

## **Woodville Word**



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#### Wintertime!

## Walk by Faith

Scriptures: Genesis 45:10-15

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If you're under the impression that you are going to be great because of some accomplishment you've achieved but harbor wrong attitudes, you're in for a terrible jolt. Greatness comes in the sweet-spirit attitudes of humility and forgiveness toward others. Joseph sets before us a magnanimous example. How beautifully forgiving he was, how generous in his mercy.

It takes God to make the heart right. When I have a wrong attitude, I look at life humanly. When I have a right attitude, I look at life divinely. That's the real beauty of Joseph's life. That's the kernel of truth his life represents. He was great, mainly because of his attitude.

And there are specific lessons that grow out of that single truth. Let me offer at least three for your consideration.

First: When I'm able, by faith, to see God's plan in my location, my attitude will be right. God sent me . . . God sent me . . . God sent me. Not until you can relax and see God in your present location will you be useful to Him. A positive theological attitude will do wonders for your geographical latitude.

Second: When I'm able, by faith, to sense God's hand in my situation, my attitude will be right. I don't begin the day gritting my teeth, asking, "Why do I have to stay in this situation?" Instead, I believe that He made me the way I am and put me where I am to do what He has planned for me to do.

Third: When I'm able, by faith, to accept both location and situation as good, even when there's been evil in the process, my attitude will be right. When I can say with Joseph, "but God meant it for good," then I become a trophy of grace.

Joseph shows us that the only way to find happiness in the grind of life is to do so *by faith*. A faith-filled life means all the difference in how we view everything around us. It affects our attitudes toward people, toward location, toward situation, toward circumstances, toward ourselves. Only then do our feet become swift to do what is right.

You say you want to be considered great some day? Here's the secret: Walk by faith, trusting God to renew your attitude.

# What About the Salvation of our Children & Grandchildren...?



Is there anything believers can do to guarantee the salvation of their children?

No doubt many Christian parents have asked that very question, naturally hoping to see their offspring grow to know and love the Lord and spared the horrors of hell.

But the truth is that as much as we might like to pass on the spiritual inheritance of our faith, that's not the means the Lord has chosen to bring people to truth faith and repentance, it is only through His sovereign will, through the power of His proclaimed Word, through the working of His Spirit.

The spiritual outcome of your child, taken by itself, is no reliable gauge of your success as a parent. Nor is it an accurate measure of your faith—salvation is non-transferable, regardless of the depth and breadth of your love for the Lord. Sometimes children raised in fine Christian families grow up to abandon the faith. On the other hand, God graciously redeems many children whose parents are utter failures.

#### What about Proverbs 22:6?

Invariably parents ask about <u>Proverbs 22:6</u>: "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Isn't that a biblical promise that if we raise our children right, we can guarantee that they will walk faithfully with the Lord?

That notion is based on a misunderstanding of the nature of the Proverbs. These are wise sayings and truisms—not necessarily inviolable rules. For example, two verses earlier, we read, "The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor and life" (v. 4). That is certainly not a blanket promise that everyone who is humble and fears the Lord will always be rich and receive honor.

Furthermore, <u>Proverbs 10:27</u> says, "The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be shortened." We know that this principle does not hold true in every case. It cannot be claimed as if it were a binding promise from God to all who fear the Lord.

But Proverbs 22:6 is not a promise that Christian parents can claim that guarantees their children will never depart from the way of truth. The truth of this saying is a warning to parents and a promise that if behavior is not corrected when they are young, when they grow older that unchecked behavior will follow them. This verse actually is a warning in Scripture on the importance of training our children to forsake bad "bents" in their fallen condition. Each child has a particular bent: stubbornness, pride, stealing, disrespect, etc. The "way they should go" is what is confusing in this verse. The "way they should go" is better translated, "according to their particular bent." Our responsibilities as parents are to make sure that when we see a particular bad habit or bad behavior, that it is corrected with discipline immediately. Parents who allow that bad behavior to go unchecked will "train" their children that they can continue it outside the home.

The children then become a problem for teachers, employers, and eventually their future mates. We are living in a society where children rule the homes, get their own way, and invariably will be the ones who manipulate others as they have their parents.

#### No Guarantees

Ultimately, however, your children's salvation *is* a matter to be settled between them and God. Nothing you can do will *guarantee* your kids' salvation. To that end you should be praying to God and instructing your children—using all available means to impress the truths of the gospel continually on their hearts. But ultimately a grown child's spiritual fitness alone is not necessarily a reliable gauge of the parents' success.

The simple fact is that your best efforts cannot guarantee salvation for your children, but your bad example could be a great hindrance to the work of the gospel in their hearts. While you might not be able to singlehandedly win them to the Lord, your influence runs deep and helps set the course for their lives. How do they see you act on making spiritual disciplines a priority in your own life? How importantly is church attendance, Bible studies, and prayer opportunities in your life? Do your kids see it as an absolute priority to you, or do you model compromise? You have the greatest impact on how your kids will see if what you say you believe is really true or not by your actions. We call that...integrity.



#### WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### **February**

7<sup>th</sup> Nancy Redd & Brittany Hurlbert

14th Nancy Eveland & Polly Byers

21st Deb Thorne & Polly Byers

28<sup>th</sup> Jackie Teja & Jenna Minor

#### March

7th Mary Barron & Jenna Minor

14th Marilyn Davis & Nancy Eveland

21st Lynda Kolehouse & Mary Helmus

28th Nancy Redd & Teri Hook

Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Susan Foust at 231-652-1237 as soon as possible.

If you would like to serve in our church nursery please see Shelly Werner for a Safe Church policy and form.



#### In this issue:

# Proper Etiquette with BOB



#### 15 Types of Business Etiquette:

(continued from previous letters)

As we say goodbye to 2020, welcoming in the New Year 2021, we are all standing on the promises of Jesus Christ, as the COVID-19 pandemic took over the world with fear and confusion causing total disorder in our daily lives to include the threat to our Constitution of the United States of America.

Looking back at our earlier letters concerning the 15 Vital Business Etiquette Rules, we have already reviewed:

- 1. When in doubt, introduce others.
- 2. A handshake is still the professional standard (keep in mind COVID health risk).
- 3. Always say "Please" and "Thank you."
- 4. Don't interrupt.
- 5. Watch your language.
- 6. Double check before you send.
- 7. Do not walk into someone's office unannounced.
- 8. Do not gossip.
- 9. Do not eavesdrop.
- 10. Acknowledge others.
- **11. AVOID THE BIG TWO:** We have blurred many of the personal and professional lines, but politics and religion are still off limits. These topics are highly charged minefields for a professional atmosphere.
- **12. BE ON TIME**: We are all busy. Being punctual shows others that you value their time. Being late doesn't mean that you are busier than others; it just means that you are inconsiderate.
- **13. NO PHONES DURING MEETINGS:** When in a meeting, focus on the meeting discussion. Do not take calls, texts, or check e-mail. It is disrespectful to the other attendees, not to mention extremely annoying, making meetings last longer.
- 14. DON'T BE A BUSINESS CARD PUSHER: Don't hand out business cards to everyone you meet. It's a bit aggressive unless you are on a sales call. Ask for the other person's card, offer to exchange cards, or at the very least ask if you can leave your card before you reach into your pocket.
- 15. SHOW GENUINE INTEREST: Keep eye contact and try to truly listen to what others are saying. We are so easily distracted in this climate of increasingly short attention spans; we often can't wait for the other person to hurry up and finish so we can move on to the next thing. Resist distraction and haste. Take the time to ask questions and show an interest in the other person's thoughts.



## February 2021

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#### Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:45 a.m.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday**

Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.

#### Tuesday

Women's **BIBLE STUDY** 9:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday

NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.

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	Greeters for February: John & Polly Byers	1	Men's AM Bible Study  Women's Bible Study	WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	Praise Team practice  Men's evening Bible study	5	6 Elders' Prayer Time
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	WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday School	22	Men's AM Bible Study Women's Bible Study	<b>24</b> Wednesday Night Service	Praise Team practice  Men's evening Bible study	26	Elders' Prayer Time
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### February Birthdays 5<sup>th</sup> Bob Shoemaker

11th Karen Bartee 19th Bob Doornbos 20th Jayden Tolhurst

20th Marilyn Davis 21st Mary Cook 24th Dan Doornbos 25th John Byers

### happy anniversary February Anniversaries

14th Gordon & Marian Witte (57 years) 27th David & Susan Meyers (62 years)



## March 2021



#### **Sunday**

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:45 a.m.

#### Monday

LADIES AID
BIBLE STUDY
1st & 3rd
10:00 a.m.

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### March Anniversaries

13<sup>th</sup> Brad & Lorie Kellogg 15<sup>th</sup> Larry & June Frontjes

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## Sunday School at Woodville...

#### **Current Christian Social Issues**

Sundays at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Taught by Pastor Brett, Elders, and guest speakers.

For adults, young adults, teens & preteens.

Join us for an informative time of teaching and interaction with our church family.

Interesting, applicable topics to help us handle the world we are living in.

Some topics include: Injustice vs. Perfection

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Please encourage your whole family to attend.



Children's Sunday School

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 40 a.m. in the Cabinet Room (Baseme

11:40 a.m. in the Cabinet Room (Basement)
Ages: 1-10 years
Wonderful lessons planned!

A few of our church ladies have volunteered to come alongside our little ones to help them learn more about God and His Word. Teaching stories, crafts, and singing. Your children are sure to enjoy and learn more about our Lord!

If interested in helping out in Children's Sunday School, please see Shelly Werner.

### Woodville Church Library has exploded with books!!!

Please enjoy these fiction, nonfiction, devotionals, study guides, children's and teen's books. So many wonderful stories and learning about God's Word.

#### Check out the new DVDs too!



Search for books by Section, then Author, then Series, then Title



Large print books now being labeled with pink sticker above author label



## Food For Thought...

## Winter Fruit Salad

Prep Time: 15 minutes Time: 15 minutes Yield: 6 - 12 servings

#### **Ingredients**

2 large honey crisp red apples, cored and diced
2 pears or granny smith apples, cored, and diced
2½ oranges cut away from rinds and quartered
4 kiwi fruit peeled and sliced into quarters
1 cup of raspberries (8 oz container)
1 cup pomegranate seeds (from 1 ripe pomegranate)
2 tablespoons maple syrup
Juice from orange rinds and remaining ½ orange



#### **Description**

This Winter Fruit Salad is a sweet, juicy, and flavorful way to load up on your daily vitamins! Whether you make this salad as a side dish, breakfast, or holiday dessert, you're going to fall in love with every bite. It's an easy and delicious treat with no guilt attached!

#### Instructions

¼ tsp cinnamon or more to taste.

- 1. Combine orange juice, maple syrup, and cinnamon. Gently toss fruit together and drizzle on the maple orange dressing. Lightly stir.
- 2. Serve immediately or cover and place in your refrigerator until it is time to enjoy.

### Sheet-Pan Lemon Garlic Chicken

**YIELD:** 6 servings.

#### **Ingredients**

•1/4 cup olive oil

•2 tablespoons lemon juice

•3 garlic cloves, minced

- •1½ teaspoons minced fresh thyme or 3/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- •1 teaspoon salt
- •1/2 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary or 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- •1/4 teaspoon pepper
- •6 bone-in chicken thighs
- •6 chicken drumsticks
- •1 pound baby red potatoes, halved
- •1 medium lemon, sliced
- •2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley



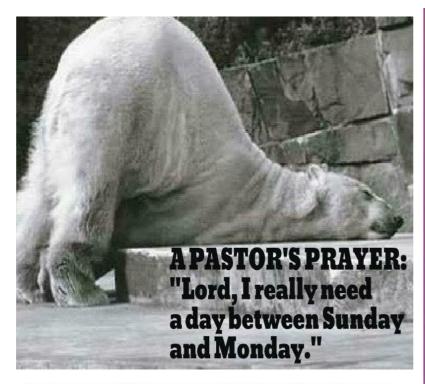
#### **Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 425°. In a small bowl, whisk the first 7 ingredients until blended. Pour 1/4 cup marinade into a large bowl or shallow dish. Add chicken and turn to coat. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade.

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep: 20 min. + marinating Bake: 40 min.

2. Drain chicken, discarding any remaining marinade in bowl. Place chicken in a 15x10x1-in. baking pan; add potatoes in a single layer. Drizzle reserved marinade over potatoes; top with lemon slices. Bake until a thermometer inserted in chicken reads 170°-175° and potatoes are tender, 40-45 minutes. If desired, broil chicken 3-4 inches from heat until deep golden brown, about 3-4 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

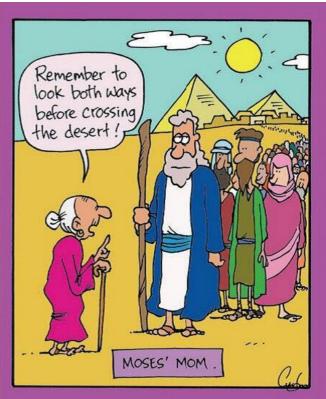
### "...A merry heart doeth good like medicine..."

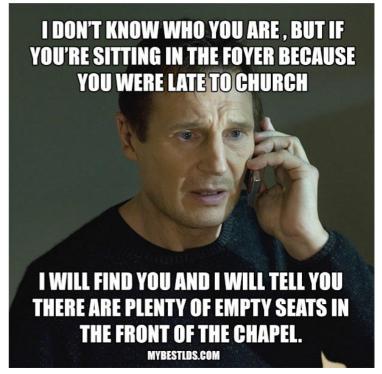


Such a powerful message! I had to share it.



Two donkeys were walking in Jerusalem, when one donkey said to the other, "Just yesterday I was here carrying Jesus and the people were singing and shouting and throwing down their clothes for me to walk on, and today they don't even recognize me". The other donkey replied, "that's how it is my friend.....Without JESUS you are nothing





Bible Trivia...

When does the book of Ruth take place?

answer on last page

## **ACTIVITY PAGE**



## WORD SEARCH RUTH

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Answer: At the time of Judges