

"A Race To BE WON IN 2021"



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**Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned
Sunday"**



DO RIGHT



Introduction: Dr. Bob Jones Sr. use to say, "Do right till the stars fall." I agree completely. Too many today use the knowledge they have of the grace of God as a license to commit sin. No! A thousand times no. Grace is the power to do right, not a license to commit sin. *John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power..."*

Notice: *Ezekiel 14:13-14, "...when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously...though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness,*

sayeth the Lord God."

I find it very curious that God chose these three men of all those in the Bible to illustrate righteous living. Why did God choose these three, Noah, Daniel and Job?

FIRST: NOAH CHOSE TO DO RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF CORRUPTION.

GENESIS 6:12

According to *Genesis 6:5-12*, the whole earth during the days of Noah was filled with evil and violence.

What we discover is that no matter how corrupt the world became and no matter how everyone else lived it was possible to do right.

Why? Because Noah was saved by grace that gave him the power to live right, and he did not use grace to make sin acceptable.

Not only did Noah do right when everyone else chose to do wrong, but by faith he obeyed the command of God and served Him in such a way that his whole family was saved from the judgment that came upon the earth.

All of us need to make the choice to serve the Lord in the matter of doing right no matter what everyone else chooses to do.

Joshua 24:15, "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

SECOND: DANIEL CHOSE TO DO RIGHT REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

DANIEL 1:8

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself..."

Daniel had been taken prisoner by the invading army of Babylon. He was immediately made a slave to serve at the pleasure of the king of Babylon. Horrible circumstances to take a godly stand for the Lord, but Daniel did.

Daniel committed himself to remain clean, faithful and a man of prayer in his relationship to God. He refused to compromise even when threatened to be cast into a den of lions. He could either stop praying to the God of Heaven or die. Daniel chose to stay in fellowship with God.

Yes! It is possible to do right even in horrible circumstances.

What has your choice been at work, school, at home? To stand? Or to compromise?

THIRD: JOB CHOSE TO DO RIGHT WITHOUT COMFORT.

JOB 1:22

"In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."

Almost everyone in the world has heard of Job. He was devout and loved the God of Heaven with all his heart. God's grace could be seen in every area of Job's life. He had an abundance of wealth, children and the things of the world. There was nothing he needed or did not have. He lived a life of

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You Do Not Send People to Hell; You Let Them Go to Hell

When we spend our time preaching and teaching against false doctrine, and when we rest on the fact that we have effectively exposed them, we have fallen into a trap. In essence, we are letting people go to Hell while we sanctimoniously sit at home relishing in our theological superiority.

No human being has the power to send another human being to Hell; we merely let them go to Hell by not presenting the Gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as payment for their sins.

Dr. Bob Gray

God Will Speak One Time to Every Person

Titus 2:11 says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." God has promised us that no one will stand before Him and say, "I didn't know!"

God has made it clear in His Word that every human being will receive at least one opportunity to receive Christ as payment for his sins. How can this be? I do not know, but I do believe that every man will give at least one account of God speaking to him about the need for salvation.

You Never Warn the Wrong Person

It is amazing how spiritual we become when we show up for soul winning. We are able to simply look at someone and determine whether he is under conviction or not. This is not true, of course. We are to stop everyone who crosses our path on soul-winning night and give him the Gospel. It is up to him to decide whether to accept Christ. You have done your job. Maybe we ought to call it "Soul-Warning Night" instead of "Soul-Winning Night." When you come back and someone says, "I had five saved," then you can tell him, "I warned five!" After you present the Gospel to someone, you have no idea how God will work in his life, and you do not know if he will get saved later because of what you told him.

If You Warn Enough People, Someone Will Trust Christ As Saviour

It is a matter of numbers! If more people go soul winning, more people will have the opportunity to be saved. If you warn more people, you have a greater chance that someone will pray and receive Christ as his personal Saviour.

Acts 17:34 says, "...Howbeit certain men clave..." This tells us that not every one trusted Christ, but some did. Not every one followed the Lord in baptism, but someone did.



