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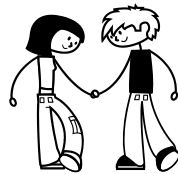
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TEEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up.
2. Stop and think—and you'll never smoke & drink.
3. Be alert & smart—obey. You'll give the orders someday.
4. Ditch dirty thoughts fast, or they'll ditch you.
5. Show-off driving is juvenile; don't act your age.
6. Choose a date fit for a mate.
7. Pick the right friends. You'll be one of them.
8. Don't go steady unless you are ready.
9. Love God first, your neighbor second, & self third.
10. Live carefully, the soul you save may be your own.



A More Excellent Way

Victor Eskew

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues” (1 Corinthians 12:7-10). These nine miraculous gifts caused problems in the church at Corinth. The members debated and divided over who had the “best” gift. Into this heated controversy, Paul interjects his teaching on “a more excellent way.” The excellent way is the way of love recorded in 1 Corinthians 13.

Paul begins the chapter with a discussion about the ESSENTIALITY of love. The members of the church at Corinth might possess the most wonderful and most powerful gifts of the

Spirit. They might do some of the most newsworthy things. But if they lacked love, their gifts and their displays meant nothing. *“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing”* (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

Once the apostle revealed the importance of love, he then lists the ELEMENTS of love. When members bicker, argue, fight, war, and divide, their behaviors do not conform to Paul’s description of love. In fact, they usually act just the opposite of love. Paul lists sixteen behaviors of love in this test. *“Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things; hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth”* (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a). If the Corinthians would do these things, their ungodly actions over spiritual gifts would cease.

In the apostle’s last section, he reveals the ENDURANCE of love. Being of an enduring nature was not one of the aspects of the spiritual gifts they were fighting over. Their spiritual gifts were going to come to an end. The manifestations of the Spirit were going to be done away. Those who come to this section of Scripture need to remember that Paul is writing to a first century church. His words were to be applied directly to their situation. He was telling the Corinthians that a day was coming when they would no longer have spiritual gifts. Once the gifts were gone, love

would be the thing that was left. Paul teaches that spiritual gifts would end when *“that which is perfect is come.”* Some think that the “perfect” is Jesus Christ. Thus, they believe that miraculous gifts will continue until the second coming of Jesus Christ. This does not fit the context. Paul wanted the Corinthians to know that **their** spiritual gifts will come to an end when that which is perfect is come. “That which is perfect” is the full, complete revelation of God’s will to man. When the New Testament was completely revealed, then the miraculous manifestations of the Spirit would cease. When the gifts were gone, what would the Corinthians fight over? The thing that would keep them together would be their love for one another. Let’s hear Paul on this matter. *“Charity never faileth: but where there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I be known even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity”* (1 Corinthians 13:8-13).

Churches often get caught up in the trivial, the mundane, the selfish, and the temporary things of life. These things create bitter feelings, harsh words, and deep schisms in the body of Christ. Paul’s more excellent way needs to be remembered by all. Without love, nothing else matters. This love needs to be practiced in each of its component parts. It will be the thing that endures. Love is one of the key ingredients that united churches are made of!

GOD'S BOXES

I have in my hands two boxes,
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows
in the black box,
And all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in
the two boxes,
Both my joys and sorrows
I stored,
But though the gold became
heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black,
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of
the box, a hole,
Which my sorrows had
fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God,
and mused,
"I wonder where my
sorrows could be!"
He smiled a gentle smile
and said,
"My child, they're all
here with Me."

I asked God why He gave
me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black
with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to
count your blessings,
The black is for you to let go."
...Selected



Prayer List: James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Justine Hannah (Robert Meredith's aunt), Warren Jackson, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Jesse & Mary Vincent, Gail Wright, Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

News at Green Plain

Our sympathy is extended to Ross & Tina Simons in the passing of Ross' grandmother.



Monthly Luncheons: Our monthly luncheons will be on Thursday, the 15th. The ladies will be going to Cracker Barrel and the men to Hardee's.

Our congregational Fellowship Meal will be Sunday, the 18th, after our Evening Worship service.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Wednesday, the 21st.

Singing: Sharpe church of Christ (Benton, KY) Friday, the 16th, beginning at 7:00 pm.



Green Plain School of Biblical Studies continues each Monday night through December 7th, for the fall, 2009 session. The subjects are Premillennialism, Hermeneutics, The Work of the Church, & the book of James. Please be bringing canned drinks and snacks.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

ATTENDANCE October 11, 2009

Bible Study	65	Worship P.M.	50
Worship A.M.	75	Mid-week (10-7)	45

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Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
October 2009**

USHERS: Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
A.M.: Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt
Substitute: Frank Pool

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :
A.M.: Dave Thompson & Jesse Vincent
Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday P.M.

10-18.....Paul Brandon
10-25.....Rex Enoch

SCRIPTURE READING:
10-18.....Chad Canter (Eph. 2:1-3)
10-25.....Rob Enoch

OPENING PRAYER:
10-18.....Larry Enoch
10-25.....Robert Meredith

CLOSING PRAYER:
10-18.....Hayes Grady
10-25.....Jesse Vincent

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Bobby Hall & Preston Barrett

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening....Chad Canter
Wednesday.....Larry Enoch
Substitute.....Bill Stubblefield

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

GREETERS: Robert & Wanda Barrett
LAWN CARE: Rex Enoch & Rob Enoch

If you are unable to serve, please contact
Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

? **Matthew 26**

1. Who was the High Priest during Jesus' ministry?
2. Which apostle went to the chief priest to betray Jesus?
3. How much did they give him?
4. How many times did Jesus say Peter would deny Him that night?

1. Caiaphas (v. 3)
2. Judas Iscariot (v. 14)
3. 30 pieces of silver (v. 15)
4. 3 (v. 34)

**Remember to
bring snacks for
the hospital.**



**Pantry Item
Carrots**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
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RADIO PROGRAMS

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Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
October 18, 2009**

A.M. - Does Man Have a Sinful Nature?

P.M. - The Hour Is Coming

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel

Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe

Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent

Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ

Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)

Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;

Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21

Continue faithful unto death

Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9