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By Dan Jenkins

Has He Ever Chastened You?

It is remarkable how easy it becomes to understand a difficult passage if we just look at the precise words found in that verse. Far too often we read a verse and assume we know the meaning of every word, when we do not fully understand how God uses that word elsewhere in the Bible. For example, hear these words from God. "For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son He receives" (Heb. 12:6). We sometimes are troubled when we focus on the "scourging" of the Lord and overlook the actual meaning of the word chastens.

To see this consider this question. When did the Lord chasten you, specifically. Before you answer look at this verse as it is quoted from Pro. 3:12. "For whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights." This is not the picture of an angry father severely punishing a son, but it is a picture of a father who delights in every son. Our Father delights in us and His correction is evidence, not of His wrath, but of His love.

It is true that the word chasten is sometimes used to indicate anger toward the one being chastened (Luke 23:16, 22), but Pilate's action toward Jesus is far different from the way God deals with us. Pilate selfishly brought discipline, but our God is not selfish; He is on our side.

Jeremiah says it this way. "O Lord, correct me, but with justice; not in Your anger lest you bring me to nothing: (Jer. 10:24). His correction is from the heart of our just God, not like that of an irrational, angry father.

God does use circumstances which come in our lives to help us grow as His children. Hebrews 12 shows that as he uses these situations at first they may seem painful, but "... afterwards it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it" (v. 11).

The most overlooked way that we fail to see how God chastens us in seeing how this same word for chastening is found in the verse that says all Scripture is "...profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16). How is the word chasten translated in this verse? It is not translated as doctrine, as reproof, or as correction. God chastens us by giving instructions. Our father chastens us every time we read His word. As we meditate on His words, He is chastening us. Every Bible class we sit in is the chastening of the Lord. Every sermon we hear is the Lord chastening us. This is how He specifically chastens us!

As we examine ourselves in eating the Lord's Supper is described as chastening (1 Cor. 11:31-32), in the same way we look into the mirror of the Lord and are instructed and corrected. Rejoice, God's correction is evidence that we are sons!

**Have you ever
thought of how
God specifically
chastens us as
His children?**



By David Sproule

Young Man, You Should Be a Preacher (Part 5 of 5)

"So, what do you want to be when you grow up?" People keep asking you that question, don't they? Including me! Well, I'm only going to ask you one more time: Young man, what do YOU want to be? You may be thinking about being a firefighter, but I have something for you that will save more people from an eternal fire. I want you to become a preacher.

"Mr. David, why should I want to be a preacher?" Here's one answer: You get to help people go to heaven!

You could get a job that helps people buy a house, or helps people with their computer, or helps people get an education, or helps people to stop being sick, or helps people with their finances, or helps people with their legal troubles, or helps people when they are in danger. All of these are good things to do, and I appreciate those who do them (and many other good works)! But not everyone needs these services listed here, but EVERYONE you ever meet needs to go to heaven! EVERYONE!

The Bible says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). So how can one be saved from sin? Later in the same book, Paul said (pay attention to this), "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?

And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:13-14). Without a what? Without a preacher!

Preachers get to help those who are lost to be converted to Christ and saved from their sins by being baptized into Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 28:19-20). There is NOTHING on this earth more fulfilling than that!

Preachers get to help those who are saved to "finish the course" and "keep the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7), so that they can receive "the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). There is NOTHING more fulfilling than that!

Paul told his fellow Christians that there was nothing that would bring him more "rejoicing" than all of them "in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming" (1 Thess. 2:19), so that together they could "always be with the Lord" in heaven (4:17). Going to heaven together is ALL that matters!

Young man, you should be a preacher because you get to help people go to heaven! There's nothing more fulfilling than saving someone from the eternal fire of hell and helping them spend an eternity with Jesus! The world needs preachers! More preachers! The church needs preachers! More preachers! I pray that YOU will be one! You will love it! (Parents and grandparents, please share this with the young men in your family. They won't find it on their own.)

**Everyone you
ever meet needs
to go to heaven!**



By Robert Lupo

Consistent Christianity

Consistency is difficult. Whether you are talking about drawing a straight line, making your bed in the morning, or calling your mom, keeping up with them over and over again can be a difficult task. This is especially true when it comes to our daily walk as Christians.

We have good days, and we have bad days, don't we?