AS A GROUP OF SOLDIERS STOOD IN FORMATION, THE DRILL SERGEANT BARKED, "ALL YOU IDIOTS FALL OUT." AS THE REST OF THE SQUAD WANDERED AWAY, ONE SOLDIER REMAINED AT ATTENTION. THE DRILL SERGEANT WALKED OVER UNTIL HE WAS EYE TO EYE WITH HIM, AND THEN RAISED A SINGLE EYEBROW. THE SOLDIER SMILED AND SAID, "SURE WAS A LOT OF EM, HUH, SIR?"



OHIO ROAD REPAIRS

Pass It On



We often think of those who have left a godly heritage. Women sometimes think of Susanna Wesley because she was the mother of nineteen children. She insisted on family devotions, prayer and Bible reading in their home. She told her husband that if he did not wish to do it, she would do it. He didn't but gave her the responsibility for training the children.

Two of her sons became famous. Sixty-five hundred hymns are attributed to Charles Wesley, many of which are found in our hymnals. Two of the better known ones are "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

John Wesley was a fervent preacher of the Gospel. He is the one who said, "The world is my parish." He didn't feel that he had to resort to some little local area; instead, the entire world became his parish.

What an example of devotion to God Susanna Wesley passed on to her children and grandchildren!

I think about Dr. and Mrs. John R. Rice and how the effects of that godly man and woman linger on in the lives of so many of us.

I think about Jonathan and Sarah Edwards and the legacy of their family and many others across the nation.

We can leave something of value, something that is real and lasting. We can do it in our generation. We can do it now, but in order to do that we have to put a priority on our priorities. It is hard sometimes to set our Bible reading schedule, but we must do it. We must give time to rearing, training and teaching our children and to talking to them about the things of the Lord.

If the Lord has spoken to your heart about something in particular, I hope you will allow Him to have His way in your life. I hope you will turn to Him and say, "Lord, help me to be more diligent. Help me to get the Word of God more firmly planted in my heart so I can more firmly plant it in the hearts and minds of my children and my grandchildren."

You and I can pass on something wonderful to our children and grandchildren, but it takes devotion. It takes diligence. It takes delighting in the prospect of so doing.

A concerned grandma

comfort and ease. Then it all fell apart.

Job lost his seven sons and three daughters. He lost his wealth. Then he lost his health. To top it all off, his friends said it was because he was living in sin and that's why God was judging him.

How did Job react to all this? He kept his faith in God. No comfort and no help from others, but he just kept doing right.

Job knew that we do not serve God and live right because things are going well, but that we are to faithfully serve God no matter how things appear to you or others.

You and I are to live that way – serve God in spite of our own comfort.

Conclusion: Oh listen! God is going to judge this old world for her wicked sins. God is going to judge America for her unthankful attitude toward all that God has done for her, but no matter what, let us purpose to do right.

Noah, Daniel, and Job stand out as examples that it is possible to do right no matter how bad the corruption gets to be, or the weight of the pressure of circumstances, or the lack of personal comfort we have. Yes, we can do right!

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.' (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' (Acts 9:6)

MY BOSS TOLD ME YESTERDAY, "DON'T DRESS FOR THE JOB YOU HAVE. DRESS FOR THE JOB YOU WANT." BUT WHEN I WALKED INTO THE OFFICE TODAY WEARING "GHOSTBUSTERS" GEAR, HE SAID I WAS FIRED.



Pastor Jerry
Ross

Chivalry

I Timothy 5:1

A good definition of chivalry is thus: *the combination of qualities expected of an ideal knight; courage, honor, courtesy, justice, and a readiness to help the weak; courteous behavior, especially that of a man towards a woman.*

Chivalry is the art of being a gentleman.

Part of becoming a man is learning the value of gentleness. A man who is secure in his masculinity has no problem extending to others proper courtesy and respect. Weak men bully others, striving to feel powerful by preying upon the weak. Real men are gentle toward others, displaying their strength by helping and defending the weak. Chivalry is a prerequisite to manhood.

A real man conducts himself with honor towards women. In the first three verses of *I Timothy 5*, the Bible instructs young men to treat the elder women as mothers, the younger women as sisters with all purity, and to show special honor to widows. This gives us the basis of chivalry towards women.

You should treat every woman with great respect, courtesy and gentleness. Around women, your behavior should be beyond reproach. Never be crude, boorish, or disrespectful in the presence of a woman. Your words should be careful, kind, and pure. Common courtesies such as standing when a woman enters the room, holding open a door, giving up your seat, or allowing her to go first should be normal for any young man.

Chivalry towards ladies should be honed within your own family. Your grandmother, mother and sisters should be blessed to dwell in the presence of a gentleman. A young male who treats his female family members with disrespect and disdain is not a man, but an insecure little boy, no matter what his age.

Young ladies should feel safe, sacred, and special in your presence. You generate these feelings from them by the respect and regard you show towards them. Be kind but not flirtatious, helpful but not intrusive, and pure in your thoughts, words and actions.

Always be protective of ladies. Never mistreat a lady or allow anyone else to do so in your presence. A young man should be prepared to die in the protection of his wife, mother or sisters. Chivalry would allow for nothing less.

Chivalry protects the reputation of a lady. Again, the Bible instructs you to treat, *"the younger women as sisters, with all purity."* A real man refuses to view women as sex objects. When addressing a lady, his words are appropriate, his eyes looking only at her eyes, and his mind, respectful and pure. By doing so, he not only protects her reputation, but also his own.

Every woman is somebody's grandmother, mother, wife, sister, or daughter. A gentleman understands this, and treats them with the same respect he would expect other men to treat his female family members.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved every week in 2020.
2. The bus ministry is still active.
3. We are hosting the "Old-Time Religion" Conference in 2021.
4. Heritage Baptist Church never closed one time in 2020.



From Our Church Prayer List

1. Judy Kurpan
2. Sheila Spencer
3. Anita Miller
4. Michelle Lemons
5. Kevin McClain
6. Harold Cooper
7. Linda Sigstad
8. Carolyn Grindel

Upcoming

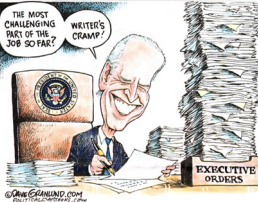


Events

1. Angela Berezne and Benjamin Tharp Wedding
Friday, May 28th.
2. Heritage Baptist Academy Graduation
Sunday June 13th 7:00 PM.
3. Old-Time Religion Conference,
Sunday—Tuesday June 20th—22nd.

**BUCK-PASSING IS NOT NEW,
BUT THEY'VE NEVER PASSED
FASTER THAN THEY DO NOW.**

**A WONDERFUL THING
HAPPENED TO ME THE OTHER
DAY. A MAN KNOCKED ON THE
DOOR, AND I ASKED, "WHO IS
IT?" HE REPLIED, "A BILL
COLLECTOR." SO I HANDED
HIM A STACK FROM MY DESK.**



What Happened To Consensus, Joe?

"I have this strange notion, we are a democracy ... if you can't get the votes .. you can't [legislate] by executive order unless you're a dictator. We're a democracy. We need consensus."

Joe Biden, 10/15/2020, before signing a record 31 executive orders during his first two weeks in office.

A MAN WALKED INTO THE INCOME TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, SAT DOWN AND BEAMED AT EVERYONE.

"WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?" THE CLERK ASKED.

"NOTHING AT ALL," THE MAN REPLIED. "I JUST WANTED TO MEET THE PEOPLE I'M WORKING FOR."



"Begin Operation Curiosity!"



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Last month (March) I celebrated my spiritual birthday! How I rejoice in God's grace and mercy in my life! As a little girl I was brought up to have a belief in God. I was raised Catholic and did all the religious ceremonies that were required. I even thought my Italian heritage was going to get me preferential treatment in God's sight, but as I grew older I began to question whether there was really a God.

I had been witness to in the graveyard at the West Point Cemetery at the military academy at West Point, New York. The young man asked me if I knew Jesus loves me. I replied no, thinking he was asking me if I knew the words to the song. He spent some time witnessing to me, but I remembered nothing but the question, "Do you know Jesus loves you?"

