church" means "called out." That should characterize the Lord's people in every community. Jesus told the apostles, "If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" (John 15:19). Satan, as the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), puts all kinds of pressure on the church to conform to the world. When we try to imitate the "successful" denominations about us, the devil is the one who succeeds. A friend of mine once said, "They are miles ahead of us in many ways." I replied, "How can they be, when we are not on the same road or even heading in the same direction?" If we are programmed to think like, plan like, and teach like the denominations, we become one. And, we die as a church.

Some religious leaders complain about our "isolation stance." They resent it that we will not fellowship with "other churches." But we dare not ignore what God requires of us. "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what portion hath a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement hath a temple of God with idols? for we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them; and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore, come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you. And will be to you a Father, And ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:14-18). He shows that we are not to be in fellowship with unrighteousness or Belial, or unbelievers, or idols. Notice that each of these represent either unbelief or false religions. The admonition is strong and clear "Come yet out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord" The Lord calls us to be separate, distinctive, and set apart. When we have fellowship with any who teach and practice that which is not authorized of God, we become guilty. "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God, he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son. If any one cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not unto your house, and give him no greeting; for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works" (2 John 9-11) . We dare not conform to the religious world, or the church will die.

Seeking first God's approval, the church must separate from the world. "And be not fashioned according to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). It is thus that we can "give more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, ye shall never stumble" (2 Peter 1:10).

~Excerpted, Clem Thurman.

<i>Keep These Dates in Mind</i>	<i>September Birthdays and Anniversaries</i>	
Sept 5 – Fellowship Meal after Sunday morning worship	Craig & Debbie Bolt 9/1 Jack Danley 9/18	<p>Happy Moments Praise God</p> <p>Difficult Moments Seek God</p> <p>Quiet Moments, Worship God</p> <p>Painful Moments, Trust God</p>

Those with ongoing health issues:

Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Sandi Gray, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce, Jim Preston

Bible Studies

<p>Adult Bible Classes Sunday a – 1 Samuel Wed p – Minor Prophets</p>	<p>Young Adults class- Teen Room (led by Danny Mendoza)</p>	<p>Ladies Class (Contact Sandi Gray for information)</p>
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Jonni Marcotte has requested prayers for her friend Libby. She is pregnant with twins and her husband just died due to Covid-19.

For those who remember **Rick and Glenda McEuen**. He was in a car accident and broke vertebrae were pressed together in a stress fracture. Glenda has asked for prayers.

For those who know **Don and Reba Berry**, Don has been in the hospital with Covid and was recently put onto a respirator. Keep him in your prayers that he will recover. He is now preaching at the Riverside Church of Christ.

Linda Bills' eye problem was finally diagnosed as a hole in her retina. She will be going to Phoenix next week to have it repaired. Keep her in your prayers that all goes well.

Al Lindsay will be going to Portland on September 1st, with his daughter, to have surgery on his eye. Pray that all goes well with that surgery.

Sandi Gray had surgery on August 27, to tie a vein and artery together in preparation for dialysis if/when it is needed at a later date.

Larry Marquez, Wanda Danley's brother, was diagnosed with nerve damage in his leg which has been causing his severe pain.

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 - If you are in need of food assistance, please contact one of the men of the congregation and they will be able to help you with this need.

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

Be Still and Know

We are living in uncertain times. We are living in dangerous times. We are living in troubling times. It seems that everywhere we turn there is something disastrous happening. It is enough to get you down and to keep you down. With all that's going on around us—from our families, to our local communities, to our nation, to the whole globe—what can we do? How can we keep from being distraught?

Be still...and know that God is still God. God has not surrendered His throne. He is still “the ruler over the kings of the earth” (Rev. 1:5). He is still the God of “love” (1 John 4:8), “peace” (Phil. 4:9), “all grace” (1 Pet. 5:10), “patience and comfort” (Rom. 15:5) and “hope” (Rom. 15:13). No matter what happens, put your trust in that!

Be still...and know that right is still right. The world is doing its dead level best to confuse those who know what is right and who stand for what is right. Over 2,700 years ago, God said, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isa. 5:20). Those people are still living among us in the twenty-first century. Nevertheless, never doubt that the “commandments” of the Lord are “right” every time (Psa. 119:172), without fail, without exception. No matter what happens, put your trust in that!

Be still...and know that truth is still truth. We are told that we are living in a post-truth era and that truth today is subject to “the eye of the beholder” of whatever that truth is. However, God's truth is immutable (Matt. 24:35; 1 Pet. 1:23-25), just as God is (Heb. 6:18-20). Folks may try to twist and turn it to fit their agenda, but remember that “the truth of the Lord endures forever” (Psa. 117:2). No matter what happens, put your trust in that!

Be still...and know that eternity is still real. It is so easy to take our eyes off of the “eternal,” place them on the “temporary,” and as a result, “lose heart” (2 Cor. 4:16-18). When that happens, work twice as hard to “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:2). Remember that “the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:17). No matter what happens, put your trust in that!

Be still...and know that Christians still win in the end. You may not feel like you are winning. Around the world it may appear that Christians are on the losing side. But don't put your trust in appearances (2 Cor. 5:7). Jesus has already crushed the adversary (Heb. 2:14). Satan has already lost! Faithful Christians will be victorious (2 Tim. 4:7-8). No matter what happens, put your trust in that! ~David Sproule

Why do bad things happen to good people? I do not know, but I do know there is still a loving God.

Some people deny God's existence because an all-loving, all-powerful, all-knowing God, in their view would not allow suffering. “If he loved and was all-powerful, then He must not know about it,” they object, “If he loves and knows, He must not be powerful enough to stop it,” they cry. Further “If He is powerful enough and knows about it, He must not love enough to stop it.” So, they say, “Since He cannot be all-loving, all-powerful and all-knowing, He cannot exist.” There is though, another possibility: Consider, please, that God has done something about suffering. He came and suffered with us in the person of His son. Therein, He can identify with us and comfort us. That takes knowledge, power and love. ~Robison's Rubies, Voice of Truth International