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**Happy
Father's
Day!** 

June 21, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Responsive Reading today – Judges 7:9-21

FROM THE PASTOR:

Women's Day will be next Sunday, June 28th and the speaker is Evangelist Bobbie Jo Curry. The theme is: *"Present Suffering Future Glory"* – Romans 8:18. Asking all women for \$50 donation.

All ministry anniversary days for the year 2020 are going to be virtual.

Our Father's Day service, Sunday June 21, 2020 will be in the rear parking lot again weather permitting. We will conduct at least two (2) per month for the remainder of summer but still doing online as well.

We are having a four (4) week Summer Camp beginning July 6 - July 31, 2020. Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 27, 2020, but times have not been finalized.

The church will be conducting massive in-depth cleaning during those days listed above. Please take your personal belongings home because we will begin to discard them on Monday July 6, 2020.

As of now we are coming back to the sanctuary on Sunday, July 12, 2020.. **If you are not feeling well, please stay home until you're better.**

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.”

I Thessalonians 2:10 - 12

In these words the apostle reminds the Thessalonians of the manner of his conversation among them. By great readiness Paul had a desire to do them good, willingly imparting to them, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls. See here the manner of Paul's preaching. He spared no pains therein. He was willing to run hazards, and venture his soul, or life, in preaching the gospel. He was willing to spend and be spent in the service of men's souls; and, as those who give bread to the hungry from a charitable principle are said to impart their souls in what they give, so did the apostles in giving forth the bread of life. So dear were these Thessalonians in particular to this apostle, and so great was his love to them, that he bodily labor among them to prevent their charge, or that his ministry might not be expensive and burdensome to them. Paul reminded them, “You remember our labor and travail; for, laboring night and day.”

He denied himself the liberty he had of taking wages from the churches. To the labor of the ministry he added that of his calling, as a tentmaker, that he might get his own bread. We are not to suppose that the apostle spent the whole night and day in bodily labor, or work, to supply the necessities of his body. Then he would have had no time for the work of the ministry. But he spent part of the night, as well as the day, in this work; and was willing to forego his rest in the night, that he might have an opportunity to do good to the souls of men in the day time. A

good example is here set before the ministers of the gospel, to be industrious for the salvation of men's souls, though it will not follow that they are always obliged to preach freely. There is no general rule to be drawn from this instance, either that ministers may at no time work with their hands, for the supply of their outward necessities, or that they ought always to do. By the holiness of their conversation, concerning which he appeals not only to them, but to God also. You are witnesses, and God also. They were observers of their outward conversation in public before men, and God was witness not only of their behavior in secret, but of the inward principles from which they acted. Their behavior was holy towards God, just towards all men, and unblameable, without giving cause of scandal or offence; and they were careful to give no offence either to those who were without, or to those who believed, that they might give no ill example; that their preaching and living might be all of a piece. Herein, said this apostle, do I exercise myself, to always have a conscience void of offence towards God, and towards men, he mentions their faithful discharge of the work and office of the ministry. Concerning this also he could appeal to them as witnesses. Paul and his fellow-laborers were not only good Christians, but faithful ministers. And we should not only be good as to our general calling as Christians, but in our particular callings and relations. Paul exhorted the Thessalonians, not only informing them in their duty, but exciting and quickening them to the performance of it, by proper motives and arguments. And he comforted them also, endeavoring to cheer and support their spirits under the difficulties and discouragements they might meet with.

So on this he did not only publicly, but privately also, and from house to house, and charged every one of them by personal addresses. This, some think, is intended by the similitude of a father's charging his children. This expression also denotes the

affectionate and compassionate counsels and consolations which this apostle used. He was their spiritual father; and, as he cherished them like a nursing mother, so he charged them as a father, with a father's affection rather than a father's authority.

As my beloved sons, I warn you,. The manner of this apostle's exhortation ought to be regarded by ministers in particular for their imitation, and the matter of it is greatly to be regarded by them and all others; namely, that they would walk worthy of God, who hath called them to his kingdom and glory. Our great gospel privilege is that God has called us to his kingdom and glory. The gospel calls us into the kingdom and state of grace here and unto the kingdom and state of glory hereafter, to heaven and happiness as our end and to holiness as the way to that end. What is our great gospel duty, that we walk worthy of God, that the temper of our minds and tenor of our lives be answerable to this call and suitable to this privilege? We should accommodate ourselves to the intention and design of the gospel, and live suitably to our profession and privileges, our hopes, and expectations, as becomes those who are called with such a high and holy calling.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY