



James 3:13-18 in Perspective (Part 9)

Open to Reason. I love how the ESV renders this phrase “open to reason.” Those not open to reason are definitely a problem when trying to resolve conflict issues. Is there the slightest possibility that we might be on the wrong side of an issue or squabble? Could such a thought ever cross our mind? If not, we are not open to reason. Some exude the suggestion they are never wrong. Even if they are politely called into question, they become irate. How do you deal with someone like that? You can’t.

Where and when it was said is unknown, but the statement has been attributed to Jonathan Swift: “You cannot reason a man out of a position he didn’t reason himself into in the first place.” We’ve heard it said, as well, “There are none so blind as those who will not see!” This is terribly unfortunate. We must be open to wisdom and reason or conflict resolution is impossible.

Full of Mercy and Good Fruits. Practically speaking, it has been said that mercy is *withholding something from someone who deserves it*. This seems to be how the Scriptures use the term. Heaven’s wisdom would dictate that in conflict resolution we withhold from others what they might well deserve.

Someone might utter something that is undoubtedly stupid. Being “full of mercy” would suggest that we resist the temptation to tell them what we think. We give deference to others, bringing only to the table what is good (i.e. Good fruits).

I continue to be amazed at how much mercy, respect, and kindness we demand from others, but refuse to issue ourselves. That is hypocrisy at its finest. It is the ultimate double standard. The Christ-like approach is about being merciful and contributing only that which is good and honest.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pew Packers - 5:40 pm - each Sunday

Ladies Bible Study - 2:00 pm - each Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 9:30 am - each Wednesday in Room 4

Friday School - 8:45-11:45am - each Friday

April 16 - 6:00 pm - Singles - Meeting at the home of Jerry & Carol Hailey

(If you want to ride the church van, be at the building ready to leave at 5:30 pm)

April 18 - 3:30 pm - Devo at St. Anthony's Health Care & Rehab (1400 W. 21st)

April 18 - 7:15 pm - Business Meeting - All men of the congregation welcome

April 23 - 10:30 am - Devo at Retirement Ranch (2221 Dillon)



Vacation Bible School - June 14-18

GOSPEL MEETING

April 18-21 Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona with Paul Shero

(Details are on bulletin board in foyer)

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN CAMP

We want our kids (ages 9-18) to go to Mountain View Youth Camp near Ruidoso the week of July 18-24. If you have kids who would like to go, please pick up a registration form in the foyer and bring it to the office this week. The Elders have budgeted money in the Youth Fund to help pay for camp.

YOUTH RALLY

For grades 6-12 at the 4th & Bedford church of Christ in Dimmitt on Sunday, April 25, starting at 3:30 pm (CST). Snacks and supper will be provided. We will take the church van and leave from the parking lot at 1:20 pm and return after the end of services Sunday evening. Ages below 6th grade are welcome with their parent's attendance.

The last day to RSVP is April 15.

TIPTON HOME

The Tipton Home has indicated the need for the following items: cereal, spaghetti sauce, squeeze mustard, tea bags, bread and butter pickles, Cascade dishwasher soap, Lime Away, 40 gal. trash bags, Tylenol and men's deodorant. They will be here Monday to pick up what we have collected. Please have everything in by Sunday evening, April 18.



16TH & PILE PANTRY NEEDS

Canned fruits & mixed vegetables



RED RIVER FAMILY ENCAMPMENT—June 26-30

(Info on bulletin board)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathryn Beardain - 1608 Jonquil - chemo treatments

Jo Jones - back problems

Kenneth Jones - ICU/Covenant Hospital in Lubbock

Debbie Old - 1917 Janeway - chemo treatments

Those with continuing health problems:

Cora Henson, Essie Judah, Marleah Kirkpatrick, John & Kay Prater, Fern Stewart, Debbie Ulibarri, Jack Weaver, Jerry Wicker, Ruby Wright

Family & Friends:

Pam Brumfield (daughter of Melburn & Caruth Johnston) - chemo

Alice Collins (daughter of Willene) - knee surgery Monday in Georgia

Ryleigh Grace Cox (great granddaughter of Melburn & Caruth Johnston)

Pam Jones (sister-in-law of Kenneth Jones) - cancer

Cecil McCain (husband of Jean) - 43214-E-US 70, Portales - radiation treatments

Faye McKinney (mother of Allen McKinney) - cancer

Ella Miller (3 year old great niece of Darra, Kathy & Marleah Kirkpatrick) - leukemia

Velma Norris (sister-in-law of Bob & Barbara Norris) - cancer

Jim Reyna (son of Pete Reyna)

Dr. Charles Siburt (friend of Doug Young) - multiple myeloma

Charles Williams (friend of Jack Weaver) - radiation treatments

Those in Care Centers:

Foy Bailey, Cathryn Bogard, Mozelle Floyd Donna Forsee, Stacie Glover, Bobbie Gulley, Leona Helm, Wayne Johnson, Velda Jolley, Joyce Lough, Eva Lee Raulston, Lula Sims

THANK YOU

~ A big, big thank you for all the cards, flowers and telephone calls I received concerning my fall and the loss of my brother. Love, *Anita Anthony*

~ Thanks for all the nice birthday cards I received. I really did appreciate every one of them. *Bob Brown*

~ Thank you all for your concern for my health and well being. My cardiac ablation surgery was Monday in Albuquerque. My CT scan was Friday in Clovis. Test results should come early in the week. We're praying this will be all the tests for a while. Your prayers mean so much, also the cards and calls were a source of peace and comfort to us. We love each of you. In Christ's love, *Curtis & Billie Tabor*

ADDRESS CHANGES

Velda Jolley - Retirement Ranch, 2221 Dillon, Room 154
Bobbie Gulley - Retirement Ranch, 2221 Dillon, Room 104

We have ordered more Power For Today for the April, May, June quarter. If you did not get one, they will be in the foyer as soon as they come in.

ELDERS

Bob Hoy
 Melburn Johnston
 Don McCasland
 Ronnie Montague
 Bob Norris
 Howard Pipes

DEACONS

Bob Bennett
 Jim Cox
 Rick Mayfield
 John Prater
 Steve Smith
 Ricky Wilson

MINISTERS

Doug Young Allen McKinney

Schedule of Services**Sunday**

Bible Classes 9:00 AM
 Worship 10:00 AM
 Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class . 9:30 AM
 Bible Classes 7:00 PM

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS

Sponsored by churches of Christ

6:30 AM Channel 4 [UHF - 45] *In Search of the Lord's Way*
 7:00 AM Channel 2 Cable only *Key to the Kingdom*
 11:00 PM INSP *Key to the Kingdom*
 Channel 259 DirectTV

For the Record

Sunday - 04/11/10	
AM Bible Classes	134
AM Worship	230
PM Worship	no count
Contribution	\$7,147.70
Wednesday AM Ladies Bible Class	13
Wednesday PM - 04/11/10	71

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