Sometimes it's really easy to think about spiritual things and other times it isn't. There is a perfect place to go in scripture to help us be consistent in our Christianity: Romans 12.

We need to recognize that the scriptures demand consistency. In verses 10 through 13, Paul tells us, "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; **not lagging in diligence**, **fervent** in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, **patient** in tribulation, **continuing steadfastly** in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality." The words I've highlighted all describe behaviors that remain the same over time. If we have been "transformed by the renewing of our minds" as described earlier (v. 2), then we can't be Christians some of the time and like the world the rest. If we master these behaviors, then we can be sure of our consistency.

If we have been transformed... then we can't be Christians some of the time...

First, we must not be lagging in diligence. To lag means to be lazy or holding back, and diligence is eagerness. So, to be lagging in diligence would mean to be unwilling or to be half-hearted in doing good. Christianity requires a love for the work. If we are not actively working to keep our interest in the church, then we will certainly miss opportunities to be useful to God. Are you checking the upcoming activities to see where you can be useful?

Second, we must be patient in tribulation. This means that you endure or stick around when things get difficult. Patience is something we can easily lose. All sorts of things can cause us distress or hurt our morale. We may be overworked, we may suffer ridicule, or we may suffer loss. No matter what comes about, we must be committed to doing good. Have you backed away from anything at church because of life's circumstances or burnout?

Last, we must always continue steadfastly in prayer. Whenever we are struggling, we should immediately ask ourselves, "Am I praying enough?" Steadfast means to be devoted to something. Prayer needs to be a priority for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "Pray without ceasing." It must be a daily, continuous habit. If we neglect prayer, we will certainly stumble. Are you praying for opportunities to work for the Lord?

Let's be Christians consistently!

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Must himself (or herself) be friendly

The wisdom of the book of Proverbs is so practical and it just makes sense. One such nugget of truth states, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (Prov. 18:24). How true is that? Someone who is not "friendly" does not have many "friends"!

Sometimes folks in the church will be upset because they don't have many friends in the church. Can I ask a question? How "friendly" have you been? Have you come to services early and stayed late to visit with folks? Have you reached out via text and phone to fellow members regularly to check on them and encourage them? Have you invited folks over to your house? Have you invited folks to go to lunch with you on Sunday after worship? Have you sought opportunities to serve your brethren? What efforts have you made to be friendly and to make friends in the church?

It's not fair to blame others for not being your friend if you are not first a friend to them. The church needs more friends! Will you be a friendly friend to others, starting today? – DS



You keep using that emoji

One of the best scenes in "The Princess Bride" is when Inigo Montoya has heard Vizzini repeatedly use (or rather, misuse) the word, "Inconceivable," and he tells him, "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."

I think of that scene often when scrolling social media and seeing the praying hands emoji used repeatedly and sometimes with the word "praying" typed out. I think it is ABSOLUTELY wonderful for people to be able to share various needs on social media and for other folks to tell them that they are PRAYING! What could be better? Nothing!

I just want to ask you—yes, you: Do you ever use that emoji and do you ever type, "praying," or something like that? I hope that you do! That's so encouraging for someone to read! But here's the real question: Do you ACTUALLY pray to God for them? Or are you just emoji-ing and typing? The real difference happens when we actually stop and talk to God! So, keep using that emoji, but "mean it" when you do...and stop and pray! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Stephen Beliech	recovering from cataract surgery
Lynne Jorgensen	received good results from biopsy
Dick Kelley	showing some signs of slow improvement
Lisa Metzkes	recovering from sinus surgery
Joyce Parker	dealing with several health issues
Betty White	undergoing medical testing
Henry Williams	dealing with ongoing eye issues

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Dick Haines	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Aniya Bassett	Arianna Bassett's sister, injured her foot in training
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, struggling with Alzheimer's
Randall Deem	Allison Roman's brother, heart attack, slowly improving
Heath Johnson	Reanna & Halle's brother, issues with his leg after surg.
Jim McCoy	Maxine McCoy's brother, recovering from surgery
Jillian Orr	Mary Coombs' sister, recovering from cataract surgery
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, chemo/radiation treatments
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, continues to improve
Terry West	Amy West's father, ICU in Bethesda East, fluid on lungs

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, October 28

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on November 11.

