

# The Bulletin

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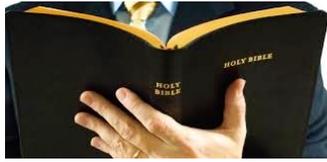
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### **“What Is A Good Minister?”**

By Jefferson David Tant

“He’s a good preacher,” is often used to describe various gospel preachers. But what makes a good preacher? How would you define one?

Is he a great orator? Can he captivate the audience? Does he preach soothing words? Can he preach without offending anyone? Is he a good organizer? Does he baptize many?



If you are looking for a clue to help define a good minister, Perhaps the apostle Paul can give us some insight.

In his letter to his young preaching companion, Timothy, he had these words: *“If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.”* (I Timothy 4:6).

### **Preaching Is a Ministry**

“Ministry” is from the Greek “diakonos,” the idea of “serving,” whether in helping the needy or in teaching the Word. In Acts 6, seven men were chosen to look after the widows, leaving the apostles with more time for “prayer and the ministry of the word” (Acts 6:4)

Too often preachers are given so many chores and administrative tasks, etc, that the ministry of the Word suffers. Paul instructed Timothy to *“be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”* (II Timothy 4:5).

### **A Good Minister Preaches the Word**

Paul warns against the dangers of false doctrines and says to pay no attention to *“myths and endless genealogies”* (I Timothy 1:4). *“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season”* (II Timothy 4:2). A good preacher feeds on the Word and is nourished by it. It is his sustenance, source of strength, guiding light, and compass to direct.

### **A Good Minister Practices What He Preaches.**

Paul referred to athletic exercise to urge Timothy to engage in spiritual exercise (I Timothy 4:8). This leads to godly living, speaking the truth in love, godly conduct, loving care for others, faith-based priorities, and moral purity. Edgar Guest’s words remind us of the importance of the preacher’s example. “I’d rather see a sermon than hear one any day; I’d rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.”

### **A Good Minister Progresses in the Word**

Paul further exhorted: *“Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress”* (I Timothy 4:15). This progress means spiritual growth and involves the heart. It is growing mentally and emotionally. And it guides a pure conscience born of prayer, devotion, and Bible study.

Progress doesn’t end at a certain age. It continues. Paul continued to “press on” while an aged minister in a Roman prison. My Bible teacher, Homer Hailey, when in his 60s, said, “Boys, I’m still a student.” That spirit should continue until the day we die. When the “good minister” embraces his primary ministry, preaches the Word, practices what he preaches, and continues to make progress, it “will be evident to everyone.”

Finally, the advice of D. L. Moody is appropriate for all of who preach and desire to be a good minister: “Cling to the whole Bible, not a part of it. A man is not going to do much with a broken sword.”

(adapted from an article by Ken Weliever)

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## **“Discipline In The Home”**

By Irven Lee

Children do not have the ability at birth to understand the language of their parents. We all realize this, but we should also understand that these little people do not know the commonly accepted rules of etiquette, nor do they recognize property rights. Each child seems to assume that anything he finds and likes belongs to him. Only gradually does he learn that some things are his and that other things are the property of others. The innocent child does not, of course, have any sense of discernment between what is morally right and what is wrong.

Because of parental failure to guide or train the children many young people never come to have a definite code of morals or sensitive consciences to guide them in the way of righteousness.

While many are not trained to discern between good and evil, they could have been trained. They are as capable of developing faith, godliness, and spiritual wisdom as they are of developing physical skills and language skills from people about them. Some parents take an interest in helping their children to develop the ability to earn a living but not much concern to teach them how to live.

There are many who are skilled in athletics, music, and in various aspects of business that are as ignorant of spiritual values as the brute beast from the jungle (II Peter 2:12). That which is most important is lacking.

Parents must have the respect of their children or they cannot convey the value of their own knowledge and experience to them. Love, instruction, personal attention, and the proper example from parents can go a long way toward obtaining this respect. To make their word authoritative, the chastening rod is recommended by the word of God. This is not physical or mental abuse, but it is not always pleasant to the one who is disciplined or to the one who is administering it. Even the Lord chastens those He loves (Hebrews 12:5-11).

We may not be able to identify the occasions when the loving heavenly Father is chastening us. Our complaining bitter attitude toward things that are beyond our control will not help. Fortunate children whose fathers love them enough to use the rod at the proper time and in the proper way grow up with special respect for their parents. Those undisciplined children cannot be pleased.

No undisciplined child is ever a happy child. He is not self-disciplined nor is he pleasant and cooperative in disposition. Is this not true of the unrestrained children you know? Love suggests the use of the rod, but not to the unreasonable point of abuse (Proverbs 13:24; Colossians 3:20-21). There is a very useful form of discipline that yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 13:24).

The punishment the child receives from his parents should be adequate to bring his will into subjection. Impulsively hitting the child may only aggravate the rebellious attitude. Conquer the rebel and be consistent, and there will not need to be a constant running battle. A good man should have his children in subjection with all gravity (I Timothy 3:4-5). There is some "know-how" involved in the proper discipline.

Children are small for a few years so all parents should develop a skill in the use of effective discipline. Obedience is one of the greatest lessons to be taught, and here is where discipline in the home comes into its place of very great importance.

An adult can buffet his own body and bring it into subjection, but a child lacks the depth of understanding to discipline himself, so his parents provide wise and effective discipline until he is trained and mature enough to see the need to control his own fleshly nature.



