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CONNECTED PARENTING FAITHFULLY IN THE DIGITAL AGE



**SPEAKER:
JOE WELLS**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 A.M.

"GROWING UP CONNECTED"



10:00 A.M.

"SAFETY MUST BE PRIORITIZED"

12:45 P.M.

**"BE AWARE:
ANXIETY, ADDICTION AND REPUTATION"**





By Dan Jenkins

Good Soldiers in the Greatest Army

In Paul's last epistle, he described to Timothy the attributes of a good soldier. Since all of us are encouraged to put on the armor of the Lord (Eph. 6:11), we would all be wise to think seriously about what Jesus expects of us as His soldiers. Take time to look at Paul's description in 2 Timothy 2:1-6.

Good soldiers are strong in the grace of Christ (v. 1).

Our strength does not come from within, it comes from our understanding of grace. No man can be a perfect soldier, but every man can be perfected by His grace. Be strong in grace.

Good soldiers know the source of the truth we believe (v. 2). Paul reminds Timothy that he had heard heaven's message from him. Good soldiers today hear that same message from that same man. Be confident in the source of truth you first have believed.

Good soldiers stand in all the things he has learned and gives the same truths to others (v. 2). The KJV translates these words urging Timothy to commit the *same* message to faithful men, who in turn would commit the *same* message to others. Be confident that truth never changes—never changes.

Good soldiers endure hardship regardless of the cost (v. 3). In the previous chapter, Paul mentions two men who had left the faith, and Paul had withdrawn from them. This is

why he began this chapter with the word "therefore." Men can make shipwreck of the faith, but a good soldier endures whatever hardship his service to his King might bring. Be determined to be faithful until death, regardless of the cost.

Good soldiers stay focused and are not distracted by the world around them (v. 4). Every Christian should meditate on these words. "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself in the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier." Secular affairs, political affairs, sporting events, success in the world and all that is in the world to distract us really do not matter. Be determined to keep the main thing the main thing.

Good soldiers are like athletes (v. 5). He trains extensively for the events, but he fully understands that he must compete lawfully. He knows the truth he has learned, and that truth regulates every action. Be aware of the boundaries God has given you.

Good soldiers are like hardworking farmers who first partake of the crops (v. 6). At first reading one might think Paul is discussing financial support for workers. This does not fit the context. The vital word in this verse is the word "first." Before he sees the results of the seeds he works so hard to plant, he must apply them first to his life! Otherwise his life is hypocritical. Be a soldier who applies the truth to your life first.

Be a good soldier in the greatest work on earth!

We would be wise to meditate on God's definitions of a good soldier



By David Sproule

The Complete Revelation of God

When it comes to the Bible, one must be able to answer the question, "Is the Bible the complete revelation of God, or are there verbal revelations from God outside of and subsequent to God's revelation of His will in the Bible?" The Bible clearly teaches that it is the complete revelation of God.

"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God" (2 Tim. 3:16). No part of Scripture was ever the result "of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:20-21). The Bible clearly teaches the verbal inspiration of all Scripture, for the Holy Spirit "revealed" the very "words" to be recorded (1 Cor. 2:10-13).

In recording the "words" revealed by God to man, there is an emphasis throughout the New Testament that God was providing His complete revelation for man to know His entire will for them. On the night before His death, Jesus told the apostles that the Holy Spirit would come when He left, and look at this affirmation: "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into **all truth**" (John 16:13). Read that carefully. When the Holy Spirit came, into how much truth would He guide the apostles? When the Holy Spirit was done guiding the apostles, how much truth would He have given?

Put together the passages already studied. The Holy Spirit "moved" the writers of Scripture to "reveal" the "words" of God (and not man), and in that verbal "inspiration" process, He guided them into "all truth." When the Holy Spirit completed His work with these men, there would be no more truth to reveal. The revelation of God would be complete.

This is emphasized again in the verse right after affirming that "All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God," which gives us the purpose of God breathing out all Scripture—"that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:17). By furnishing completely, the Scripture gives to man everything that he needs to serve God. There is not anything missing or to be revealed later, else man really was not thoroughly equipped.

The God-directed Jude wrote that "the faith" (i.e., the gospel system, Gal. 1:11+23) "was once for all delivered" (Jude 3). Just as the blood of Jesus was offered "once for all" (Heb. 7:27), never to be amended, Scripture has been "once for all time" delivered to man by inspired writers, never to be amended. It is the complete revelation of God!

Having the full revelation of God in the Bible, we must never "add to" or "take away" from any part of it (Rev. 22:18-19). We must "live by every word" that God has given to us (Matt. 4:4), for we have "every word" He is going to give to us!

The Scripture gives to man everything that he needs to serve God



By Robert Lupo

'Tis the Season

It's the most wonderful time of year! The Christmas holiday recalls all sorts of joyous feelings and memories. Everywhere you go, people seem a little happier and a little friendlier, especially in the church.

For many of us, the biggest care on our minds is finding that perfect gift for a loved one. Seeing the look on someone's face when they open my gift on Christmas is one of my favorite experiences of the holiday. I love being a blessing to my family, friends and brethren. Gift-giving demonstrates generosity and our love for one another. Sometimes we will never know the extent of happiness an act of generosity has had on someone's life.

As Christians, we need to be looking for ways to bless our fellow man year-round (Heb. 13:16). That goes especially for our brethren, but also for those outside the household of faith (Gal. 6:10). We see in the book of Acts a great example of the value of a benevolent heart. In Chapter 9, verses 36-43, the Bible records the only mention of a woman named Dorcas. She was a disciple of Christ who had become sick and died. Peter was nearby and two disciples brought him to see her. There Peter found widows weeping and mourning over the body of their friend. Peter knelt and brought her back to life.

**Let us go and
look for opportu-
nities to reflect
the love of Jesus
Christ**

What was it about Dorcas that these men and women cared so much for her? Verses 36 and 39 reveal that she was a beloved member of the community who "was full of good works and charitable deeds" (v. 36). When news of her resurrection spread, the Bible says many were converted to Christ. As Christians striving to be the church that Christ died for, we rightfully spend a lot of time making sure that our worship reflects the pattern laid by Christ's disciples. But, we must not forget to make sure we reflect their hearts in our charity. 1 John 3:17-19 tells us that we cannot shut up our hearts to brothers in need. "Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him" (v. 17).

Let this holiday season start a new habit for yourselves. Let us go and look for opportunities to reflect the love of Jesus Christ to our brothers, sisters, and strangers. Speak to the church elders, community leaders, and to the less fortunate in your life and see where you can be a blessing. If we reflect the heart of Jesus Christ and His disciples more, how many souls might believe in our Lord? Let us "...be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Tim. 6:18).

Merry Christmas!

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"I don't want to wear glasses"

Human beings. We are interesting creatures. How often do those who first realize that they need glasses not want to get glasses because of "how they will look"? Or, folks who don't want to wear reading glasses, although they need them. Or, folks who don't want to get hearing aids, although they need them. Or, folks who don't want to use a walker, although it is needed.

We are surrounded by all sorts of aids that will make our life easier and better, and yet sometimes, we are resistant to admit that we need those aids.

Does that also translate over into our spiritual life? Guess what. As Christians, we are surrounded by aids. We have Jesus Christ, who acts as our High Priest, ready to aid us in our temptations (Heb. 2:17-18; 7:25). We have fellow Christians, who are ready to bear our spiritual burdens with us, to help us get to heaven (Gal. 6:1-10). How often are we resistant to admit that we need their help and to ask for help. Brethren, put on your glasses. See what the Lord has provided to aid you. Let's help each other to help each other! – DS



Your god doesn't care about you!

Gods are supposed to have emotions, right? We read about the Greek gods of love, joy, pity, anger, violence, etc. But you know that those gods aren't real, right? Those are fake, man-made gods. They have NO emotions, because they do NOT exist. The same goes for those stone and wooden idols—they have NO emotions, because they are a piece of stone or wood and are not alive. Yet, people still worship them.

But, you say, "I don't care about those gods." Ok. What about the cares, riches and pleasures of this life (Luke 8:14)? Those are "gods" that we serve (cf. Col. 3:5). We devote a lot of our time, money and energy to them, as if we worship them. But, guess what? They don't care about you!

There is ONE GOD (Deut. 6:4; Eph. 4:6). There is NO OTHER (Isa. 45:5, 18, 21, 22; 1 Cor. 8:4). He is NOT fake! He is NOT man-made! He is REAL (Acts 17:24-28)! And that ONE and ONLY God "cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:7). Oh, "What is man...that You care for him?" (Psa. 8:4). Thank God that He does! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Eva Fulton	recovering from oral surgery
Patricia Hackshaw	home from the hospital, still struggling
Ophelia Holmes	undergoing more tests on her lungs on December 19
Lynne Jorgensen	having an outpatient procedure on December 11
Joyce Parker	Jupiter Rehab (room 403A), congestive heart failure
Vincent Rogers	recovering from heart catheterization

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	Joyce Parker
Dick Haines	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

John Lord	David Lord's father, stage 4 prostate cancer treatments
Diana MacArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, pacemaker surgery
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, chemo/radiation treatments
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, continues to improve

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

Sunday, December 8

- ♦ **“Connected: Parenting in the Digital Age” with Joe Wells.** Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium for Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. We will have a modified potluck lunch following morning services. If you did not volunteer to bring food, please **bring a dessert or drinks**. Evening services will begin at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, December 9

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume in January 2025.

