

From The Minister's Pen



“Let No Man Despise Thy Youth” (I Timothy 4:12)

At New Golden Heights, we love our young people very much. We love to see you grow and mature into responsible adults. It is thrilling to see the transformation from youth to adulthood. But what is our youth's responsibility **now**, while they are still “young?” Do we forget that at some point in their young lives they become accountable for their actions and are responsible to God? In I Timothy 4:12, Paul told the aspiring preacher Timothy that he must see his accountability **now!** The words “but be thou an example” imply **accountability**. Paul indicated that the potential for disaster in the young man's influence was quite real. The Greek word translated “despise” is *kataphroneo*. It means “to think down upon or against anyone” (Vine, p. 301). Paul did not want anyone looking down upon his “son in faith” because of his age.

Paul instructed Timothy to be a pacesetter or a trendsetter. Instead of following the crowd, Paul told Timothy to be a leader among other people. This is good advice for young people today! Why not be the one out in front who sets the standard and pace among

people? Our young people should be “light” and “salt” (Matt. 5:13-16). Light and salt are both positive influences in our world. There is something noticeable about salt and light. In what ways should young people be examples?

First, Paul said that Timothy must be an example **IN WORD**. Matthew 12:37 reads, “For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” This is a real danger for young people (and older ones, as well). James has much to say about the tongue. He wrote that we need to bridle our tongues (James 3:2-4); that the tongue is “a fire” (James 3:6); that the tongue is difficult to control (James 3:6). Earlier in the epistle of James, three following words can be found: “be slow to speak” (James 1:19). The fact is, too many people get their mouths in motion before they get their minds in gear! And so, young people, be careful with your words.

Second, Paul instructed Timothy to be an example **IN CONVERSATION**. This meant that he was to be an example in the way in which he conducted his life. People are watching us every day. Let's make sure that the way we live will encourage others to come to Christ (cf., Gal. 2:20).

Third, Paul revealed that Timothy should be an example **IN LOVE**. We must love God supremely. He must come first in everything. He loved us even when we were unlovable (Rom. 5:8). Young people must learn to love themselves. You are very important! God invested His only begotten Son in **YOU!** Jesus went to Calvary with **YOU** on His mind! Too many people fail to appreciate their own worth. So many feel like there is no hope for them. This often leads to the tragedies of alcohol and drugs. We need to be loved and wanted. When we love God first, then that should affect our relationship to our fellow man. The Bible states that we must “love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matt. 22:39). If I do not love myself very much, how will I react to my neighbor? Young person, be an example of one who loves God, yourself and others.

Fourth, Paul stated that Timothy should be an example **IN SPIRIT**. This concerns one’s attitude or outlook. Your attitude has a great deal to do with what others think of you. God wants you to have the best attitude you can. While this is often difficult to do today in many instances, it is essential to being a good example.

Fifth, Paul encouraged Timothy to be an example **IN FAITH**. Faith in God and His Word is very important. Let others see how you trust in and depend upon God. Peter wrote, “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” (1 Pet. 5:7). Paul stated, “without faith it is impossible to please him [to be well-pleasing to him]” (Heb. 11:6). Without strong, courageous faith, it is also impossible to set the proper example.

Finally, Paul challenged Timothy to be an example **IN PURITY**. Our society is plagued with filth and impurity. You are being told to “go for it.” Yes, you can “go for it” if it is

pure, clean and good. There is nothing more refreshing to our hot and tired bodies than cold, refreshing, pure water. And there is nothing more refreshing to God and His people than a pure, clean soul.

Young people of Golden Heights —and youth everywhere— remember that you are **loved**. You are **important**. But, also remember that you are **responsible**. If you are a Christian, you represent Christ. You can be a powerful influence in a world gone wrong. If you are not a Christian, what better time to obey the gospel and “put on” your Lord in baptism (Gal. 3:27)? Young person—“**BE THOU AN EXAMPLE!**”

YOU ARE DIFFERENT

Some people are exemplary in morals, They treat others as they would like to be treated. They have integrity. They take pains to rear their children to be men and women of high moral character. In all truthfulness, however, it seems such people have gone the way of the buffalo—they are rarely seen.

