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By Dan Jenkins

The Foolishness of Idolatry

The most profound truths can so often be evaluated and understood by just using common sense. The reality is that God did not write the Bible in such a way that only the most scholarly could comprehend it. It was written for ordinary people with common sense. To see this, read these words from Mark about the profound teaching of Jesus. "And the common people heard Him gladly" (Mark 12:37).

The prophet Isaiah showed the folly of those who worshiped idols in his day. He described that artisan who was creating his idol, fashioning it "...with his hammers and working with the strength of his arm...He is hungry, and his strength fails; He drinks no water and is faint" (44:12). Common sense would tell you that his idol/god should feed him!

The next few verses describe the process of producing a wooden idol. He cuts down the cedars, the cypress and the oak. He first takes some of the timber to warm himself and bake his bread. "He burns half of it in the fires; with this half he eats meat; he roasts a roast ...and says, 'Ah, I am warm, I have seen the fire.'" He then takes the rest of the "firewood" and carves it into an image. "He falls down before it and worships it, prays to it and says, 'Deliver me for you are my god.'" Common sense says, "How can firewood do anything for you?" His

actions show that his cedar tree is helpless! Idolatry simply does not make sense. An idol is nothing more than a tree!

To see the folly of idolatry read Psalm 115. "Their idols are silver and gold, the works of men's hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have but they do not smell; they have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat." The most amazing observation is that in the history of mankind millions and millions have fallen down, bringing gifts and burning incense to a piece of metal or wood or some precious stone. Their actions of worship were not seen, heard, or smelled by the idol. Its hands never moved, and its feet never walked.

Finally hear the words of Paul to those who had left idolatry to become Christians. "You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led" (1 Cor. 12:2). Those idols were deaf mutes. He says a similar thing to the Christians in Thessalonica. "You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thess. 1:9). Hear the contrast and stand in amazement of how anyone could worship an idol. You turned from dumb, blind, deaf pieces of wood to serve a living God. Next week, we will look at the hands, eyes, ears, feet and mouth of our living God.

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By David Sproule

Using the Word "Minister" in the Way the Bible Uses It

Who is a "minister"? It is common today for that word to be capitalized ("Minister"), as a way of designating a title given to someone (both in a government and in a religious setting). In the church, the word is used almost exclusively as a title for those who preach, those who work with the youth, and those who are hired by the church to fill other roles. How does the Bible use that word?

In the Old Testament, the word "minister" is most often used as a verb, to describe those men who served as priests, when they came to "minister to the Lord," "minister in the holy place," "minister before the ark of the Lord," etc. It was a term used almost exclusively for the priests and Levites.

In the New Testament, the word "minister" is much broader and is used in describing a variety of persons and their labors. Note that it is not used exclusively of a select group of individuals. We might most often think of the word being used to describe the work of Paul (1 Cor. 3:5; Eph. 3:7), Apollos (1 Cor. 3:5), Timothy (1 Thess. 3:2), Tychicus (Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7), Epaphras (Col. 1:7), and others. However, the word is not being used in those passages as a title for those men, but instead, it was used to describe their labor. How can we know that?

The Greek word for "minister" that is used in each of those texts to describe those men is the word *diakonos*. That word is used in a variety of ways for a variety of individuals. As we have noted, it is used of various preachers. It is also used for "deacons" in the church (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:8, 12). The same word is used of civil rulers, who are "the minister of God" (Rom. 13:4), and it is also used to describe "Satan's ministers" (2 Cor. 11:14-15). A sister in Christ in Cenchrea was also called a *diakonos* (Rom. 16:1). Thus, that word is used of many different people.

The noun *diakonos* is most often translated "servant" (as in Matt. 20:26; 23:11), and the verb form *diakoneo* is most often translated "serve" (as in Matt. 4:11; Luke 10:40). Jesus Himself said that He came to *diakonos* (i.e., to minister, to serve) (Mark 10:45). So, what's the point?

The word "minister" is not used in the New Testament strictly in the form of a title for the local preacher at the church. It is a descriptive term of a "servant," which is a quality that a preacher should have, but it is a universally-needed quality and an action in which every Christian must engage (Heb. 6:10; 1 Pet. 4:10). In other words, every Christian is a "minister," in the Biblical sense of the word, and not just the local preacher. It is not wrong to call him a "minister," but let us recognize that all of us are "ministers" just as much.

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By Josh Blackmer

Faithful Sayings

We are in a time where trust and acceptance of someone's word is at a premium. It is difficult to find information that we know is true and won't change. It should be obvious that God's word can be a source of truth. In writing to Timothy and Titus, Paul included, "This is a faithful saying" before some of his inspired comments. These faithful or trustworthy statements are always so, no matter the year, culture, or circumstance.