Tuesday, December 10

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Lunch** at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins for anyone who has ever attended Monday or Tuesday Class. Bring a dish to share.

Saturday, December 14

- ♦ **PBL Ladies’ Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Tuesday, December 17

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January 2025.

Wednesday, December 25

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.**

Saturday, January 4

- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** on Saturday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Traci Sproule’s home. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18.

Sunday, January 5

- ♦ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let’s start the new year together!
- ♦ **Meeting of All PBL Men** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, January 6

- ♦ **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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, December 8

- ♦ **“Connected: Parenting in the Digital Age” with Joe Wells.** Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium for Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. Food will be provided. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Monday, January 6

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, January 11

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, January 31

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, December 8

- ♦ **“Connected: Parenting in the Digital Age” with Joe Wells.** Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium for Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 14

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Robert Lupo for details.

Tuesday, December 31

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lock-in** from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Bring \$5 for food. Chaperones are needed. See Robert Lupo for details.

Monday, January 6

- ♦ **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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 a James & Michelle Green b Sarah Rodgers	2 a Gary & Jacqui Jenkins b Michael Archer b Ellen Gager b Joseph Snyder	3 b Jacqueline Creary b Natalie Perez	4 ☆ MOM Group Dinner & Devotional
5 ☆ Every Member Present Sunday ☆ Meeting of All PBL Men b Anthony Marion	6 ☆ Men's Meet b Joe Maloney	7 a Willie & Giselle Smith b Lucy Bond b Sandy Colage	8	9 a Matthew & Kasandra Jones b Brenda Collier	10 b Crystal Burroughs b Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona	11 ☆ Young Adult Devo
12 ☆ 2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin ☆ Josh Blackmer Mission Report ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Addison Collins b Barbara King	13	14 b Silas Balfour b Mary Coombs b Robin Davis b Cindy Nelson	15 b Alicia Dongellini	16	17	18 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting
19 ☆ New Member's Orientation Class ☆ His Kids Class	20	21 b Edward Gager	22 b Andrea Leslie	23 b Luther Robinson	24 b Keila McLeod b Marisa Reeves	25 ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Liberty City
26 ☆ Mission Sunday ☆ New Bible Classes Begin ☆ Report on Apologetics Press ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ His Kids Class b Jimmie Banks b Winifred Patterson	27 b Christene Bean b Ed Buonadonna	28 b Joyce Parker	29	30 b Dick Haines	31 ☆ Young Adult Game Night b Mary A. Jackson	

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
December 1



We rejoice with **Justin Kelly, Jr.**, who was baptized on Thursday, December 5.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Sharon Banks; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; and Mr. Joshua Tull.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Lauren Campbell, Franklin, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Al & Lisa Crandall, Judsonia, AR; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; and Mr. Nick Pietro, Bethpage, TN.



Directory Changes

Brandon & Casey Widner placed membership with the Stuart congregation.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, December 9th

Michael & Jean Archer (Ann.)
Jordan & Maria Beasley, III (Ann.)

Thursday, December 12th

Robert & Reanna Lupo (Ann.)
Charlene Knowles

Tuesday, December 10th

Carolina Medina

Saturday, December 14th

Tim Fry
Patricia Hackshaw
Daisy Lord
Juliette Mauvais

Wednesday, December 11th

Sylvester Jackson & Crystal Burroughs

Thank You  notes

Thank you church family for your prayers. I want to especially thank the elders for "holding our hands" as we come together on Sundays to pray with us and for us.

Love,
Ophelia Holmes

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, December 8

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Scripture Reading Islay Rodriguez
Singing
Lord's Supper Jeff Goodale
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer James Green

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Michael Menendez
Casey Crews	Jim Rogers
Connor Goodale	Joseph Snyder
Jeff Leslie	Lawrence Williams

Sunday Evening, December 8

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer John Hoelzer
Scripture Reading Graysen Hayes
Singing
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Jack Holoman John Patrick

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Israel Cuevas
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, December 11

Singing Freddie Gadson
Invitation Dion Hayes
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	Dec. 1	Nov. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	151	175
Sun. AM Worship	228	245
Sun. PM Worship	102	102
Wed. Bible Study	98	125
Contribution	\$16,824	\$17,280

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,702

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

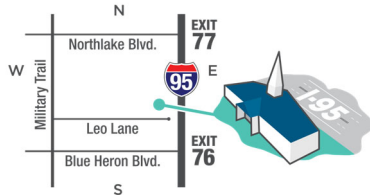
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



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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.



Front Cover: Jeff Leslie, Robert Lupo, Rick Hall & Victor Colage

