

HOW RUDE!

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I think it came from a child character in a popular sit-com of the day; but I remember that the phrase “How rude!” was very popular in the early nineties.

Well, some things are rude! Parents should teach this to their children. An older person walks into the room and the young man doesn’t even think to get up and offer his chair, How Rude! A young lady just comes right out, without being asked, and tells another that her dress is ugly, or that her new hair-cut is atrocious, How Rude! Someone gives a gift to another who may be in need and the recipient doesn’t even bother to say “Thank you.” How rude! Is this a Bible topic?

Those of us who are Christians are quick to point out the sin of homosexuality, fornication, lying, smoking, drinking, etc. And rightly so! But have we forgotten what Paul said about love in 1 Corinthians 13:5a? “Love does not behave rudely.” That’s pretty plain. A Greek antonym of the word this phrase comes from speaks of things that are proper, elegant, and comely. We might use words like polite, kind, respectful, mannerly.

Did your mama teach you good manners? If so, mind them! It doesn’t just make you a decent and pleasant person to be around, it puts you in a better standing with God. ☞

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don’t hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men’s Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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TEMPORARY

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Something that is temporary is simply something that will not last indefinitely. It has an end. According to the Bible, the following three things are not going to last...

Pilgrimage in this World. This tells me that I don’t need to get too attached to this world. For the Christian, our true citizenship is in heaven, and we can’t take pieces of the material with us. (Philippians 3:20). If you can lay yours eyes on it, kiss it goodbye, it’s temporary! Our lives are temporary (James 4:14; 1 Peter 2:11); we all have an appointment with death (Hebrews 9:27). Even our accomplishments are temporary, most of them anyway. Awards, degrees, achievements, promotions... all transitory. The only accomplishments of lasting value are those made in the Lord and for the Lord. (1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (Matthew 25:31-46)...

Pleasures of the Wicked. Sin is pleasurable! Even the Bible asserts such (Hebrews 11:25). But the same verse says that sins are also transient, seasonal, temporary! Sin is designed to produce earthly pleasure and eternal punishment. “*The way of a sinner is Hard*” (Proverbs 13:15). Not only does sin often lead to many earthly woes,

such as diseases, broken homes, broken hearts, depression, etc, it leads to an eternal lake of fire. Some think their wicked pleasures will go on forever, they say things like “I want to go to hell where all my friends are, we’ll party forever.” Wrong! Do not be “*Led away with the error of the wicked*” (2 Peter 3:17), wicked pleasures are temporary!...

Pain from our Woes. Woes are “Deep distress or misery, as from grief; wretchedness.” The Bible affirms that we will suffer woes simply because we live in the world, whether or not we’re Christians (Matthew 5:45). Becoming a Christian does not remove the difficulties of life, but it does offer strength to endure these difficulties. In fact, there are often woes we suffer BECAUSE we are Christians! “*All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution*” (2 Timothy 3:12). We’re often criticized, ostracized, and falsely accused of wrongdoing simply because we serve the Lord. Jesus spoke of woes that come “*Because of the word*” (Matthew 13:21). The good news is, these woes are temporary, they will be swallowed up in glory (Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:18). There’ll be no tears in heaven (Revelation 21:4). ☞

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BRIBERY
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“Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And let them judge the people at all times.”

- Exodus 18:21-22

Bribery is an ugly thing. It’s bad when someone offers a bribe in order to get what they want, or to thwart justice, thus delivering them from a deserved punishment, while at the same time doing a disservice to the one who has been legitimately wronged (Exodus 23:8); but worse still is when those in power are willing to accept a bribe. When giving Moses advice in regards to judging the people of Israel, Jethro recognized the need to choose judges who hated covetousness; that is, they do not love money, for those who

love money are more easily swayed to take a bribe.

Bribery is ugly in governmental matters; but uglier still is when partiality and bribery exists in the Lord’s church. The Lord’s desire is that local churches have elders who rule over the flock among them (Acts 14:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7, 17, etc). I notice that among the qualifications for elders we find that an elder is not to be “Greedy for money” (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7). 1 Timothy 3:3 adds "Not covetous," that is, not a lover of money.

While there are many exhortations for all Christians to grow away from the love of money, a man who serves as an elder should have already fully matured in this characteristic, else the church he serves will have some troublesome times ahead. And don’t be deceived, we can tell who loves money and who don’t. 🔍

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

The church – A Body

Introduction:

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II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: Ephesians 1:19-23
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Ben Green
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Robert Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!

Obey Today!

THIS WEEK’S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

ONE SIDE:
A LOT OF KNEELING WILL KEEP YOU IN GOOD STANDING.

OTHER SIDE:
“PRAY WITHOUT CEASING”
1 THESS. 5:17

