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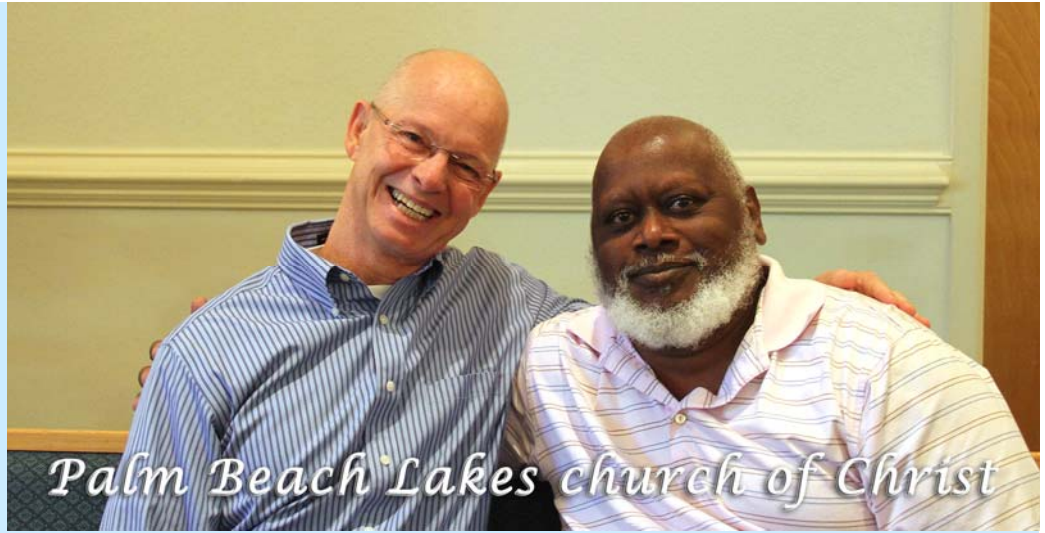
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New Quarter of Bible Classes

Begins next Sunday, June 1

NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASSES	Sunday	Wednesday (July-Aug)
Auditorium	<i>The Two Covenants</i> Dan Jenkins	<i>The Bible, Mormons & Jehovah's Witnesses</i> Dan Jenkins
Adult 1	<i>Real-to-Life Lessons from Bible Leaders</i> David Sproule	<i>The Fruit of the Spirit</i> David Sproule, Jerry Pittman & Richard Lerro
Adult 3	<i>Young Adults: First Samuel</i> Kevin Weeks	
Jr. High (Grades 6-8)	<i>Paul's Journeys: Acts 13-28</i> Paul Metzkes	<i>Survey of the Old Testament</i> Phil Porter
Sr. High (Grades 9-12)	<i>The Scheme of Redemption</i> Gary Jenkins & Nate Nelson	<i>The Book of Acts</i> Dan Fuller



By Dan Jenkins

David Was a “Legalist”

The word “legalist” is not a Bible word but is widely used in the religious world. It is not used in a complimentary way. The most common use of it is in a Bible discussion where someone is urging another person to obey God. When confronted with a Bible passage which precisely shows the will of God, some try to dismiss the force of God’s commandments by calling obedience “legalism,” and calling those who teach obedience “legalists.” In the mind of many, a “legalist” cannot be spiritual because “legalism” keeps one from being godly before God.

Perhaps the best way to show that urging others to listen to the Lord and then obey Him does not destroy spirituality is to look at the only man in the Bible whom God described as “a man after My own heart.” What was it that made David such a spiritual man? What was his attitude toward “legalism?”

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119. It has 176 verses in it. Those who minimize obedience should take time to look carefully at this psalm. David extols the importance of the Bible nearly 200 times in this one psalm. He did not look at the Bible as a book of godly suggestions from God. He speaks of the word of God (38 times), the law of God (25 times), statutes (22 times), testimonies (22), precepts (21),

commandments (23), and judgments (22). Those who use the term “legalist” never view the Bible this way. Now if a man “after God’s own heart” looked at the Bible as commands, precepts and statutes, what does this say about the heart of those who call this attitude “legalism?”

