

AN OLD FOOL

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With knowledge and experience that should come from many years in life, one would expect an older man (or woman) to be full of sound advice and solid encouragement. But surely the expression “Old fool” came about for a reason.

“The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness.” –Proverbs 16:31

An older man may have met with great financial success, yet still be an old fool if he is not following the ways of righteousness.

An older man may have been blessed with a wonderful family, with many children and grandchildren, and still be an old fool if he is not following the ways of righteousness.

An older man may be very wise in worldly knowledge; he may even serve as a respected professor in a prestigious school, yet he is still an old fool if he is not following after righteousness!

Obey the gospel and serve the Lord faithfully until you leave this world (Hebrews 5:8-9; Revelation 2:10). Don't be an old fool, be an old faithful! 🔍

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

- 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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PROCRASTINATION

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To procrastinate is to postpone action. Procrastination has surely robbed thousands of hours of productive labor. But procrastination is most lethal in spiritual matters. Especially when considering obedience the Gospel.

Example. The Bible gives us a classic example of one who procrastinated. We read in Acts 24:22-27 of a man named Felix. Felix was interested in hearing Paul proclaim to him the message of Christ. Paul spoke to him about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, and he thought very carefully about these things. In fact, the thought of them made him tremble with fear! (vs. 25). One would think that this man would obey the Lord and become a faithful servant of Jesus right away. This was not the case. Sadly, after hearing and trembling, Felix responded, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.” How sad! How tragic! Felix made a decision which affected His eternal destiny; and he made the wrong decision. He decided to put off obedience to the Gospel.

Exhortation. As soon as we hear and believe, and are mature enough to understand the ramifications of our sins, we must obey the Gospel! That is, we must repent of our sins (Acts 2:38), confess our faith in the Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized to have our sins washed away (Acts 22:16). The Bible exhorts us to do this promptly. “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). The Philippian Jailor was baptized in the “same hour of the night” (Acts 16:33). The verse uses the word “Immediately.” We don't know when the Lord might return (1 Thessalonians 5:2).

Expiration. We live in a world where expiration dates are a big part of our lives. We have expiration dates on our milk, our bread, our medicines, etc. Most people see the need to use up what they have before it expires, or else they will have to incur a loss. Why can't people see this same need when it comes to their souls? This is infinitely more urgent. We are not given our expiration date. No one knows when they will die. The foolish man in Luke 12:13-21 was preparing for a long prosperous life. He had no idea his life would expire that very night! (See also James 4:13-17). Don't procrastinate, you may wait too late! 🔍

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Gospel Meeting



June 14-19, 2015

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Service Times

Sunday

9:00 am

10:00 am

6:00 pm

Weeknights

Mon. 7:00 pm

Tues. 7:00 pm

Wed. 7:00 pm

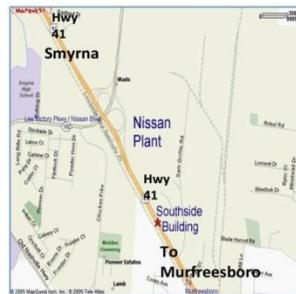
Thur. 7:00 pm

Fri. 7:00 pm

"For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth..." -1 Thessalonians 1:8

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- Pick up hard copies in foyer to mail or distribute.
- Use an electronic copy to share via email, Facebook, and other social media. You can find an electronic copy on our website at www.defendthegospel.com, or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southside-church-of-Christ/219256574753146?pnref=lhc>

SERMON NOTES

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

Committing Your Cause To God

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Todd
Reading: Proverbs 16:3-9
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- 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; 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

Obey Today!

Thank You For Serving!

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