Two years later my sister invited me to a Bible study in her apartment. I argued with her about the very existence of God, yet all the while in my mind I was saying, "You know there's a God, why are you arguing?"

As I had no Bible, my sister encouraged me to buy a King James Bible. I went to the local mall bookstore and stood in front of their tiny section of Bibles. I was there for a long time, picking up and putting back the Bibles. As I debated whether or not to go forward with a purchase I know the Lord spoke to my heart and said this book has every answer to all your questions.

I did purchase a King James Bible and went to the Bible study that evening at my sister's apartment. Several people were there. The man in charge asked me why I had come. I told him I came because I was ignorant about the Bible. He opened the Bible and took me from Genesis to Revelation. As he showed me the Scriptures I saw my sin and I knew that if I was the only person on earth Jesus would still have had to shed His sinless blood as payment for my sins.

I was so bothered about my sinful condition I almost got up and left, but thank God I did not! That night I trusted Jesus as my Saviour. I no longer put my trust in myself, my heritage, a church or religious ceremonies. I put my faith and trust in Jesus, and Jesus alone!

"Nevers" In A Relationship

Dr. Don Woodard

Never give your heart too soon!

It is not wise to get emotionally involved with someone before you have had an opportunity to get to know him or her and develop a friendship. Your heart in the wrong hands can be easily crushed. Be careful into whose hands you give your heart.

Never give your heart when you are too young.

I feel this is an important observation to make for my younger teenage readers. I have had fourteen-year old girls come to me crying and asking, "Brother Don, I'm fourteen, and I do not have a boyfriend. What am I going to do?" My gracious answer to that question is always the same: "You don't need a boyfriend at the age of fourteen!"

I fear that many parents and others who influence young people have put undue pressure on teenagers today to go "steady," or to have a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship too young. We should return to the practice of courtship beginning at the appropriate age.

So, my dear young teenage friend, I encourage you to wait for the right time. Do not give your heart when you are too young! Don't get emotionally involved with someone of the opposite sex until you are old enough to support him or her, at least!

Do not seek a relationship for the sake of a relationship.

As I mentioned earlier, some parents and others in leadership positions in the lives of young people push the idea of teenagers' having a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Therefore, some young people get involved in an emotional relationship with someone of the opposite sex just so they can say they are in a relationship. Then there are those who get into their twenties who feel that because of their age they should be in a relationship. These are wrong reasons to have a relationship.

Do not commit to a relationship for the sake of having a relationship. Begin a relationship because God has led you to someone and only when all the other circumstances are right in your life for you to develop that relationship.

A right relationship is about giving.

In the Garden of Eden, God gave Adam and Eve every thing they needed. He gave Eve to Adam as a help meet. He gave them everything they needed to eat, and of all that God created He said, ***"Behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31).*** All that God has ever given to man has been very good.

The point is that giving is an important principle in having a right relationship with anyone.



Too Cute To Ignore

I WENT TO THE LOCAL KLEPTOMANIACS ANONYMOUS MEETING LAST NIGHT. ALL THE SEATS WERE TAKEN.

Lest We Forget

A SACRIFICE REMEMBERED

Their story was almost forgotten by history. Now known as the Wereth 11, these brave African-American soldiers left their homes to join the Allied effort on the front lines of WWII. As members of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion, they provided crucial fire support at the siege of Bastogne. Among the few who managed to escape the Nazis devastating Ardennes Offensive, they found refuge in the small village of Wereth, Belgium. A farmer and supporter of the Allies took the exhausted and half-starved men into his home. When Nazi authorities learned of their whereabouts, they did not take the soldiers prisoner, but subjected them to torture and execution in a nearby field.

Despite their bravery and sacrifice, these eleven soldiers were omitted from the final Congressional War Crimes Report of 1949. For seventy years, their files—marked "secret"—gathered dust in the National Archives. But in 1994, at the site of their execution, a memorial was dedicated to the Wereth 11 and all African-American soldiers who fought in Europe.