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (1 Tim. 1:15a). It was the point and purpose to redeem mankind (Gen. 3:15; Eph. 1:4-12; 1 Pet. 1:18). The grace of God has appeared to all men, even Paul, the chief of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). In this context, Paul mentions that it was given to him abundantly so that "Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life" (1 Tim. 1:14,16). For God desires all men to be saved (2 Pet. 3:9). No person is beyond the grace of God. Paul perpetrated terrible acts against the Christians, and yet he still obtained mercy from the God of heaven. So can we.

"It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; If we endure, we will also reign

with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself" (2 Tim. 2:11-13). The grace of God and eternal life is something that is conditional. This is evident by the many conditional statements in this passage. Paul tells us that if we be "dead with Him" then we can live with Him (Gal. 2:20). It is a truth that if we endure with Jesus the Christ then we shall be saved.

May we consider these faithful sayings in our daily service to the Lord.

"For bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance" (1 Tim. 4:8-9). While there might be a little profit in the discipline of the body it pales in comparison to the benefit of godliness. Godliness is a blessing for this present life and the life to come.

"This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men" (Titus 3:8). "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them" (Eph. 2:10). "They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed" (Titus 1:16). May we consider these faithful sayings in our daily service to the Lord.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Sorry I'm not sorry

Did you ever have a teacher or parent force you to say, "I'm sorry," to some other kid? I'm not claiming that such an effort should never be made by an adult, but there is something usually lacking in that scenario – true sorrow. Saying the words is not the same as meaning the words.

Paul had written a sternly-worded letter to the church at Corinth (our "First Corinthians"), and then said this about the effects of that letter: "I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry," and "that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner... For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Cor. 7:8-10).

Note that there are two kinds of "sorry." One is genuine and the other is fake. One is produced in the heart and the other is hypocritically expressed with the lips. As Christians, which kind should we possess? Which kind should we express? When "I'm sorry," I need to be "sorry" as God would have me to be! – DS



Tell me how he knew

The apostle Paul had been through so much during his service to the Lord! When he penned his second letter to Timothy (and the final letter we have from his hand), he referenced some kind of legal trial to which he had been subjected, and he stated, "No one stood with me, but all forsook me" (2 Tim. 4:16). How sad! When he looked around, no friends or advocates stood with him. He could literally see that there was no soul beside him.

But then Paul stated, "But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me" (4:17). What a great source of comfort that would be! But wait. How did he know the Lord stood with him? He could not literally see Him. How did he know? Paul knew the Lord was with him because He had made a promise, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). Paul walked by faith in the promise of Christ (2 Cor. 5:7), which to him was "proof of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

He knew the Lord was there! Do you? Christ made that same promise to you! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Brown	undergoing medical testing
Johnny Davis, Jr.	starting a more potent treatment for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	undergoing medical testing
Sue Hoelzer	having surgery on Tuesday
Joan Holloway	at Waterford Rehab; NO phone calls, please
Rosa Nash	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
Melinda Price	recovering from outpatient surgery
Sherri Richmond	dealing with an infection in her knee
Tina Wagner	diagnosed w/breast cancer, awaiting treatment options
Henry Williams	fractured ribs and in a lot of pain
Cherylann Wineinger	still dealing with pain in her back and hip

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Terri Hahn	leukemia
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Dianne Frye	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Connye Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joe Deem	Allison Roman's father, moved to a nursing home
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
David Porter	Phil Porter's father, hospitalized with chest pain
Betty Story	Glen Dawson's sister, recovering from a stroke
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting further treatments
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, dealing with chest pain





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 10

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, October 11

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

Tuesday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 16

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. RSVP and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/EXNVrIS>.

Saturday, October 30

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Monday, November 1

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL Men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Wednesday, November 3

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 4-7

- ♦ **25th Annual South Florida Lectureship.** This year's theme is *"He Who Promised Is Faithful."* See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.

Thursday, Nov. 4	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 5	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 7	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:25 a.m. Bible Class

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, October 16

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. RSVP and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/EXNVrIS>.

Monday, November 1

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL Men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Tuesday, November 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Casey Bound for details.

Saturday, November 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brandon Widner. See Ivan Villard for details.

Thursday, December 2

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 10

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, October 16

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. Jr. High & Sr. High should arrive at 4:00 p.m. to help set up. Wear your costume! RSVP and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/EXNVrIS>. See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.
- ♦ **Deadline for CYC Sign-Up for Grades 8-12.** Sign up on the bulletin board. Cost is \$50 per person plus money for meals.

Sunday, October 24

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Please bring a drink or dessert. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Equipping & Edifying Families

5 Ways to Fight Apathy in Your Marriage



There they both sit night after night. A couple not acknowledging an unhappy marriage, as they go through the motions of necessity. The kids put to bed, the toys somewhat put back in place, and they stare at the television as bed time quickly creeps up. He looks her way and has a romantic intention, but it evaporates as fast as it came. “Too much work,” he thinks as he mentally resigns to self-satisfaction. As she weakly smiles his way, in her mind races a million different thoughts. One of them is, “I’m not desirable enough for him to want me anymore.” Her heart believes the lie. They exchange an, “I love you,” with an insincere peck on dry lips, and part ways until the next day. Apathy has laid waste to their marital joy.