Look deeper into this psalm and the attitude toward the commandments of God. He respected all of God’s commands (verse 6). He prayed that he would not wander from them (10) and that God would not hide His commandments from him (19). He saw God as One who rebuked proud men who erred from His commands (32). God’s commandments were to be diligently followed, for this enlarged David’s heart (32).

He also delighted in the commandments for he loved them (35, 47). He meditated on them as he lifted up holy hands (48), and he made haste and did not delay to keep the commandments of God (60). He believed in the commandments and saw them as the way God taught Him good judgment and knowledge (66). He sought to learn them (73). These commands were trustworthy and faithful and made him wiser than the wicked (86, 98). He sought to keep them (115), for he longed for them (131). They were truth (151) and righteousness (176), and the keeping of them brought the hope of salvation (166).

God help us all to be “legalists” like David!

What was it that made David such a spiritual man? Would you call him a “legalist”?



By David Sproule

What If God’s Blessings Were Like a Bank Account?

So, how do God’s blessings work? Or, maybe it could be worded, how does God work His blessings? How many are there? What is the supply like? How quickly or slowly are they disseminated? To transfer this to terms we might understand, what if God’s blessings were like a bank account?

What if God’s blessings were like “paycheck-to-paycheck” bank accounts? You know what I mean by that. It’s an account that looks good and padded some parts of the week (or month), and then gets really tight (and even empty) near the end of the week (or month). Sometimes you don’t know if you’ll have enough to make it to the next paycheck, and might even suffer late charges or overdraft fees. Make the application to God’s blessings. Aren’t you glad that quantity (or quality) of God’s blessings is not affected by the time of day, time of week, time of month or time of year? Aren’t you glad that God’s blessings can never get down to empty or overdrawn? Aren’t you glad that God’s blessings are abundant?

What if God’s blessings were like “save-it-but-don’t-spend-it” bank accounts? Have you heard of this? It’s an account that is nice and full and padded all the time (in fact, it just keeps multiplying itself over and over in value), but its

owner absolutely refuses to spend or withdraw anything from it. “Just keep it all in there for a rainy day.” It’s almost overflowing in value, but the abundance is never enjoyed. Make the application to God’s blessings. Aren’t you glad that God’s blessings are not all stored up in a “heavenly bank,” from which He refuses to draw or dispense? Aren’t you glad that God is not interested in collecting or hoarding His blessings for Himself, but is eager to share them with you? Aren’t you glad our God is a gracious and generous God, whose blessings have no end?

An account that looks good and padded some parts of the week (or month)

What if God’s blessings were like “open-access” bank accounts? What if anyone, who wanted to, could access the account? What if anyone could profit from the wealth of benefits available? What if even the poorest and least deserving individual could have equal access to the abundance?

The “bank account” of God’s blessings is certainly “open access.” God tells us where every single one of His blessings is located—“in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). (It’s not a secret!) Then, He gives everyone (1 Tim. 2:4; Acts 10:34-35) the key to access this location—obedience through faith and baptism (Rom. 6:3-4, 17; Gal. 3:26-27). Then, with open access to His riches, “God is able to make **all** grace abound toward you, that you, **always** having **all** sufficiency in **all** things, may have an **abundance** for **every** good work” (2 Cor. 9:8). You can be rich!



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Faith and doubt – not the best of buds!

How deep is your faith? How deep is your faith in God...in Jesus...in the Bible? True Bible faith is an obedient trust in God that believes and does whatever He says, no matter what. Scripture records that Abraham “did not waver at the promise of God,” but he was “fully convinced that what [God] had promised He was also able to perform” (Rom. 4:20-21).