Speaker: **Billy Randolph**

Location: **Meeks Street Church of Christ**

Date: **October 17th -- 20th (To Wednesday)**

Starting Time: **7:00 PM Nightly (Except Sunday)**

**News and Notes:** Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, June Lawson (Lisa Busby's Mom), Debbie Keplinger, Janis Johnson, Daniel Holloway, Betty Hurst, Peggy Harville (cancer), Clois and Estell Wright, Linda Hunt, Mollie Harris, David Taylor, Randy Beaty, Sam Johnson, Sherry Doles, Mrs. Jennie Daniel (Dan and Lynlie's neighbor), Anna Hearn, Randy Ferrell, J F Dancer, & Earl Mitchell.

Please note the change to our Gospel Meeting with Billy Randolph-  
Sunday October 17th to Wednesday October 20th. (Shortened 2 days).

**Those Who Serve:**

**Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Nathan Meade
<b>Preaching:</b>	Brian Meade
<b>Sermon #1:</b>	<i>"Let Us... Part Two"</i>
<b><u>Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:</u></b>	Jerry Kennemur
	1 Corinthians (Mike Willis)
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**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

<b>Announcements:</b>	Paul Johnson
<b>Opening Prayer &amp; Scripture Reading:</b>	Doug George
	<i>2 Timothy 4:9-11</i>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Lee Busby
<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Jerry Kennemur
<b>Assisting:</b>	— —
<b>Preaching:</b>	Brian Meade
<b>Sermon #2:</b>	<i>"Demas, Luke, And Mark"</i>
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Tim Harris Sr.

**Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.**  
**September 22nd:**

<b>Auditorium Bible Class:</b>	Paul Johnson
	Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon (Mike Willis)
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<b>Invitation:</b>	Doug George
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Paul Busby
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Dan Cottrell

## **“Let Us.... Part Two”**

### **6. Hebrews 10:22.**

- Can Be A Fear To Get Too Close To God- **Exodus 20:18-21.**
- “Draw Near” – **1 Samuel 14:36; Psalm 73:28; Ecclesiastes 5:1.**

### **7. Hebrews 10:23.**

- **See Hebrews 4:14;** – “Without wavering” “pertaining to being without change or wavering in one’s faith—‘without wavering, firmly.’ ‘let us hold on without wavering to the hope which we profess’ He 10:23.” (**Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996).**)
- Faithful- **1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 3:1-2; Rev. 2:10.**

### **8. Hebrews 10:24.**

- **Consider**—κατανοέω— to give very careful consideration to some matter— ‘to think about very carefully, to consider closely. **Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996).**
- **Stimulate—provocation (act)** — the act of stirring up (emotions, feelings, and responses); can be positive or negative.
- **2 Corinthians 9:2; Titus 3:8.**

### **9 &10. Hebrews 12:1.**

- **Lay Aside**—to stop a state ⇔ take off v. — to stop oneself being in a state or condition; conceived of as divesting oneself of a garment.
- **Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22.**
- **impediment** ⇔ **bulk n.** — something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress; understood as a large and weighty mass.

### **11. Hebrews 12:2.**

- **aphorao (ἀφοράω, 872),** “to look away from one thing so as to see another”

**Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 377).**

- **2 Corinthians 3:18; Titus 2:13.**

### **12. Hebrews 12:28.**

- **Hebrews 12:28 ESV; Colossians 1:12-13.**

### **13. Hebrews 13:13.**

- Let Us Go Forth From The Things of Jerusalem:  
The Law of Moses— **Hebrews 8:6-13.**  
The Temple— **Hebrews 13:14.**
- **Galatians 5:4.**

### **14. Hebrews 13:15.**

- **Hebrews 10:1; 1 Peter 2:5.**

# ***“Demas, Luke, And Mark”***

Lesson Text: **2 Timothy 4:9-11.**

## ***I. “For Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me”***

- Demas was a fellow-worker with Paul- **Philemon 24.**
- He was with Paul at Rome- **Colossians 4:14.**
- When 2nd Timothy was written, during Paul’s 2nd imprisonment, Demas had already gone back.
- Real Warnings To Not love the World- **1 John 2:15-17; Colossians 3:1-4.**
  - (1) What does *“having loved this present world”* mean? **1 Tim 6:17; Mark 4:19.**
  - (2) Demas is a real life example of someone who deserted the Lord.
  - (3) Some attempt to dodge this by saying that Demas was never lost/saved.
  - (4) But does the Bible teach that? Some say **1 John 2:19** does....

## ***II. “Only Luke is with me.”***

- In Contrast of Others Who Have Left- **2 Timothy 4:10.**
- Luke the beloved Physician- **Colossians 4:14;** Writer of Luke & Acts.
- Luke’s History With Paul- **Acts 16:10; 20:5**— From Troas to Philippi on Paul’s 1st Missionary Journey.
- Luke Joined Paul On His Third Missionary Journey in **Acts 21:17-19.**
- Luke was with Paul On His Voyage To Rome- **Acts 27:1-5; 28:16.**
- Luke Was There Close By Paul’s Side- **2 Timothy 4:11.**

## ***III. “Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.”***

- John Mark— the cousin of Barnabas (**Colossians 4:10**)— who went with them on the first missionary journey- **Acts 13:1-5.**
- John Mark leaves the work- **Acts 13:13.**
- Sharp Disagreement Over John Mark- **Acts 15:36-41.**
- In Time, He is Proven Himself Useful- **Acts 15:38** Vs. **2 Timothy 4:11.**
- John Mark may Have Had A Bad Start, But Finished Strong.
- Contrast With Demas- **2 Timothy 4:10.**