ADAMS, Curtis
BRADLEY, Mager
DAVIS, George
FORTE, Thomas J.
GREEN, Robert L.
LEATHERWOOD, Jimmie L.
MOSS, Nathaniel
MOTEN, George W.
PRITCHETT, William E.
STEWART, James A.
TURNER, Due W.

Engraved names of the Wereth 11.
*US Memorial Wereth V.O.G.
Paul Mckelvie, Photographer*

Some food for thought ...or... Seed From The Silo!

Pelosi Blocked a Bill to Stop Infanticide Eighty Times and She Still Opposes It.

Last Congress, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi directed House Democrats to block one specific piece of legislation over and over. Democrats designated one person to stand up and object every single day, when Republicans tried to bring this bill to the House floor.

What legislation could possibly make Pelosi and House Democrats so afraid that they'd go out of their way to avoid even voting on it after blocking it more than 80 times in total?

The answer is both surprising and distressing: The bill was the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. The Born-Alive Act simply says that a baby who survives an abortion deserves the same degree of medical care as any other newborn-it is a commonsense bill that is narrow in scope, saves lives and addresses a real problem...

Unbelievably, Democrats have already blocked the Born-Alive Act in the new Congress...

During a recent Senate vote, 52 senators-all Republicans except for two Democrats-voted in support of the Born-Alive Act. In the plainest terms possible, this means that 48 Democrats voted to deny babies in the hands of an abortionist a legal right to medical care. That's obscene. It's shameful. It should be front-page news.

lifeneews.com

Chinese Communist Party Schools Teaching Students Early to "Hate God"

In its continued crackdown on religious beliefs, the Chinese government's atheistic educational system is indoctrinating children beginning at kindergarten to hate God and extol the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

... The Epoch Times says the CCP seeks to groom the next generation with "right ideas and thoughts" rooted in atheism.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the Christian mother expressed devastation...

"Before starting school, I told my child about God's creation and he believed it; but after being taught at school, my child is like a different person," the mother lamented, according to Bitter Water...

"In atheistic China, these pure and innocent children have been taught to hate God," she added.

Not stopping there, students are being used as heralds of the CCP in schools to alert their parents about the consequences of attending church or other religious events-evoking fear in children and parents alike...

Turning children against God and their parents is now commonplace in communist China.

-Micheal Haverluck, onenewsnow.com

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?



Heritage Highlanders April 2021 Schedule

Saturday April 3
Resurrection Rolls

Luke 24:6

Saturday April 17
Obedience

I John 2:17

Saturday April 10
Having The Right Spirit

Proverbs 15:13

Saturday April 24
Soulwinning

John 3:16

Healthy Breakfast Cookies

1 1/4 cups certified gluten-free rolled oats (not quick-cooking)
1/2 cup mashed ripe banana (about 1 large banana)
1/2 cup smooth almond butter, stirred

1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp fine sea salt
1/2 cup almond flour
1/4 cup brown rice flour
3 tbsp pure maple syrup

2 tbsp ground flaxseed
3 tbsp liquid virgin coconut oil
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
1 cup add-ins of your choice (I like a mix of dried blueberries, pumpkin seeds, and chopped walnuts)

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large bowl, stir together the rolled oats, cinnamon, baking soda, sea salt, almond flour, and brown rice flour until combined.

In the bowl of a food processor, combine the mashed banana, almond butter, maple syrup, ground flaxseed, coconut oil, and vanilla. Process on high until the mixture is smooth.

Scrape the almond butter mixture into the large bowl with the oats and flour mixture. Throw your add-ins into the bowl. Stir the mixture with a spatula until you have a unified and very stiff cookie dough.

Drop 2 tablespoons of dough per cookie onto the prepared baking sheet. Flatten each mound of dough with the palm of your hand. Slide the baking sheet into the oven and bake until lightly golden brown, about 15 to 17 minutes. Cool cookies completely before storing in an airtight container. These will last on the counter for 5 days. You can also wrap each cookie individually with plastic wrap and freeze them.



Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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