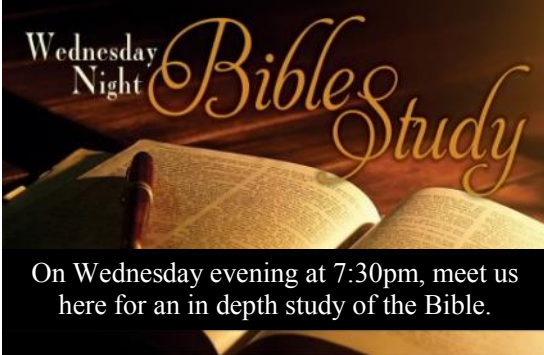
While such people are something of an oddity in modern society, this is a required characteristic for Christians. We are different from people of the world. We must not be conformed to the way they are—in what we think or do, or the attitudes and aspirations we have (Rom. 12:2). We are to strive diligently to have the same traits of character Jesus had. We are even to think as He did (Phil. 2:5). If we are successful in following Christ, we certainly will be different—made over into the image of our Creator.

Church News and Views

WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE


DEAR VISITOR, we gladly welcome you to our worship service, trusting that if you are seeking Christ you will find Him here. Because we are concerned about where you will spend eternity, we encourage you to do any or all of the following:

- Enroll in our free Bible Correspondence Course. Study the Bible in the privacy of your home; ask any Bible question at any time; receive a certificate upon completion of the course. Check the appropriate box on your visitor's card.
- Request a private, individualized Bible class in your home or at the church building This class is free of any charge or obligation.
- Visit our website for information about the church of Christ and listen to sermons.
- Worship with us again **soon**—and **often**.



Wednesday Night *Bible Study*

On Wednesday evening at 7:30pm, meet us here for an in depth study of the Bible.



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THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Bible Study (5:00PM) TODAY
Sick Ministry (7:00PM) Aug. 28
Midweek Bible Study (7:30PM) Aug. 31
Search & Rescue Ministry (7:00PM) ... Sept. 1
Home Economics Class (9:00AM) Sept. 3



On The Radio!
WEXY (1520AM)
 Sunday - Wednesday, Friday
 12:30 PM
 Saturday
 6:00 PM



**Pray One
 For Another**
 - James 5:16 -

"Lord, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick"
 (John 11:3)

Shut-In:

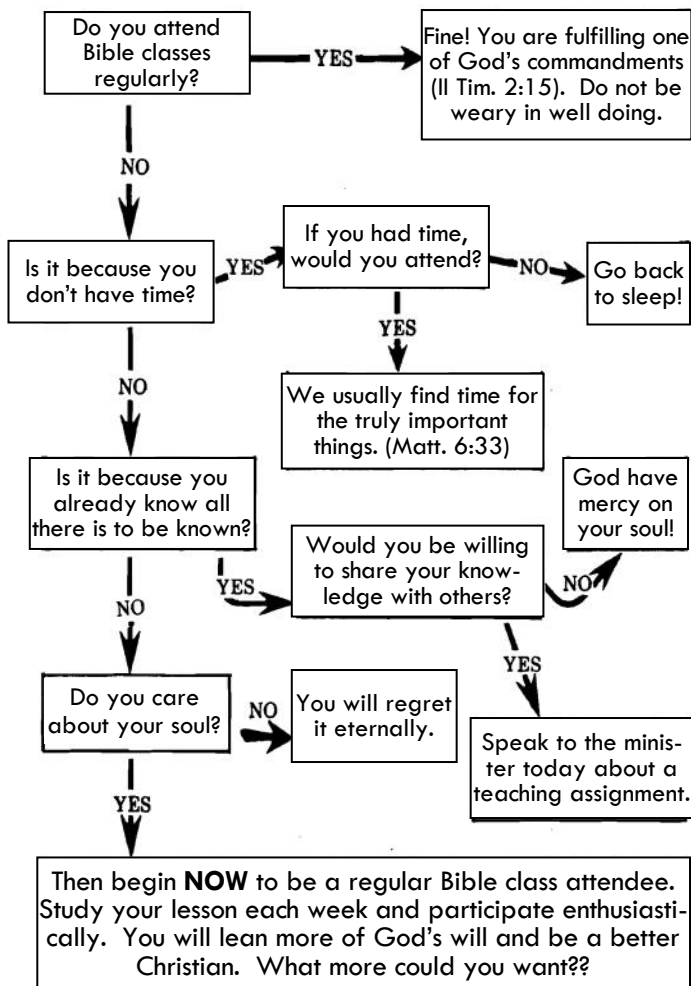
Charles Davis, Camille Ewers, Paul Frances, Martha Moore, Ermine Mullins, Joyce Parrish, Marion Williams, Lillie Jackson

Prayer Requests:

Bobby Ace, Ethel Bess, Laura Blidge, Louise Bowman, Richard Brazil, Raf Campbell, Charlie Crawford, Arnetta Cross, Ron Cullingford, Brooklyn Delancy, Aletha Denmark, Kristin Dicks, Felisha Downer, Donna Eacho, Sharon Eason, Nelzene Edwards, Loerine Ellis, Bessie Everitt, Phillip Everett, Hanley Freeman, Dudley Hill, Joe Holland, Vernon Holland, Arbie Humphrey, Lois Hutchison, Jacquelyn Irvin, Veanna Irvin, Willie Jewel Jacobs, Becky Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Annie Lee, Kevin Larkins, Nancy Logan, Rufus McFatten, Elouise Mash, Suzanna Middleton, Sharon Monroe, Willie Mae Morris, Jennifer Neita, Jimmy Newson, Rosie Newson, Dianjalo Parrish, Donald Perdue, Johnny Richardson, Shay Roache, Deotha Roby, Akiko Robinson, Shirley Seays, Richard & Jean Sherman, Maxine Smith, Yvonne Stokes, Linda Stokes, Brandi Stroman, Alexander (Joe) Sutton, Ernest & Mae Thomas, Samantha Tobias, Rolinne Trompe, Roosevelt Tukes, Lewis & Jean Truttling, Johnnie P. Walker, Johnny Walker, Lillie Walker, Lucille Walker, Michael Ward, Ray Watson, Joshua Webb, Marie Webb, Ranspord Webley, Annie Williams, Betty Williams, Charles Williams, Jackie Williams

Bible Study is Important

START HERE:



“We Come Into This House To Worship Him”

(John 4:24)

MONTH OF AUGUST

	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>EVENING</u>
<i>Announcements</i>	Amari Johnson	Amari Johnson
<i>Song Leader</i>		
<i>Prayer</i>	Davonte Gray	Marc Allen
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Dorsette McLeod	Dorsette McLeod
<i>Song</i>		
<i>Sermon</i>	Dr. W. F. Washington	Dr. W. F. Washington
<i>Call To Obedience</i>	<u>Counselors:</u> Marc Allen / Davante Gray / Willis Welch <i>Alternates: K. Hutchison, W. Hamilton</i>	
<i>Confessions / Prayer Petitions</i>	Keith Hutchison (Officiating)	Keith Hutchison (Officiating)
<i>Offering (1 Cor. 16:1,2)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7)</u> <u>AM —Officiating:</u> Dorsette McLeod / Marcus Facyson (1) <i>Left</i>, Rashad Rouse (2) <i>Left</i>, Justin Johnson (3) <i>Left</i>, Kevin Luke, Jr. (4) <i>Left</i>, Tyler Westbrook (1) <i>Right</i>, Davonte Gray (2) <i>Right</i>, Marc Allen (3) <i>Right</i>, Charles Farlow (4) <i>Right</i>, Maxwell Allen <u>PM —Officiating:</u> Dorsette McLeod / Marcus Facyson Davonte Gray, Justin Johnson; Kevin Luke, Jr. Tyler Westbrook; Maxwell Allen; Marc Allen <i>Alternates: Charles Farlow</i></p>	
<i>Ministerial Announcement</i>		
<i>Doxology</i>	Dr. W. F. Washington	Dr. W. F. Washington
<i>Dismissal</i>	Maxwell Allen	Maxwell Allen
<i>Worship and Praise Leaders</i>	Keith Hutchison, Reginald Johnson	
<i>Ushers</i>	<u>Head Ushers:</u> Tony Hugley, Booker Bess <u>Auditorium:</u> Bros. T. Hugley, B. Bess, F. Williams, D. Adams, E. Thompson, R. Johnson, J. Outler, M. Jeanty, D. Gray, S. Wilson, D. Freeman, R. Rouse, C. Rouse	
<u>Alumni Lobby Greeters:</u>	Rachel Trompe, Dorsette & Nereca McLeod, Kayla Giles	
<u>Back Hall:</u>	D. Brooks; J. West	
<i>Hospitality Desk / Concierge</i>	Malayjia Parrish, Catherine Wilson	

