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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Keeping the Charge of Impartiality

One of the biggest motivators you can receive is a charge from one of your superiors. A charge is an authoritative instruction in matters of extraordinary importance. Whether it is an officer in the military, a manager at work, or a parent, a charge is able to clarify exactly what is expected of you. It focuses your goal, eliminates alternatives, and lays out a plan of action. Because we trust the authority of the one giving the charge, it is easier to get up and perform the task laid out no matter how difficult.

In Paul's epistles, he gives several charges for Christians to take on. One of these challenges continues to be extremely difficult for many to follow. Paul says in 1 Timothy 5:21, "I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality." In the immediate context, the "things" Paul is referring to are answering an accusation against the elders and responding to a sinning brother. In these instances, Paul is saying that it is vitally important that we do these things without showing favoritism or bias. But, this charge has much wider applications.

The Bible speaks about impartiality in many contexts. In Leviticus 19:15, Israel was commanded to be impartial concerning judgments of the law regardless of class. "You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor." In Acts 10:34, when Peter met the Gentile, Cornelius, he understood that salvation is for all. He remarked, "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."

Although impartiality is preached throughout the Bible, Christians have failed over and over again to put it into practice. In Galatians 2:11-21, Paul tells us that Peter himself had to be corrected for showing preference to his fellow Jews over the Gentiles. These days, Christians continue to fail when it comes to racial bias. Perhaps we just haven't understood the assignment given to us.

Let's take the charge! Paul laid out Christ's expectations for the church. He has focused our goal, he eliminated the alternatives and laid out a plan for us to follow. Let us treat one another without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. If I give favor to a brother because they are my friend, because they are part of my economic class, or if they share my skin color, I am not keeping Paul's charge. It may seem extraordinarily difficult to overcome our prejudices. But, if we will trust our Superior, we will keep His charge. ~Robert Lupo

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
03/01 Monthly Potluck 03/10 Hand and Foot get together 03/14 Men's Business Meeting	Addison McCown 3/3 Shirley McLaughlin 3/4 Sammie Engelke 3/7 Doris Pennington 3/15 Raylee Woodward 3/21	
Today's News	Bible Studies	
Potluck Today	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 1st Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) – Minor Prophets	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursday 11:00 -12:30. Survey of the O.T.

For us to remember:

- **Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Shauna** (Ila Stevens granddaughter), **Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend), **Tamara Zog, Doreen Martinez, Carlos Soto, Chris Romero, Nate Perkins, Granny Perkins**
- **John Dawson** – (Connie's Brother) – multiple myeloma blood cancer – undergoing chemo
- **Judy Ward** – as she deals with aFib issues
- **Norm Hubbard** – Cards can be sent to Phyllis Hubbard at 2021 Mahan Ave. Sp. H5 Richland WA 99354.
- **Pam Fox** – Died Thursday 3/26/26. Cards can be sent to Gary Fox 8416 Desoto Dr. Pasco WA 99301

Don't wait for things to get simpler, easier or better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now. Otherwise, you will run out of time.

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	J. Mendoza	G. Keever K. McCown	H. Jones
Next Week	G. Keever	D. Mendoza	j. Wilson	L. Moore J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty

More About the Heart of a Soul Seeker

It was two weeks ago that we spent time looking at Paul and his love for the lost. That article ended with a long list that showed his heart when he established the church in Thessalonica. The last paragraph indicated we would write more later. Paul's life imitated the life of Jesus, and Paul encouraged others to do likewise (1 Cor. 11:1).

Have you ever noticed how much love and devotion is shown by a mother as she tends to an infant. Paul did. He used this picture to encourage the church he established to have the right attitude. "We were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children" (1 Thess. 2:7). We put on the whole armor of God, and we are armed with the sword of the spirit which defeats others. However, that sword is not for decapitation of others who are wrapped up in false teaching. This sword is designed to be used for a heart transplant. As you teach others and seek to bring them to Christ hear these words of Paul and be gentle in dealing with the hearts of those you teach.

Timothy was with Paul when the church was being established in the city of Macedonia. He, Paul and Silas were there to answer the Macedonian call. He was so young and unskilled, but what an example Paul was in the way he taught. How important was it to be gentle in teaching others? Hear these words written years later to Timothy when he was much older. "But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth..." (2 Tim. 2:23-25). Read those verses again, meditate upon them as you are studying with the lost—not quarrel, be gentle, patient, humility. Change your heart before you seek to change the heart of those who are lost.

Paul uses another example showing how we should teach the lost. "You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged everyone of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom" (1 Thess. 2:10-12). Read these words again and meditate on them—devout, just, blamelessly, exhorted, comforted and charged you. The figure is of an older child, and the emphasis is on a father having a serious talk with his son. It is serious, not because of a glaring mistake the son has made, but a time when the future of the son matters. The future of the lost matters! Think about this. Pray about yourself, and it will change how you deal with the lost. ~Dan Jenkins

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. (Heb. 2: 9,10)

Wednesday Night Devotional

	song leader	Devotional		song leader	Devotional
03/04	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza	04/01	J. Mendoza	H. Jones
03/11	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	04/08	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
03/18	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	04/15	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza
03/25	L. Moore	J. Wilson	04/22	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty

