

Passion for God.....Compassion for People
December 7, 2014

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Worship Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday A.M.: The Effects of Frustration Mack Rice
Sunday P.M.: The Apostle Peter Daniel Newell



Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow.
The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

We need men who can dream of things that never were.

John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

Items to Remember:

Stanton Nursing Home Services are the third Sunday of the month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The speaker for December will be Dan Newell Jr.

Stanton Nursing Home Birthday Celebrations are the first Saturday of each month at 2pm.

Church Singing takes place the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please plan to attend and encourage others as well.

Ladies Group Meeting takes place the 2nd Friday of each month at 7pm in the multi-purpose room at the church building. This is a great opportunity for ladies to learn together and fellowship. Please make plans to attend.

Birthdays this Week: Eugene Estep (7th), Brennan Rogers (12th)

Anniversaries this Week: None

Our sermon airs each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.WSKV – 104.9 FM

Please Lift Up In Prayer:

Sharon & Donald Olinger, Correne Hatton, Inez Estep, Ellaray Campbell, Joe Slone. Those undergoing medical tests, those going through personal trials, unspoken requests, the elderly in the church, those who have lost loved ones, and those on the church prayer list.

.....*the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

James 5:16

Our men and women serving in Afghanistan and other war torn areas.

Greater love hath no man John 15:13

- The Church food pantry is a way to share with those in need. It is accessed weekly by members of our community. Please donate as you can.

Pantry Item of the Week: Canned Meat

Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick..... Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship Charles Rice

Prayer:

A.M. Prayer before Worship Terry Abney
A.M. Closing Prayer Jody McCoy
P.M. Opening Prayer Brian Rogers
P.M. Closing Prayer Luke Newell Jr.

December:

Communion:

Reading Lonnie Dale Stewart
Serving Kyle Lucas & Rob Little
Communion to the Sick Mack Rice & Walter Rice
Collection Dan Newell & Walter Rice
Prepare Communion Pauline Rice
Van Driver Shane Burgher
Cleaning Outside Dan Newell & Shane Burgher

This and That

How to reach others and achieve unity? Try James' approach: "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3:17

The Holy Spirit, through James, is making the case for unity through a bridling of the *human* tongue. Letting God do the talking for us. Accepting what *He* says and following through with what *He* requires. Problem is, most of us find this difficult to accept. Seems as though we want to put our 2 cents worth in. However, 2¢ can be very costly in the end. God's formula is:

- Pure Wisdom first. The Bible must be placed first and accepted by all of us as the standard of righteousness.
- Peace should be sought based upon what the Bible says.
- We should always be gentle in our dealing with others when presenting the doctrine of Christ.
- Easy to be intreated means that we find it easy to obey what the Lord says in his word and we are easily approachable.
- The outgrowth of our obedience to the word is a life filled with kindness and goodwill towards others, without being partial or hypocritical.

By following this example we are sure to have greater success in reaching others. *Daniel Newell*

Richness

"Blood is an inheritance; virtue an acquisition" (Miguel de Cervantes).

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF WAYS TO BE RICH. Physical, or financial, wealth is what most people would think of first. But today, let's spend a moment thinking about another kind of richness: richness of character. And for purposes of our discussion here, let's do something a little different; let's define richness of character as having a character sumptuously full of choice ingredients. What we should want in life is to have a character that is not flat, one-dimensional, and monotonous, but one that is rich, variegated, and deeply textured.

So what has to happen for our hearts to be "enriched"? Well, first they have to be exposed to things that can enrich them. Whether it's different people, different circumstances, different challenges, or simply different weather, we need to get out of our ruts and let ourselves come into contact with things that can add to the quality of our character. If it's nothing more than taking a different way home from work once in a while, we need to go out of our way to see new things.

But exposure is not enough; we must let ourselves become involved with things that can enrich us. Two individuals may go to a social event and both be exposed to people they've never met before. One, however, may come away enriched while the other leaves completely unchanged. What's the difference? In both cases there was exposure to enrichment, but in only one case was there involvement. So we need to make sure that the experiences that come our way don't simply wash over us; we must open ourselves up to them. Enrichment can't take place if we don't let it work its magic on us.

Ultimately, however, there is no true richness of heart if there has been no exposure to or involvement with the principles of rightness and honor. No matter how richly textured they may be in other ways, if our characters haven't been made more worthy by the acquirement of VIRTUE, then we're still paupers. To be rich, in the long run, simply means to do what is right. It means faithfulness to valid principles. Richness of heart, then, in this last, highest sense, is not the only kind of richness to which we might aspire, but without it, none of the other kinds matter very much. It's what's on the inside that counts.

Gary Henry - Wordpoints