

# What Kind Of Sermon Are We Preaching Before Others?

By Mike Riley

Christ as the master teacher (John 3:2) taught his disciples not only by word but by example (John 13:15). He demonstrated by His living how they should live before their heavenly Father. After washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-5), Christ explained to them the spiritual "benefits" of serving others (John 13:14-17). In fact, true happiness cannot be attained in any other way. What will bring true happiness in time will also bring it into eternity (Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Tim. 6:17-19).

The principle of helping those who are spiritually weak (Romans 14:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:14), of weeping with those that weep (Romans 12:15), of encouraging the lowly (Luke 6:20; Gal. 2:10) and encouraging the sinful to sin no more (John 8:11), is the essential and fundamental spirit of our Lord. To cultivate the spirit and practice of doing good to others (Matthew 5:44; Acts 10:38) is the work that fits mortals for that eternal heavenly home (Colossians 1:4-5; 1 Peter 1:4).

To understand the importance of practicing what we preach, British-born American writer Edgar A. Guest wrote the following words:

***"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,  
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;  
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.***

***And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true;  
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.  
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.***  
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As the master teacher, Jesus not only "told" but provided the perfect example (Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:21-22; 1 John 2:6) of how we as God's children should live before our heavenly Father and fellowman.

This same principle of "practicing what you preach" was demonstrated in Paul's and Peter's life (2 Corinthians 5:15; Gal. 2:20; 1 Peter 4:1-2). Faithful Christians are to provide the proper spiritual "example" before men by the lives they lead (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Peter 2:12).

In our everyday living, what kind of "sermon" are we preaching before others?



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

### Elders:

Todd Chapman  
Paul Simpson

### Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris  
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

### Preacher:

Don Delukie

## Those to Serve Today

**Announcements-** Paul Simpson **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler  
**Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Luke Chapman

### October 16th

**Announcements-** Travis Rodgers **Lord's Table-** Rick Cook  
**Opening prayer-** David Reppond **Closing Prayer-** Matthew Fricke

## Announcements

—**Potluck:** There is a potluck scheduled for October 16th after AM Services. There will be no evening services this night.

—**Question & Answer Series: November 6th** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our kids classes are collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection baskets are by the nursery. The list of needed items is in the foyer. Please help our kids help others!



## Please Pray For:

Ronnie White, Sharon Ross, Arthur Binford, Linda Garris, Joanne Randolph, Billy & Jeremy Granger, Nan Talley, Benny Freeman, Leigh Ann Armstrong, Adrain Barnes, Bobby Simmons, John McDaniel, Theresa Moody.

**Bereaved:** Families of Katie McClinton, Billy T. Smith, Brenda Thomas, Charlie White, Donald Pennington, Eloise Smith.

## Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Max Aubel. Roosevelt Rogers, Cindy Eaton, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Virginia Royal, Elizabeth Hollis, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



### October birthdays

2 - Rick Van Loon  
7 - Joyce McDonald  
11 - Luke Chapman  
12 - Barbara Wheeler  
14 - Kathy Manning  
16 - Rex Albright  
22 - Wyatt Chapman  
24 - Jean Delukie  
25 - Lorene Johnson  
27 - Charles Fricke  
31 - Bobby Barker

### October anniversaries

17 - Todd and Nelia Chapman