Over opposed to faith is doubt. To “doubt” is to have a divided mind, unsure within one’s mind which way to go. While deep faith will not waver at the promise of God, doubt does nothing but waver, for it is unstable at its very core. Faith and doubt are so aptly contrasted in James 1:6-8, where one who doubts “is like a wave of the sea driven by the wind and tossed.” A heart of faith cannot at the same time be a heart of doubt—the two cannot coexist!

How deep is your faith? Our every desire must be to minimize and remove doubt (double-mindedness) in our hearts and plead with the Lord to “increase our faith” (Luke 17:5). – DS

Does God have any limits on who can lead in the church?

It is a wildly unpopular (and even avoided) verse in the Bible, yet it is still a verse in the Bible! The verse contains words that are (1) inspired of God and (2) easily comprehended. While the application of the verse may make some people uncomfortable, it still must be applied today.

In His analysis of proper conduct within the kingdom of God (1 Tim. 3:15), God stated, “I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man” (1 Tim. 2:12). This may seem a radical concept in our society, but it is Biblical mandate nonetheless. The Lord even goes on to provide an explanation (although we don’t need one), and the explanation rules out any cultural limitations or exceptions to His decree: “For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman...” (2:13-14). In other words, this statute of God for conduct within His church today is not limited by time or culture.

When questions arise about this, we must go back to the Bible for our answers! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Pearl El	suffering with congestive heart failure
Tasha Ellis	eye surgery on Tuesday (5/27)
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from surgery
Shirley Hopkins	recovering at home from knee surgery
Angie McNicol	recovering from foot surgery
Cathy Seay	recovering from surgery on carotid artery

Long-Term Health Issues

Millie Ames	receiving specialized care
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Lennie Langley	Palms Edge, Hospice Care
Deidra Miley	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Les Sawyer	recovering from radiation
Patricia Ventress	both kidneys removed



Sarah Rodgers, upon the passing of her mother, **Johnnie Simmons**, last week.

Our Shut-Ins:	Kay Fish	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Betty Matter	Margaret Wade
Vera Day	Margie Fortenberry	Margie Hardin	Gladys Jackson	Leigh Puckett	Karen Watts
Cora Lee Dennis	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Jean McMasters	Ricky Smedley	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Hayes Burlison	June Pack's brother, hospitalized in Jackson, TN
Ed Campbell	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, back pain & heart problems
Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
Bonnie Colburn	Johnny Davis' sister, recovering from heart attack
James Cunningham	Jackie Price's father, hospitalized for possible stroke
Clint Dean	Hollie Crotts' brother-in-law, testing on mass on colon
Dawn Fish	Kay Fish's daughter, congestive heart failure, Hospice Care
Forrest Jerkins	Ruth Milton's brother-in-law, hospitalized with pneumonia
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Ken Kline	Skye Brown's cousin, recovering from heart surgery
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, surg. complications
Robert Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's son, hip replacement surgery (5/23)
Harvey Victory	Olivia Ellis' great uncle, cancer has returned, chemo
Terry West	Amy West's father, undergoing cancer treatments
Tom Wilson	Regina Mayne's brother-in-law, open heart surgery

Remember
Our Mission Works
Our Paraguay Team
Josh & Cara Blackmer
Troy & Andrea Spradlin
Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan
Joey & Tammy Treat
Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji
Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press
Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 25

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Monday, May 26

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, May 27

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, May 31

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Media Center will be available for teachers and decorators. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Sunday, June 1

- ◆ **Summer Quarter Bible Classes begin.** A Bible class schedule can be found on the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

Sunday, June 1 (cont.)

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are invited. Please bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4

- ◆ **Kick Start Your Summer Series: "Count Your Blessings."** Lawrence Gilmore will be speaking on "You Have God's Promises."

Saturday, June 7

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Media Center will be available for teachers and decorators.

Sunday, June 8

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake Blvd. See Joan Holloway to RSVP or for more details.

Wednesday, June 11

- ◆ **Kick Start Your Summer Series: "Count Your Blessings."** Terry Casey will be speaking on "You Have God's Peace."



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Young Adults

Saturday, June 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

Wednesday-Friday, June 11-13

- ◆ **VBS Decorating** each night starting at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 15-18

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** at 7:00 p.m. each night. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Monday, July 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Goodale.

Saturday, July 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Saturday, August 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Area-Wide Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the Stuart congregation.



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Youth

Sunday, May 25

- ◆ **Sr. High Bowling** after evening worship. See Paul Metzkes for details.

Friday, May 30

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo & Guys/Girls Night.** Following the devo, guys will be camping and girls will be having a girls' night. See Paul or Lisa Metzkes for details.

Saturday, May 31

- ◆ **Jr. High Trip to the Miami Zoo.** Cost is \$25 (plus money for meals and snacks). RSVP by May 25 to David Sproule.

Sunday, June 1

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are invited. Please bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. All incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend. Bring desserts and drinks.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - June, 2014

June 1

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

Morning Worship Service						
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	David McLeod	Gary Friedly	Matt Ellis	Gary Friedly	
Opening Prayer	Jeff Leslie	Johnny Davis	Eugene Williams	Rick Hall	Kevin Weeks	
Scripture Reading	Brandon Thomas	Kane Campbell	Orlando Lolo	Freddie Gadson	David Brown	
Presiding at Table	Scott Studer	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Victor Colage	Phil Porter	L.H. Richardson	
Serving at Table:	Cornelius Brown	Chad Brown	Henry Bass	Jimmy Banks	Doug Carrick	
	Lance Collier	Harrison Carter	Pete Brown	Cam Crotts	Ken Long	
	Glen Dawson	Tim Fry	Tim Cox	Mike Erickson	Jeremy Maloney	
	Jon Jordan, Jr.	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Grant Fuller	Andy Griffiths	David Payne	
	Paul Metzkes	Dave Payne	Namidie Ikon	Bobby Ingraham	Rodney Robinson	
	Carmen Ruckman	Gene Puckett	Richard Lerro	Brent Leslie	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
	Adam Seal	Ross Stone	Tommy Pauldo	Warren Porter	Tyrone Toson	
	Chris Thomas	Clayton Trujillo	Ken Worsham	Lawrence Williams	Mike Trujillo	
	Closing Prayer	Alex Lane	Mike Archer	Paul Hensel	Gary Seames	Tom Martens

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Bobbo Lupo	Dan McLeod	David Sproule
Opening Prayer	Jerry Hopkins	Taylor Reeves	Dirk Summerlot	David McLeod	Bob Higbee
Scripture Reading	Matt Ellis	Ted Friesner	Dan Fuller	Les McQuinn	Justin Maloney
Presiding at Table	Brad Shelt	Jim Rogers	Gary Jenkins	Jim Davis	Dave Payne
Serving at Table:	David Brown	Doug Carrick	John Kemp	Gorman Ericksen	Lance Collier
	Darin Summerlot	Austin Metzkes	Jerry Pittman	Bobbo Lupo	Rick Price
	Marty Williams	Leonard Williams	Vincent Rogers	Nick Pietro	Austin Williams
Closing Prayer	Jeff Goodale	Chuck Clark	Novel Brown	Dick Kelley	Dan McLeod

Alternates:					
	Joe Maloney	Chris Thompson	Nate Nelson	Glen Dawson	Joe Holland
	Gary Seames	Rick Tibbetts	David Thorpe	Richard Watson	Jeff Leslie

Technical Assignments						
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Taylor Reeves	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	Nate Nelson
	Audio	Jon Erickson	Bobbo Lupo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	Buzz Nelson
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	Jerry Pittman
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	Nate Nelson
	Audio	Jon Erickson	Bobbo Lupo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	Buzz Nelson
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	Jerry Pittman

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	June 1 & 4	June 8 & 11	June 15 & 18	June 22 & 25	June 29 & July 2
Head Usher	TBD →				
	Jim Davis	Rick Hall	Mike Ellis	Paul Metzkes	Henry Bass
	David Thorpe	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Edward Gager	Clayton Trujillo	Pete Brown

- Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.
- Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.
- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)



Sunday,
May 18

Cornerstone Group 1 - Please help restock the Food Pantry by bringing in **Canned Soups or Beans**. Leave the items at the Welcome Desk or beside the Pantry door.



