

Tidings From Timothy

MAny have a vision of themselves in their head that doesn't quit measure up the reality in the mirror. This morning, we will look at the difference between actions and reality in a lesson titled "You are what you do." Tonight, we continue our series on Fellowship.

Meeting: A Gospel Meeting begins today at Clementsville with Jack Honeycutt and goes through the 9th.

Camps: I need to know ASAP if you would like to go to Truth Bible Camp at Tennessee Bible College this next week, June 12-15. I could also use a little money for "scholarships" to help children to go. Any extra money goes to the youth fund.

John's Seed Sower Day Camp at Old Mulkey will be June 20-24 this year. If your child wants to go, then there is no cost but if you want details you can get an application here at Mt. Gilead or ask Kathleen Evans for more information at Tompkinsville church of Christ.

Thank You: The McHenry family and especially Tyler would like to thank all those at Mt. Gilead for such an outpouring of gifts and well-wishes upon Graduation, attaining his Eagle rank, and in support through his recent illness. You all have been more than generous to our graduates and us in particular. Thank you again so much.

In Need Of Prayer: Please pray for the Jesse Grider family. Tyler McHenry is awaiting test results from a CaTScan he had done on Friday. His condition is still not diagnosed. Linda High had to go to the hospital to remove an infectious piece of wood, but is now back. Shirley Eversole had to go to the hospital up north in IN to resolve issues with her heart. Remember those who are still trying to recover from recent illness and check the prayer list out front.

How Can I Tell If He's "Preaching The Truth?"

Many people are asking, "How can I tell when a preacher is preaching the truth?" This is a brief effort to give a definite answer to this extremely important question.

There are not a few who think, naively, that all preachers are

preaching the truth. But this article is for those who believe, rightly, that the Bible is the word of God and, therefore, "the truth;" who understand that interpretations of any Bible Scripture are either right or wrong; who have listened closely enough to know that many contradictory teachings are found among the various preachers and cannot all be right; and who sincerely want to know how they can tell when a preacher is preaching the truth.

Unfortunately, many conclude that a preacher is preaching the truth for such reasons as the following:

1. He looks like an honest man, one you can trust.
2. He sounds so sincere and earnest.
3. He sounds like he knows what he is talking about.
4. He speaks so forcefully and convincingly.
5. He is such a personable and such a likeable man.
6. He is so good and kind.
7. He insists that he is preaching only the truth and uses a lot of Scripture.
8. He declares with so much conviction that he has received his message from God by the Holy Spirit.

Some will find it hard to believe, but a man may possess every one of these "qualifications" and still not be preaching the truth. In fact, in view of (1) the all-sufficiency of the Scriptures that God has given us (II Timothy 3:14-17), (2) the finality of "the faith" that was "once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3), and (3) the cessation of the miraculous process of divine revelation upon the completion of that revelation (1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13), it is certain that any preacher today who claims to receive his message, not through his own study of the Scriptures, but through direct revelation or through some miraculous guidance from the Holy Spirit IS NOT, for that reason, preaching the truth.

How, then, can you tell when a preacher is preaching the truth? Here are some guidelines from God's own book:

1. When he speaks as the oracles of God (I Peter 4:11).
2. When he does not go beyond what is written (I Corinthians 4:6).
3. When he speaks the things that befit sound doctrine (Titus 2:1).
4. When his preaching stands the test of examination in the light of Scripture (Acts 17:11).
5. When he does not preach another gospel (other than that preached by the inspired writers of the New Testament) (Galatians 1:6-9).
6. When he does not teach a different doctrine from that taught by the apostles (I Timothy 1:3-4; 6:3ff).
7. When he does not go beyond, but abides within the doctrine of Christ (II John 9) (cont. on page 4)

When he goes “to the law and the testimony” (Isaiah 8:20), or to the Scriptures to establish all that he teaches. --Bill Crews, edited--

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What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)**
- **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**

Lord’s Supper Reading: **Philippians 2:5 - 11** ⁵Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father

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