

The Bulletin

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“Our Example”

By Jarrod Jacobs

Every day we make an impression on people (for better or worse). When the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy and Titus, he talked about the importance of a Christian’s example and the danger of a wicked example. Let us look into these three books (I and II Timothy, Titus) and see what our examples ought and ought not to be.

The Example Of The Young.

Timothy was told, *“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity”* (I Tim. 4:12). He continues, *“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee”* (I Tim. 4:15-16).

When it came to Timothy’s example, Paul said he was to take heed to God’s word and be a godly example to others; not “sow his wild oats.”

Titus was told, *“In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you”* (Titus 2:7-8). Just as Titus was to show the proper example, so must we! In so doing, those who are not Christians will have nothing evil to say and will be ashamed of their conduct.

Young people, are we listening to the words of Scripture? You have an example that needs to be seen (Matt. 5:15-16). Your example can be helpful to others when you do things the Lord’s way.

The Example Of The Old.

Sadly, many people seem to want to slow down or quit when they know they are nearing the end of life’s journey. That should not be! When the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, he remembered the godly influence two older women had on Timothy (Lois and Eunice, II Tim. 1:5).

These women had such a good influence on Timothy that he had grown up knowing the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:15)! What great role models for this young man!

In Titus 2:2-5, we read of the roles that older men and women must accept. *“That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”*

What a great asset older men and women can be when they show the proper example to others! Older folks, don’t quit now! Younger folks, let us not take these gifts for granted.

The Example Of Those Who Are Evil.



Those who are evil leave a bad impression on us. May God help us to see what they did and learn from their misdeeds. Paul wrote to Timothy and said, *“But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some”* (II Tim. 2:16-18).

These men’s bad examples caused the faith of some to be overthrown. Truly, a bad example can be devastating, spiritually (Ecc. 9:18b)!

Titus was told that there were some that would deceive people and *“subvert (plunder, overthrow, Vine’s, p. 1111) whole houses.”* The plunder was not physical. Rather, through false teachings, these people would turn from the truth (Titus 1:10-14). Can we see how destructive a bad example can be? Evil actions hurt more than just the guilty party. As a godly influence benefits many, so an evil influence can hurt many. Let us determine our examples will be good and not evil!

The Example Of Christians In General.

Some might look at themselves and decide that they have no “special talent”, and therefore they have nothing to do in the kingdom --- WRONG!

All Christians are to show a proper example to others. *“The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will”* (II Tim. 2:24-26). Those who think they have nothing to offer future generations are wrong!

You have a good example that needs to be seen and followed, like Paul (Phil. 4:9). Are you doing your part?

The Reason That We Are To Be Good Examples To Others.

In the final verses of Titus 2, we see why God wants people to be good examples (Titus 2:11-14). Put simply, since Christ died and showed us how to live (I Pet. 2:21-22), we need to be good examples in order to lead others to Christ!

Jesus taught that people will glorify God when they see us being “salt” and “light” (Matt. 5:13-16). Do we appreciate what the Lord has said? What kind of impression are we leaving on people?

“What Singing Does”

by Jim Walsh

“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16)

When we consider the passage that Paul was inspired to write to the saints in Colossae, we notice at least 3 things that God designed for singing to do.

1. It Is Designed To Instruct Us In The Word Of God.

God limited the subject matter of what we are to sing *“...psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.”* All three of these categories deal with that which is spiritual. We do not sing patriotic songs. We do not sing popular songs secular songs. We sing ones that are designed to instill in us a greater knowledge of God and His Son Jesus Christ.



2. It Is Designed To Teach And Admonish One Another.

Singing, by this definition, is to be accomplished by all, for all. God did not provide a requirement that says that only professional singers be used in worship to Him. He wants ALL to sing, so that ALL can have a part in building up the local body of Christ (see Ephesians 4:12-16). No matter who we are— young or old, male or female— God desires that ALL of us to be involved in singing praises to His name!

3. It Is Designed To Lift Our Hearts Up To The Lord.

Our singing than is multi-directional: it accomplishes God’s will of instructing each other, while at the same it is offered up to Him. We sing of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, offering up our hearts to Him in praise and devotion.

And as we do this, we encourage, strengthen, and admonish one another.

Thus, our singing together provides an opportunity, not only to praise God first and foremost, but to strengthen the tie that binds us together in Christian love!

News and Notes: Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Martha Norvell (Mississippi Care), June Lawson (Lisa Busby's Mom), Debbie Keplinger, Gaddy Hall, Janis Johnson, Daniel Holloway, Tammy Kilgore (Jerry's niece), Betty Hurst, Peggy Harville (cancer), Linda Harris, Kathryn's grandmother, Hazel Corner, Clay Ford, & Allison (12 year old girl that received burns from a house fire/ 80% of her body was burned), Karey Trimble, Clois Wright, and Dan & Linda Hunt.

Our Gospel Meeting begins September 29th and goes through October 4th. Jarrod Jacobs from Caneyville, Ky. will be our speaker for the week. Service times are 7:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Tim Harris Sr.
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #1: "Will The Earth Last Forever? Or Be Destroyed?"

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Fred Johnson
The Book of Acts (Jason Longstreth)
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Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Fred Johnson
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Lee Busby
Matthew 3:1-8
Song Leader: Adam Harris
Lord's Supper: Doug George
Assisting: Paul Busby & Nathan Meade
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon: "Can A Man Really Change?"
Closing Prayer: Tim Harris Jr.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

September 11th:

Auditorium Bible Class:

Paul Johnson
The Book of Job (Mike Willis)
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Invitation:

Song Leader:

Closing Prayer:

Adam Harris
Paul Busby
Tim Harris Sr.