So what’s the good news? If you are feeling apathetic in your marriage, this can most certainly be fixed. Your marriage can be rejuvenated and the happiness you once felt together can be restored. I’ve been married nearly 20 years and we have seen plenty of ups and downs. Our saving grace has been that we both come from broken homes and we both agree our marriage will not be one. So we fight for each other.

Are you willing to fight for your marriage and family? Here are 5 ways to fight it.

1. Find the Problem

Which bad habits has your marriage fallen into? Has it become sexless or close to it? What is your communication like? What are your thoughts when you think of her? What do you think she feels about you? Pinpoint where your marriage has allowed apathy to grow.

2. Reconnect

Depending on the seriousness of your situation, professional couple’s therapy or ministerial assistance might be required. Tell each other how you’re really feeling. Avoid over-reacting or thin-skinned sensitivity. Do not embellish, place blame, or engage in personal attacks. Just put it on the table how you are both viewing the marriage. That will establish the starting point of where the solution can begin.

3. Take Initiative

Arrange opportunities. Design the family schedule so that it includes designated adult time. If that means dropping a kid’s sport here, or a dance class there, so be it. Your kids want happy parents. Start dating each other again. Woo each other. Remember when you would have been mortified for her to have a bad impression of you? Rediscover that man that made a sincere effort. It’s likely she will respond in kind.

4. Dream Together

What is the ideal situation for your family? Build a dream together and establish the larger picture of where you both want to lead your family. For my wife and I, we are laying the foundation that we pray will last for generations. A foundation of joy, stability, commitment, sacrifice, and example to follow, and this grand vision keeps us unified. What do you and your spouse dream together?

5. Understand Marriage is Hard Work

When we see one of those special couples celebrating 50 years of marriage we all bow in admiration. Can you imagine the fights and squabbles they had? The dreams that never materialized, and the unexpected ones that did? I like to think I will have a lasting marriage. But it won’t be because any of it came easy.

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



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 3

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Lucille Black; Mr. David Caudill; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mr. & Mrs. Nathan & Amy Miranda; Ms. Kayla Smith; Mr. Joseph Snyder; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Kinsey Deming, FL; Mr. Terrence Jones, Cary, NC; and Mr. Scott Kelley, Plantation, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (October 10th)
Eldra & Grace Judge (Ann.)
Dirk Summerlot

Monday (October 11th)
Scott Studer

Wednesday (October 13th)
Fran Campbell

Thursday (October 14th)
Patricia Harrington

Thursday (October 14th) cont.
Amy Rosado

Friday (October 15th)
Stahia Banks
Joe Holland
Meagan Metzkes

Saturday (October 16th)
Michael & Turkessa Staley (Ann.)
Adelene Honore



This year's **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** will be on Saturday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m. This event is hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth, but ALL members are encouraged to arrive early, decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating! **Please RSVP and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/EXNVriS>.** See Ivan or Amber Villard for more details.

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
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, October 10

Opening Prayer Ivan Villard
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution..... Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading Michael Ellis
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer James Green

Serve at Table:

Jimmie Banks	Kameron Heitler
Kane Campbell	Jeff Leslie
Mike Damron	Joe Maloney
Gorman Ericksen	Luther Robinson
Max Fonrose	Jim Rogers

Sunday Evening, October 10

Opening Prayer Joe Maloney
Singing Stephen Beliech
Contribution Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Jerry Pittman
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Kane Campbell

Serve at Table:

John Hoelzer	Jeremy Maloney
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Wednesday Evening, October 13

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation..... Josh Blackmer
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 3	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	184	159
Sun. AM Worship	230	223
Sun. PM Worship	113	124
Wed. Bible Study	141	124
Contribution	\$18,917	\$16,578

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$55,726

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

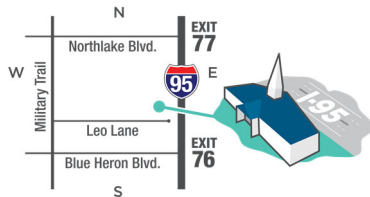
Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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*Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.*



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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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century



Speaking where the Bible speaks



Silent where the Bible is silent



Calling Bible things by Bible names



Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

October 16

Trunk-or-Treat

October 30

Congregational Work Day

November 4-7

25th Annual South Florida Lectureship

Theme: *"He Who Promised Is Faithful"*

November 21

New 10-Week Bible Classes Begin

November 24

Congregational Singing

December 31

New Year's Eve Gathering

January 30

Mission Sunday