<u>Sunday (May 25th)</u> Matt & Olivia Ellis (Ann.)	<u>Wednesday (May 28th cont.)</u> Peggy Simpkins
<u>Monday (May 26th)</u> Lawrence & Julie Williams (Ann.) Bob Higbee Gloria Boyd Trevor Cheshier	<u>Thursday (May 29th)</u> Grace Hackshaw
<u>Wednesday (May 28th)</u> Margie Hardin	<u>Friday (May 30th)</u> Dianna Halenda
	<u>Saturday (May 31st)</u> Gary & Angie Seames (Ann.) Douglas Alvarenga

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Veronica Ashmeade; Ms. Betty J. Byrd; Paul & Nellie Batitsky; Mr. Jean Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Edwards; Mr. & Mrs. Chris Erickson; Lawrence Gilmore; Ms. Lauren Grimaldi; Mrs. Cleopatra Hackshaw; Mrs. Denise Hamilton; James Morgan; Ms. Evelyn Nazario; Miss Natasha Ortiz; Lynn Parker; David Santana; Tedrick Sherman; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Daniel Swayne; Lana Smith, Sasha, & Alexis; Joe Woodfall; Deseret Whitehead; Norma Young; and Morris Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Kyle Butler, Melbourne, FL; Suzanne Branard, Merritt Island, FL; Mr. & Mrs. James Coker & Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hartman, Hernando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Lindsey Curry, Ocala, FL; Jim Davis, Rock Hill, SC; Ms. Joyce Edmondson, St. Petersburg, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Falkenburg, Citrus Springs, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City; Matthew Grimaldi, Pittstown, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick La Conte, Stuart, FL; Nathan McNicol, Denver, CO; Lindsey McPherson, Mason & Maddie, Nashville, TN; John, Corinn, & Linley Miller, Hobe Sound, FL; Miss Monica Morando, Jensen Beach FL; Joey & Kendra Naugler, Inverness, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wyman, Floral City, FL.



The Following Were Restored on Sunday, May 18:
Hazel Hackshaw, Mike Damron, and Valerie MacDougal.

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:50 a.m.***

*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.***

Sunday Morning, May 25

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading..... Jim Davis
Presiding at Table Kane Campbell
Serve at Table:
Gorman Erickson Dan McLeod
Rick Hall Vincent Rogers
Brent Leslie Tyrone Toson
Jeremy Maloney Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Dan Fuller Bob Higbee
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins
Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Sr.

Sunday Evening, May 25

Lead SingingBobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Dave Payne
Scripture Reading..... Chad Brown
Presiding at Table.....Mike Erickson
Serve at Table:
Nate Nelson, David Payne &
Clayton Trujillo
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins
Closing Prayer David Thorpe
Wednesday Evening, May 28
Lead Singing Dave McLeod
Extend Invitation..Lawrence Richardson
Family Prayer Joe Holland

Our Record

Attendance	May 18	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	235	233
Sun. A.M. Worship	412	391
Sun. P.M. Worship	173	177
Wed. Bible study	162	198
Contribution	\$16,069	\$14,388
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +13,570		

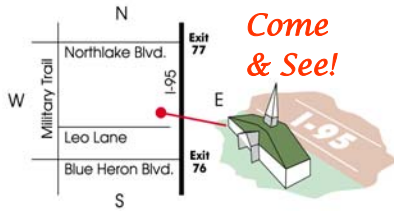
Ushers for the week of **May 25** Head Usher: Dick Kelley, Harrison Carter & Matt Ellis



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Come & See!

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Service Schedule

Sunday:

- Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship 10:00 a.m.
- Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

- Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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A friend loves at all times.

Proverbs 17:17

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