

## Tidings From Timothy

Please make David Hill and family feel welcome this morning. David will be with us through Thursday evening preaching the gospel each night at 7pm. Don't forget that tonight's service is at 7! Stay with us this morning for a **fellowship meal** after church. It's not too late to get an advertisement at the desk for the Meeting. Give it to a neighbor or friend. It has the sermon topics on it.

**Visitors:** Please sign our registry out front. Thanks for coming to worship with us today and come back each night of the Gospel Meeting if you can.

**In Need of Prayer:** Keith Dyer is now back home following another trip to Nortons Hospital to get his temperature under control. Betty Dyer had Gall-Bladder surgery and is out of the hospital. Others are continuing their treatment and doing about the same as far as I know.

**Area Gospel Meeting:** I don't have the times for it, but I understand that brother Stubblefield will be in a Meeting with Flippin in a few days. We will try to get details on this.

**Pantry:** We are in need of soups of all kinds for the food pantry.

### “Love Thinketh No Evil”

A child of God possesses agape love for himself and others (**I John 4:7,8**). One characteristic of this love is “*thinketh no evil*” (**I Corinthians 13:5 KJV**). Thus, we can know we are a child of God if we are thinking no evil. But what does that mean? A clearer understanding is gained by examining how Paul uses the Greek word translated “*thinketh*” in other New Testament passages.

One meaning is to think in the sense of “*keeping a record*.” Paul uses it this way in **II Timothy 4:16**. Understood as such, Paul is

saying in **I Corinthians 13** that “love doesn't keep a record of wrongs.” Thus, a true child of God is one working toward not holding grudges or resentments against himself or others.

Another meaning is to think in the sense of “*evaluate*.” Paul uses it this way in **I Corinthians 4:1** and **II Corinthians 10:2**. Understood this way, Paul is saying in **I Corinthians 13** that “love does not evaluate another's actions as evil or think the worst of someone.” When a child of God observes a behavior in someone, he will always think the best. For example, if a child of God says hello to someone and the other person doesn't return the greeting, the child of God will not automatically think, “That person is stuck up or arrogant or rude, or that person doesn't like me.” Instead, the child of God will think, “They must not have heard me, or they must not speak English, or they must have something weighing heavy on their mind today.”

Another meaning is to think in the sense of “*dwell on*.” Paul uses it this way in **Phillipians 4:8**. Understood this way, Paul is saying in **I Crointhians 13** that “love does not dwell on evil.” A true child of God is not going to always be focused on the negative in himself or in others or in life's circumstances.

*Love thinketh no evil.* It doesn't dwell on evil, think the worst of someone, or keep a record of wrongs.

--Bud Lambert--

Editor's Note: The above article makes me think of the person who *automatically* takes offense at statements that they don't understand. If we develop an innocent view toward others and their actions, we can avoid jumping the gun and getting offended at what others do or don't do.

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- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

## Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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**Verses for the Lord's Supper: Matthew 17:5 - 8** <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" <sup>6</sup>And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them and said, "**Arise, and do not be afraid.**" <sup>8</sup>When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

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Schedule of Services:

### Sunday:

Bible Study... 9:30am

Morning Worship... 10:05am

Evening Worship... 6pm

### Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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