



Nuggets of Treasure



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Love

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Luke 6: 27-36: “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” Do we think

about loving our enemies, the people who are against us, treat us improperly, or hurt us deeply? To love those who hate us seems pretty extreme. Our instinct is to hate those who hate us, to get even, and to wish bad things happen to them. As we look to Jesus, He lived out what He told us to do. He prayed for the individuals who were crucifying Him. In Luke 23:34, He prays, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

What is our idea of love? Is it the same as the Lord’s? We combine love with loving puppies, ice cream, and people. Do we only love people as long as they do everything we want, or love us? Jesus is telling us to love those who mistreat and hurt us.

Jesus does not want us to run around trying to give our enemies a dose of their own medicine. When talking about “enemy,” He is not just talking about someone who stole something from your house or automobile. It is people who are not for us but opposing us; it could be a co-worker,

even a boss, and a person who has been our friend in the past. Loving people in these situations is when the rubber meets the road. Sometimes, these are the hardest to love. It could even be a family member.

Jesus is telling us to be different than the world. He is telling us to love instead of get even. He is telling us to return kindness for hurt, to show mercy. It is not easy when we have been deeply wounded, but it is possible with the grace and strength of the Lord and the enabling of the Holy Spirit. We can also hold on to what the Lord states in His Word, “For it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord. The Lord God is telling us not to be concerned. He will take care of the situation we do not have to. It is not our responsibility; we must put ourselves into His care. We are just to do what He says, love, do good, and pray.

The scripture also tells us to pray for those who mistreat or hurt us. That is the last thing we want to do if we are truthful. Jesus does not suggest that we pray if we feel like it, but He

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Happy Birthday
11/16 Mary E. Larsen

**Upcoming Events
2023**

November 5 Daylight Saving
Time Ends



November 7 Election Day

November 11 Veterans Day

November 23 Thanksgiving

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas

“Our children are influenced more by our actions than our advice.”—Toby Mac

“No principle is more definitely enforced by Christ than that prevailing prayer must have in it the quality which waits and perseveres, the courage that never surrenders, the patience which never grows tired, the resolution that never wavers.”—Edward McKendree (E. M.) Bounds

“Many who say "Our Father" on Sunday spend the rest of the week acting like orphans.”—
Author Unknown

“It is in those times of hopeless chaos — when the sovereign hand of God is most likely to be seen.”—Thomas Chalmers

“It’s hard to hear God’s voice when you’ve already decided what you want him to say.”—
Toby Mac

“Never let the sense of past failure defeat your next step.”—
Oswald Chambers



**Our Helping Hands Show A
Loving Heart**

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

VOLUNTEER



Oasis Food Center Update

October 2023 (as of 10/25/23)
 Families: 1,114
 New Families: 60
 Total People: 4,242

Year to Date 2023 (as of 10/15/23)
 Families: 12,618
 New Families: 692
 Total People: 49,065

Year to Date 2022
 Families: 15,288
 New Families: 7660
 Total People: 60,604

Church Offices

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

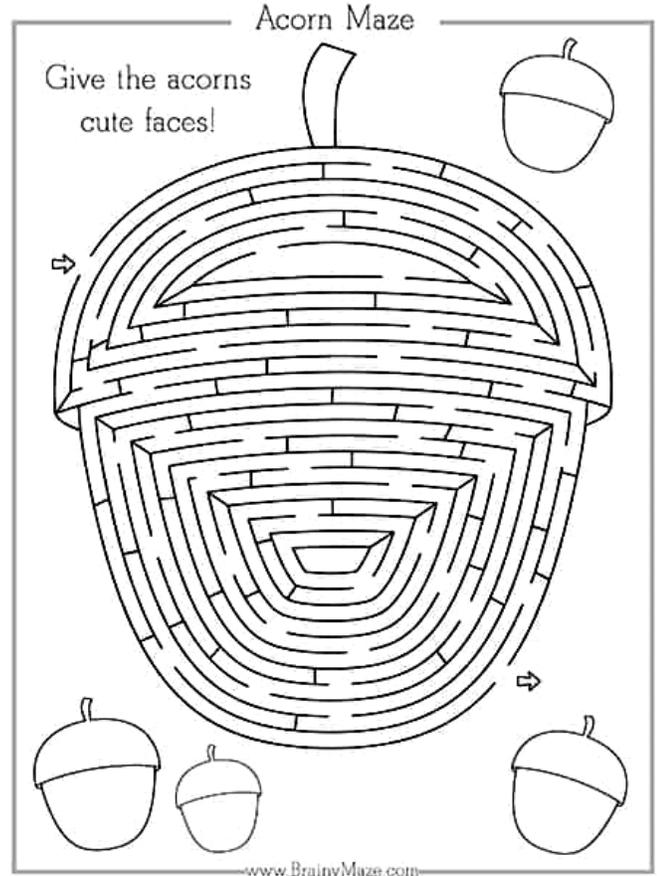
Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only:
 13th & Fillmore, Caldwell, ID
 Phone 208-459-6000
 FAX 208-459-6600

Children's Corner

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Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

**Sunday Morning
10:30 am**





RECIPE CORNER

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commands us to pray. We might think this is unrealistic, but if we rely on the Lord for help, He will give us strength. Jesus does not want us to pray for our enemy to be punished or cursed but to be blessed. Operating this way is the opposite of how we feel when we have been hurt.

