**Living The Good News (sjm 9-8-2024)**

**This week & the Lord said 2 things: 1) “the Good News” 2) “I desire to give you good gifts”**

**Prov 25:2** It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, & but the kings privilege to search out a matter

**Matt 7:11** If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Evil** – sinful or fleshly *(gives us good things even when we are not perfect)*

**Gifts** – Freely Greek – “generous, helpful & useful”

**1 Cor 6:17** **Amphd**  As for the rich in this present world, instruct them not to be conceited *and* arrogant, nor to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly *and* ceaselessly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

**Rom 2:4** Not knowing that **the** **goodness** **of** **God** leadeth **the**e to repentance?

**BRG translation – “**God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repent”

**Good News Defined:** Exceedingly wonderful message of God’s redemption: Gal 3:13 - 3 fold

Someone or something that is positive, encouraging, uplifting & desirable.

The English noun *gospel* comes from the Anglo-Saxon term ***godspell*,** meaning **“glad tidings.”** It is translated from the Greek ***evangelion*,** which means **“good message.”** Originally, the word was related to news of military triumph. When NT was recorded, its writers assigned the term *gospel* to the “good news” of salvation in Jesus Christ. ***(Salvation = forgiveness of sins, to be made well, healed, delivered) Healing of the body, soul & spirit)***

**The Good News: Means the news of salvation/liberation from sin, brokenness, & estrangement from God.**

* Salvation: Sozo is an all-encompassing term for salvation that goes beyond the forgiveness of sins.
* Healing: Sozo includes healing in the body, soul, and spirit.
* Deliverance: Sozo includes deliverance from suffering, danger, and destruction.
* Wholeness: Sozo includes wholeness in the spirit, soul, and body.
* Freedom: Sozo includes freedom from the judgment and wrath of God.
* Resistance to sin: Sozo includes the ability to resist temptations to sin.
* Protection from demonic attacks: Sozo includes protection from demonic attacks and oppression.

**Vines Expository Dictionary:** God wants people to enjoy life on earth

**Webster** - Something new that will be useful to (someone)

**Mark 16:15** Then he said to them, “As you go throughout the world, **proclaim the Good News** to all creation.

**God wants to bless & encourage us:** He wants us to share & encourage the world (saved & unsaved)

**CBJ version**: I desire to have Good News proclaimed (IE: I have good things for my children)

**Safe to say:** Everything about God is Good News & He wants the Good News Proclaimed in everything we do!

**Our Job task or responsibility as Christians is to share the good news in everything we do**

1) Preaching the word of God

2) Just discussing with others how blessed we are through Jesus (testimonies, sharing’s, one/one)

3) **How we live our life & example** & the body language used: (upset, discouraged, depressed, angry, fear)

My body language, what I do & don’t do: who I talk to & don’t talk to:

55% of preaching or communication can be body language

Demos Shakarian – FGBFI – happiest people on earth! *(might be the best testimony)*

**Rom 12:6** Having gifts differing according to the grace given to us

**:8** If we “are called to” encourage others, we should encourage them!

**Encourage** = Inspire, Cheer, assist, prompt, spur, sway, influence, stimulate, hearten,

**What it is not**: to dishearten, discourage, prevent, hinder; ***KEY:*** *Don't kill by friendly fire*

**Eph 4:29 EHV** Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear.

1) Think how much a smile or compliment means to you! Especially if it is coming from a friend or someone you respect

**Pygmalian effect**: Where the power of expectation alone can positively influence the behavior of others

**"**High outside expectations can lead to increased performance”

Our beliefs about another persons abilities - effect our actions towards another person

This Action impacts the others persons abilities in themselves – which can change there actions

Phenomenon that describes how high expectations can lead to improved performance, while low expectations can lead to worse performance. It's a type of self-fulfilling prophecy, where people's actions or inaction can unconsciously make something happen because they think it will.

The Pygmalion Effect explains that people tend to perform up to the level that others expect of them. This effect explains why our relationships are usually self-fulfilling prophecies. Once you set expectations for somebody, that person will tend to live up to that expectation, whether it's good or bad.

**Strong Climate in Needed :** Attention, appreciation, praise, positive verbal & nonverbal communication: Give only positive **criticism**

**Galatea** **effect**: The Galatea effect is a phenomenon that describes how an individual's performance increases when their self-efficacy increases. Self-efficacy is the belief and trust in one's own abilities and potential to succeed.

**High self expectations can only be actually achieved through strong knowledge of the word of God.**

**Example** – Davd at Ziglag or against Goliath

**Example**: Elijah on Mount Carmel *(internet – Elijah being the clear winner vs the 450 false prophets)*