

FASHIONING OUR KIDS

Eric Reynolds

Aaron's explanation for how the golden calf came into existence is almost comical: "I said to [the people], 'Let any who have gold take it off.' So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf." (Exodus 32:24, ESV)

Just like that, huh? Can you imagine the look on Moses' face as his older brother spun that yarn? Aaron conveniently left out how "he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf" (vs. 4).

Do we not hear echoes of this same thing when the older generation bemoans the next? "Kids these days..." as if they sprung out of the fire fully formed. But who, pray tell, fashioned and shaped them? -

The elements of our worship, 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
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- 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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WHO TO LOVE

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The Bible actually speaks of many things that we shouldn't love. We should not love the world (1 John 2:15-17), we should not love ourselves (In the prideful, selfish sense, 2 Timothy 3:2). We should not love money (2 Timothy 3:2). We should not love illicit pleasure (2 Timothy 3:4), and the list goes on. The Bible also specifies many things that we should love. One would think that there are obvious, but given the fact that the Bible mentions and commands them, it's obvious that we need to be reminded on a regular basis who we are to love. Consider these seven:

-We are to Love God: Matthew 22:37. Jesus said that the greatest law is to love God. The bible speaks of those who are "haters of God" (Romans 1:30). What a shame! To hate the very One who created, sustains, and blesses you.

-We are to Love our Neighbor: Matthew 22:39. This is the second great commandment. While our next door neighbors are included, the commandment certainly isn't limited to these. Jesus taught that our neighbor is anyone that we have the mean and opportunity to help (Luke 10:25-37).

-We are to Love our Brethren: 1 John 4:11, 21. This should go without saying. We too often act and speak in ways that are anything but loving.

-A Husband must love his Wife: Ephesians 5:25. Husbands certainly need to be reminded of this. Marital love doesn't always sustain itself automatically. It takes work. Do the work!

-A wife must Love her Husband: Titus 2:4. This is something older women are to teach younger women. I'm sure that teaching is to be done by example as well as by mouth.

-Parents must love their Children: Titus 2:4. The Bible speaks of those who are without natural affection (Unloving, NKJV, Romans 1:31). This speaks of the type of love that should naturally exist in the hearts of parents towards their children. The presence of this love eliminates child abuse and abandonment.

-We must Love our Enemy: Matthew 5:44. Our inclination is to feel hate towards those who treat us badly. We want revenge. Jesus says no, we must repay their evil deeds with kind loving acts. ☺

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Daily Bible Study

by Michael Pickford

This Week's Theme: Being Like Abraham

Weekly Memory Verse: John 15:14

Introduction: Abraham is one of the most popular characters on the pages of inspiration. He also has the honor of having been called "The friend of God" (James 2:23; 2 Chronicles 20:7). We find him in the hall of faith as having been one who "Obeyed" God (Hebrews 11:8). Jesus said, "You are My friends if you so whatever I command you" (John 15:14). Just as Abraham was God's friend because he obeyed God, we can be God's friends if we obey the Lord and His commands. This week, let's consider the life of Abraham, and learn how we too can be called "Friends of God."

Monday: Abraham Made Worship a Priority.

1. Gen. 12:7-8: What did Abraham build after arriving at Shechem? What did he build and what did he do between Bethel and Ai? What did he later do in that same place? (Gen 13:3-4)
2. Matthew 6:33: What are we to seek first?
3. Hebrews 10:25: Should Christians make worship a priority? Can you think of some things that people choose to do rather than assemble with the saints, things that hinder their attendance?

Tuesday: Abraham Was willing to do difficult things to Please God

1. Gen 12:1-4; Heb 11:8-9: What difficult thing did Abraham do in these passages?
2. Genesis 22:1-12: What was Abraham willing to do in these verses? Does God call upon us to make sacrifices in our lives? (Rom 12:1-2; Lk 14:25-33).

Wednesday: Abraham Was A Peacemaker.

1. Genesis 13:7-9: What existed between Abraham's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen? What did Abraham say to Lot?
2. Matthew 5:9: Who did Jesus bless here, and what would they be called?
3. Romans 12:18: What are we to strive to do and with whom?
4. 1 Peter 3:11: What are we to "Pursue? Define pursue.

Thursday: Abraham Was Generous.

1. Genesis 14:18-24: How do these verses demonstrate Abraham's generosity? Was Abraham entitled to take what he was offered and declined?
2. Mark 12:41-44: Though the amount of the widow's offering was extremely small, what made it generous? Is generosity always determined by the monetary value of what we give?

3. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8: Who is it that reaps bountifully in this passage? Though we are commanded to give on Sunday (1 Cor 16:1-2) we are not given an amount, but we are given a principle upon which to base our giving. What is this principle?
4. Other than giving to the church, name some other areas in life in which we are to be generous?

Friday: Abraham Was Concerned about others..

1. Genesis 18:23-32: For whom did Abraham show concern in these passages? Who lived in the cities that he was praying for?
2. 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 1:14-16; 1 Corinthians 9:16, 22: What is the greatest concern that we should have for others? What should this concern prompt us to do?
3. 3. Philippians 2:3-5: Should we sometimes make the concerns of other a higher priority than our own concerns? Who had this "Mind?"

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: Luke 11:33-36t
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell
- Lord's Table:
 - Lead.....Tony Jenkins
 - Serve.....Kenny Johnson
 - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

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

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; 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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