

# Biblical Principles Learned From A Dog!

By Mike Riley

What kind of biblical principles can we learn from the common dog you ask? Those of us who are dog “lovers” will tell you that we can learn several Bible principles from our canine companions by the characteristics they display toward us humans.

## 1) Dogs Are Faithful

We as Christians have a Master that we must be faithful to even though there will be times when we will have to endure physical or mental abuse from our fellow man. Our Master indicated such when He said, “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matt 10:22).

## 2) Dogs Are Obedient

When young dogs are properly trained, they are fully obedient to the commands their master gives them. In like manner Christians, when properly trained in Bible teaching, should be fully obedient to the commands of the Master (Jn 14:15; Jn 15:10,14; 1 Jn 1:3-5).

## 3) Dogs Are Loving

Dogs are extremely loving even to the point of giving their life in order to save their master’s life. As loving servants of Christ, we have to be willing to give up our life (worldly gain and pleasures – Matt 16:24-25; 1 Jn 2:15-17) for our Master as well since He was willing to give His life for ours (Jn 10:11; Jn 15:13; Rom 5:7-8; Eph 5:2; 1 Jn 3:16).

## 4) Dogs Are Trusting

Dogs trust their masters implicitly! They trust that they will provide for their every need. God’s Word teaches that our heavenly Father (our Master) will provide our every need (Matt 6:24-34; Phil 4:19) if we will only trust Him (Heb 2:13; cf. Job 13:15; Ps 18:2; Isa 12:2).

## 5) Dogs Are Dependable

Dogs are always there when you need them. In like manner, God is always there when we need Him! Our God is dependable! (Gen 28:15; Matt 28:20; Heb 13:5).

## 6) Dogs Are Gentle

As dogs usually display the characteristic of gentleness in their demeanor toward their masters, we as Christians should display the same characteristic toward our fellow man (Eph 6:5; Tit 3:2; Js 3:17; 1 Pet 2:18).

## Conclusion

Brethren, let us be found striving to possess every characteristic that “man’s best friend” possesses as we have enumerated in this article. If we will incorporate these biblical principles and characteristics into our everyday lives, we will not only win more souls for our Master but will bring more honor and glory to Him (Matt 5:14-16; Jn 15:8; Phil 1:11).



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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-** Wayne Fowler **Opening Prayer-** Lyle Russell  
**Communion-** Larry Randolph **Closing Prayer-** Luke Chapman

### March 12th

**Announcements-** Todd Chapman **Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes  
**Communion-** Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

## Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series: Tonight** 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 congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

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THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US,  
THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED

**CHILDREN OF GOD!**

AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE!

1 JOHN 3:1

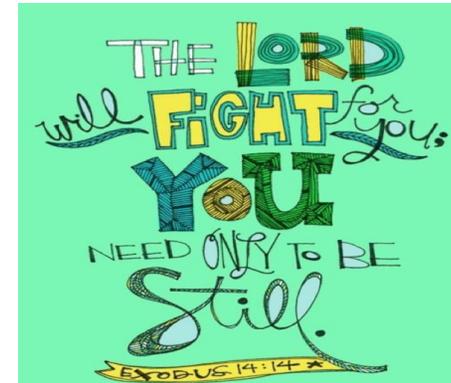
## Please Pray For:

Debbie Grice, Joyce Moses, Gena Granger, Brad Farrington, Rickie Jones, Julie Strickland, Joanne Randolph, Carolyn Jones, Gracie Aaron, Billy Wayne Crain, Jean DeLukie, Rick VanLoon, Lucille Hollis.

**Bereaved:** Families of Teresa Moody, Lois Hogan, Roosevelt Rogers, Bob Teague, Lynn Walker, Lazelle Flowers.

## Continue to Pray For:

Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Bobby Simmons, Max Aubel, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr.



### March birthdays

8 - Miriam Russell  
18 - Debra Dehart  
18 - Billy Granger  
18 - Lyle Russell  
21 - Sadie Kate Scharf  
25 - Nelia Chapman  
29 - Sharon Ross White  
29 - Chellie Wells

### March anniversaries

9 - Tommy and Glenda Wells

