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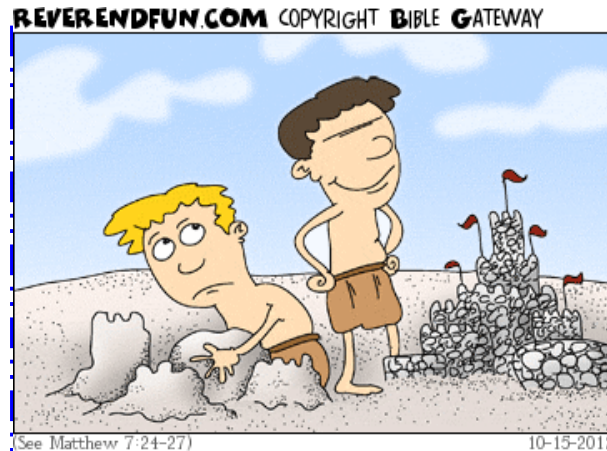
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The long days that we are promised may not be on this earth, but I guarantee you that if you follow the words of God, your days of life will last for eternity. When we honor God and follow His commands, we gain eternal life. Sometimes, honoring your father and mother is hard. It may not be the cool thing to do, but listening to your father and mother is the smart thing to do. If your parents are still around, give them a call or text and thank them for all they've done for you. If they aren't still around, take a moment to reflect on all the work they have put in to raising you. Lastly, thank God for putting up with us all these years. Thank Him for his word and commands.

Many times we look at parent's (and God's) rules as a list of things we can't do. They never let us have any fun. But try looking at it from another point of view: Could their rules (especially God's rules) be the reason I am a Christian today? Could God's rules really be helping me live a better life, not only on earth, but for all eternity?

Thank you God, for allowing us to be your children.
~ Kevin



WISE AND FOOLISH MEN AS KIDS

“Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock...but everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand...And great was his fall.”
~ Matthew 7:24, 26, 27b

“In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.”

~ Robert E. Lee

Discovering Truth

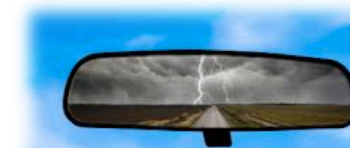
Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

Looking Back

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another year. On Tuesday, we will ring in a new year. Diets and exercise regimens will all begin, people will start reading their Bible more and attending more church services, and all those New Year's resolutions will be fulfilled. How many of you started resolutions last year? And how many of you are still holding true to those resolutions a year later? My guess would be none of us. Here are some pointers as we embark on a new year with new resolutions.

- ❖ **One day at a time** – when there is a large task in front of us, it's easy to get distracted and overwhelmed. Set small goals for yourself. Instead of saying you will read your entire Bible in a year, set a goal of reading a specific amount of time a day. Meeting your smaller goals will keep your enthusiasm and self-esteem at a higher level.
- ❖ **You are not alone** – Remember that whatever you will struggle with this year, you are not alone. There is a loving church family here and there is a loving God in your heart. Before Jesus sent His apostles into the world, He reminded them, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Mt. 28:20). Let God help you through your difficulties. Prayer will go a long way.
- ❖ **Don't forget to look back** – Many people will always say, “continue to look forward, never look back.” I think that's appropriate at times, but sometimes we need to look back and see the progress that's been made. Looking back will show you where you've been and how far you've come. Didn't Paul recall the days of his sin when he said, “for I am the least of the apostles and do not deserve to be called an apostles, because I persecuted the church” (1 Cor. 15:9). He used his past to build his future.

This church has a lot planned for the new year. Our goal is to worship God and spread His word. What will you do with a fresh start?
~ Kevin



“You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.” – Psalm 119:151

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:45 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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Our Evangelist:

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❖ If you would like a Bible study or have any questions, please contact Kevin Harrington.

❖ Estudios biblicos en Español disponibles durante la semana. Por favor llamen a Lalo Enriquez.

Do You Know Your King?

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:3-6

• The Children of Israel

- They sold themselves for _____ (v. 3)
- They were _____ into captivity (v. 4)
- They _____ for help (v.5)

• The New Testament Christian

- We are enslaved to _____
- We cry for _____
- We run _____ from God

• Do you know your King?

- The King that _____ us from captivity (Rom. 6:16-22)
- The King that _____ His own life (Luke 23:46)
- The King that _____ from the dead (1 Cor. 15:3-8)
- He showed _____ and _____
- He gave us _____ (John 10:10; Eph. 2:4-6)
- He gave us _____ (1 Cor. 15:12-20)

"For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes." Deut. 10:17

This Morning's Sermon:

Do You Know Your King?

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Devotional

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Daily Spark #20

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

Our verse today must be every parent's dream. Take comfort in the fact that kids dishonoring their parents has been a problem since before the time of the Ten Commandments. We see Adam and Eve dishonor God by lying to Him in the garden. Cain dishonoring Adam and Eve when he lied about killing his brother Abel. And apparently it was still a problem when God led the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Paul even addressed this issue in the New Testament when he wrote Ephesians and how kids should honor their father and mother. How do we honor our father and mother? We can do this in many ways. We can do it by listening to the words they speak to us, we can do it by seeking their advice in troublesome times, we can do it by showing our love and appreciation for all their years of hard work. There are tons of different ways to honor your father and mother.

Many people think this commandment is just for young kids still living at home. However, I would suggest to you that this verse is also for those of you who have ever had a parent. That's right, anyone who has ever had a parent can honor their father and mother whether they are still alive or not. We honor people who have died all the time, don't we? We honor fallen soldiers, past heroes, past sports stars, etc. So why can't you still honor your father and mother even though they aren't still here? You are the product of your parents. You came out the way you are today because of the way your parents raised you.

I wonder how many of us feel like this verse doesn't apply to us just because we don't have parents still around, or because I live out of the house now. My dad always used to tell me, "Remember whose last name you wear." That means that no matter where I go, how old I am, or where I am in the country, I still have a job to honor my mother and father and the name they gave me. We wear a similar name: the name of Christ. What are we doing to honor our heavenly father? Are we showing people that we are proud to be a Christian? Are we telling people about the Gospel? Are we constantly trying to do what our God wants us to do? We belong to Christ, and he deserves all the honor that we can give him.

We should not only strive to honor our earthly father and mother, but also our heavenly father. But why? God clarifies why. We honor our father and mother so that our days may be long upon the land. How can honoring our father and mother make our days long? Have you ever heard the saying, "mom and dad know best?" Well, it's true. Mom and dad have been around for more time than we have. They have experience and knowledge that we don't have. Listening to them could actually help us (that's hard to admit). But in the grand scheme of things, listening to our heavenly father is the best thing we could ever do. God has given us everything we need that pertains to life and godliness. If there is one person that knows what's best for us, it's God. And when we listen to Him, we can live healthy spiritual lives. **(Continued on back)**

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