The Word of God tells us to treat others how we would like to be treated. It is not simply a command to avoid unfair treatment we might not wish for ourselves. Instead, giving the same sensitive consideration to others we might want others to provide us is a command. In reality, we are to be demonstrating unconditional love, agape love. Unconditional love is the love that the Lord God has given us.

Instant Pot Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients

Soup:

- 5 ounces pancetta, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 medium carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 stalk celery, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 medium onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 4 large sage leaves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 7 cups butternut squash cut into 1-inch pieces (from a 2-pound squash)
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup cream, optional



Toppings:

- 8 ounces small white button mushrooms, stems trimmed, cut into 1/8-inch slices
- Pinch ground cumin
- Kosher salt
- Creme fraiche or full-fat Greek yogurt, thinned to a pourable consistency with 1 to 2 tablespoons water

Directions

For the soup: Set a 6- or 8-quart Instant Pot® to medium saute setting (see Cook's Note) and line a plate with a paper towel. Add the pancetta to the pot and cook, stirring occasionally, until crisp and the fat is rendered, about 8 minutes. Remove the pancetta with a slotted spoon to the lined plate.

Drain all but 2 tablespoons of the drippings from the pot and reserve.

Add the carrots, celery, onion, sage, cumin, 2 teaspoons salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper to the pot and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables have softened, about 5 minutes. Add the squash and chicken stock. Follow the manufacturer's guide for locking the lid and preparing to cook. Set to pressure cook on high for 25 minutes. After the pressure cook cycle is complete, follow the manufacturer's guide for quick release and wait until the quick release cycle is complete. Be careful of any remaining steam and unlock and remove the lid. Use an immersion blender to puree the soup until smooth. Use the cream or water to thin the soup to the desired consistency. Season with additional salt and pepper.

For the toppings: Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon of the reserved pancetta fat in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms, cumin and a generous pinch of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms have released all their liquid and turned brown and slightly crisp, 10 to 20 minutes. Remove the mushrooms and set aside for the topping.

Ladle the soup into bowls and serve topped with the crisp pancetta, mushrooms, creme fraiche and chives.



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We need to ask ourselves occasionally I am a doer of the Word. Do we act on what we hear or read? James 1:19-24

“Understand [this], my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak, slow to take offense and to get angry. 20 For man’s anger does not promote the righteousness God [wishes and requires]. 21 So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth]. 23 For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; 24 For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.”

James is writing to believers, for he calls them beloved brethren. Just as he spoke to the believers of his time, he speaks to us today. James exhorts, understand this: you need to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. We must remember the Lord gave us two ears for hearing and only one tongue for speaking. The ears are exposed and open to hear. The tongue is in the mouth and behind the teeth, not to be used so readily. Too often, we speak things out of haste instead of listening. The Message Bible states, “Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear.”

Everyday Godly Living

We understand hasty speech and anger do not please the Lord. Proverbs 17:27: “A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.” Uncontrolled anger leads to unchecked speech. How often do we regret speaking “in the heat of the moment”?

We are to be fertile soil where the Word is planted. We are to respond to the Word of God planted in us. We need to allow the Word of God to grow in us. The Word of God is to be incorporated into our lives.

Verse 22 states we are not just to hear the Word; in the time of James, there was no written Word, and many people could not read, so they just listened to the Word. Too often today, individuals attend church or conference, listen to teaching via their devices, ministers, and hear the Word of God preach and then leave the service or program but do nothing with the Word of God that they hear. Too often today, people go from service to service, hearing the Word of God like a hummingbird going from flower to flower. When we just hear the Word of God and do not become a doer of the Word of God, we are deceiving ourselves. We have false reasoning, thinking hearing the Word and knowing the Word will suffice. Just knowing the Word is not enough; we must put its application to practice in our lives. We could hear a sermon every day of the week, and if we never put it into practice, it does not benefit our lives.

Accepting the implanted Word of God means to do the Word. The

Holy Spirit is what enables us to do the Word of God in our lives daily. In this portion of scripture, we see a progressive development with our walk as we do the Word of God. The easy way to say is we need to practice what we hear. Is forgiving others who have hurt always easy? No, but that is what the Lord requires of us. Loving our enemies is not what we automatically want to do. But that is what the Word of God tells us to do. Being kind, patient, and doing good to others are not things we always want to do, but the Word of God tells us that is how we are to act.

Do we honestly think it is enough to remember what we heard preached or taught and be able to repeat it or even share it with someone else? Too often, we think, well, so and so should have heard that sermon; we are deceiving ourselves that it is not for us. If we listened to the sermon, we needed to hear it, and there is something that the Lord wanted us to hear and put into practice what we have heard. Do we ever pray before a service, “Lord, what do you want me to learn today and Holy Spirit, help me put it into practice in my life”? Do we ever review how we do in the Word of God?





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	2 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm	3	4
5 Daylight Saving time Ends 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	6	7	8 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	9 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm	10	11
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19 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	20	21	22 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	27	28	29 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	30 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm		