

### Here's Looking at Me

“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. 6. But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.” 2 Corinthians 13:5-6

One of the hardest things for us to do is to look at ourselves honestly. We'd like to think that we don't have too many faults of bad traits. We seem to have an inborn defense mechanism that prevents us from being completely honest with ourselves which all makes self improvement that much more difficult. But in the preceding verse, the bible says that we are to examine ourselves, that's honestly looking at the measure of faith that we possess. It also goes on to say that we should test ourselves, give ourselves spiritual challenges which will make us grow and become spiritually stronger. Why is this important? Because Jesus Christ is a part of us and we're to live for Him everyday. Just as the athlete in the ball game or the race, we want to play by the rules and don't want to be disqualified from the game (1 Corinthians 9:27). Living a good, busy, faithful, trusting, loving, Christian life will keep us in the running with the Good Lord right by our side. Every day we should look into the mirror of God's Word, concentrating on our own personal ability (or inability) to look at ourselves and see ourselves just as God sees us.

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**But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since therefore we now have been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (Romans 6:16)**

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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### 10 Things To Do When People Make Mistakes

“Nobody's perfect!” You've heard it. You've thought it. You've probably said it. Unfortunately, we seem to often find ourselves on the receiving end of the imperfection. Sometimes the mistakes are not that big of a deal—putting pickles on a plain burger or calling you by the wrong name. Other times the mistakes are a really big deal—running a red light into oncoming traffic or giving someone the wrong medication. So, what do we (Christians) do when people make mistakes...and at our expense?

**Sympathize with them.** If Jesus could and can “sympathize with our weaknesses” (Heb. 4:15), then why can we not try to do the same by putting ourselves in their place? You've been there yourself!

**Be patient with them.** Paul addressed how to respond to those who may test our patience sometimes by saying, “Be patient with all” (1 Thess. 5:14). A servant of the Lord “must” be “patient when wronged” (2 Tim. 2:24).

**Be kind to them.** A servant of God is to “be kind” and “tenderhearted” (Eph. 4:32) to “everyone,” rather than being “quarrelsome” (2 Tim. 2:24), for the Lord Himself “is kind to ungrateful and evil people” (Luke 6:35).

**Golden Rule them.** “As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them” (Luke 6:31).

Go to them. If the situation calls for a resolution, then “go and tell him his fault between you and him alone” (Matt. 18:15). Aim to keep it private.

**Refuse to malign them.** A Christian is charged, “Do not speak evil of one another” (Jas. 4:11). In fact, Paul would “remind” us “to speak evil of no one,” and instead “to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men” (Tit. 3:1-2).

**Love them.** Just as the Lord possessed and demonstrated love for all men (John 3:16), He calls upon us to do the same, even to “love” people we would consider our “enemies” (Matt. 5:44). Agape love is unconditional, unselfish and seeks the best of the one to whom we direct that love (cf. Phil. 2:3-5).

**Pray for them.** While our tendency might be to give someone a piece of our mind, the better choice would be to talk to God about and for that person (Matt. 5:44; Luke 23:34) to obtain a peace of mind.

**Be merciful to them and forgive them.** Once again, our God shows the way. “Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36). If we want God to forgive us, then we must forgive others (Matt. 6:14-15).

**Don't let their mistake rule you.** You control you. Better yet, “Set your mind on things above” (Col. 3:1). Read Colossians 3 and then let verse 15 resonate in your heart: “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.”

~David Sproule

**Keep These Dates in Mind****June Birthdays and Anniversaries**

June 6 – Potluck

Leland Davis 6/1  
 Henry & Mary Beth Walker 6/2  
 Fran Henniger 6/7  
 Rachel Melder 6/8  
 Phyllis Hubbard 6/10  
 Jack & Wanda Danley 6/15  
 Craig Bolt 6/15  
 Maurice Bunker 6/15

Ken & Sallie Winstead 6/17  
 Thelma Gritzan 6/19  
 Bill & Fran Gregory 6/19  
 Sue Pierce 6/26  
 Jenifer Mooney 6/28  
 Karen McBurney 6/30  
 Shannon Mendoza 6/30

**Bible Studies****Adult Bible Classes**

Sunday a - Judges  
 Sunday p - Romans  
 Wed p – The Church  
 (5-week study)

**Young Adults class-  
Teen Room** (led by  
Danny Mendoza)**Ladies Class**

(Contact Sandi  
 Gray for  
 information)

Please let Lynette Jones know about upcoming events or prayer request so she can include them in the bulletin.

**Ongoing Health issues:** Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Sandi Gray, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce Michael Stimson, Jim Preston

**In Our Prayers**

**Eddie Petross'** surgery went well, and he is home. He is to have a follow up this week.

**Bill and Fran Gregory** are no longer working with us. If you have questions or concerns, please see Vern or Clarence for more information.

**There is a potluck** today after services. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship among fellow Christians.

**Sandi Gray's** cataract surgery went well this week.

**Wanda Danley's** Mother and Brother are both back in the hospital. Please keep this family in your prayers as they struggle with on-going health issues.

**Gerald Funnell** has been suffering from lower leg cramps

**Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)**

**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)

**Feeding On the Faithfulness of God**

Feeding ourselves is a part of daily life. Food is necessary so that we may have the energy we need to live life. Most of us eat at least 3 meals a day and we look forward to partaking of delicious food. However, sometimes we do not eat food that is good for us. At times, we eat food that is high in caloric and fat content; and, instead of the food helping sustain our bodies, it can actually begin to harm our bodies. If you are like me and have to watch your diet, many times you have to ask yourself when considering partaking of a food item, “Is this food I am about to eat good for me?”

In Psalm 37, David speaks about what he feeds his mind spiritually with regard to the types of thoughts on which he is meditating. For example, as the opening verse above show, one can feed his mind junk food by choosing to “fret because of evildoers” or be “envious of the workers of iniquity” (Psalm 37:1). This kind of thinking is not healthy for our minds and does not benefit us spiritually. In fact, it causes harm. David adds, “Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret--it only causes harm” (Psalm 37:7-8).

Instead, David encourages us to think about positive thoughts of God and to “feed on His faithfulness” (Psalm 37:3). We need to fill our minds with thoughts of how God watches over our souls: “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand” (Psalm 37:23-24). As David reflects on God's faithfulness to His people over the years of his personal life, he adds, “I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread. He is ever merciful and lends; and his descendants are blessed” (Psalm 37:25-26).

Rather than filling our minds with worrying about whether or not the wicked are going to escape justice, we need patiently wait for God, Who, in His faithfulness, will execute his righteous justice: “Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it”, “for the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off” (Psalm 37:34, 27-28). So much of the heartache that we face in our lives is caused by our choosing to feed ourselves with bad thoughts where we try to control the outcome of the things we face in our lives, instead of trusting in God and committing ourselves to His care: “But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him (Psalm 37:39-40).

As I read these words of David from Psalm 37, I ask myself, “What am I feeding on?” Am I feeding my mind with unhealthy thoughts of fretting over the apparent escape of the wicked from justice or am I partaking of healthy thoughts as I fill my mind with thoughts of God's faithfulness to me and His people? Today, let's fill our minds with thoughts of God's blessings and feed on His faithfulness!

~Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ, Daily Devo

**“Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness” (Psalm 37:1-3).**