Tuesday, October 29

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

Sunday, November 3

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:320 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 4

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on November 11.
- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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.

Tuesday, November 5

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume on November 12.

Wednesday, November 6

- ♦ **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 7-10

- ♦ **28th Annual South Florida Lectureship.** This year's theme is *"Assurances for Christians from First John."*

Thursday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 8	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
(Please bring drinks & desserts for the Corn Roast)	
Sunday, Nov. 10	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Class

Sunday, November 10

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:320 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, November 4

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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.

Sunday, November 10

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

Monday, December 2

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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.

Thursday, December 5

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Bring soup, bread, dessert or a drink.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 27

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. See Robert Lupo for details.

Monday, November 4

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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 13

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** after Bible Study. We will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that we will deliver on Sunday, November 17. There will be drinks and snacks. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, November 17

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Meet in the Family Room.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - November 2024

November 3 ^(L)

November 10 ^(A)

November 17 ^(C)

November 24 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Victor Colage	Dion Hayes	Jeff Leslie	Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reader	Taylor Reeves	Dan Fuller	David Brown	Tom Garrison
Presiding at Table	Philip Porter	Gary Jenkins	Kirk Crews	Richard Watson
Serving at Table	Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Sylvester Jackson Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Rick Price Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Cody Price Chuck Reeves, Jr. Cristian Suarez	Casey Crews Michael Menendez John Patrick Vincent Rogers Cayden Scriven Joseph Snyder Lawrence Williams Marty Williams	Troy Alberga Tim Fry Ryan Hankins Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Nahum Villard Tyler Williams
Closing Prayer	Tim Cox	David Holaday	Jimmie Banks	Orlando Lolo

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Richard Watson	Dirk Summerlot	Ivan Villard	Philip Porter
Scripture Reader	Joe Maloney	Douglas Alvarenga	Jim Rogers	Trevin Roman
Presiding at Table	Stephen Beliech	David Lord	Eugene Williams	Victor Colage
Serving at Table	Troy Alberga Trevin Roman	Troy Alberga Bobby Shelton	Jim Davis Connor Goodale	Joe Maloney Richard Weinstein
Closing Prayer	Tom Garrison	Daniel Wagner	Jeff Goodale	Ricky Smith

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Israel Cuevas	Buzz Nelson	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Edward Gager	Edward Gager

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Nahum Villard	Darin Summerlot	Rick Hall	Namdidie Ikon
Usher	Tim Fry Rick Hall	Andres Fernandez Daniel Swayne	Michael Erickson Islay Rodriguez	Lance Collier Robert Mariano

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

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

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 20

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, October 27th
Traci Sproule

Monday, October 28th
Sylvester Jackson

Wednesday, October 30th
Marie Yolette Achille

Saturday, November 1st
Trish Clark
Michelle Franck
Isolyn Sinclair



**Shepherds
Praying**

Our shepherds will be praying each Sunday in November at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to bring your prayer requests and have your shepherds and brothers and sisters pray together for your loved ones.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Mr. Alejandro Boxill; Mr. Carey Daniels; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Miss D.L. Moore; Mr. Mark Patterson; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Ms. Carolyn Preston; Mr. Joshua Tull; Mr. Joseph Wanyoike; and Miss Dorothy Wright.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Jill Holaday, Searcy, AR; Mr. Freddie King, Orlando, FL; Mr. Jacob Parnell, Tampa, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Beth Rosenblum, Huntsville, AL; and Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL.



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Take a few minutes and email the church office (office@pblcoc.org) with the names and addresses of those who live LOCALLY in Palm Beach County. Let's change lives with the gospel!

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 27

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Jeff Leslie
Singing
Lord's Supper Jimmie Banks
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Michael Erickson

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	John Patrick
Kirk Crews	Jim Rogers
James Green	Joseph Snyder
Graysen Hayes	Lawrence Williams

Sunday Evening, October 27

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Islay Rodriguez
Scripture Reading Jeff Goodale
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Connor Goodale

Serve at Table:

Kameron Heitler Luther Robinson

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, October 30

Singing Ricky Smith
Invitation Freddie Gadson
Family Prayer Dan Fuller

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 20	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	148	157
Sun. AM Worship	250	278
Sun. PM Worship	102	120
Wed. Bible Study	117	134
Contribution	\$14,140	\$15,997

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$19,268

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).