

# Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

## Sermon for the Lord's Day "To Control Our Tongue"



### Our Christian Example

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a Christian high school senior who was honored as one of the best and brightest in his community because he provided a forceful demonstration of integrity.

When his school team was given the word "auditorium" in a regional spelling bee, he glanced down to ponder his response and noticed that the word was printed on the microphone stand. He called this to the attention of the judges who responded with a more difficult word. The young man did what he knew was right whether others noticed or not.

We don't know when our actions may become an example to others — we're always on display. But if we live each day to honor Jesus, our behavior will model His righteous life (Gal. 2:20; 1 John 2:5-6), no matter who is watching.

Uprightness and honor should be goals for Christians of every age. Paul told Timothy:

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV).

As Christians, one of our goals in life should be to change the world around us for good while never compromising ourself — one person at a time (Acts 10:38 NKJV; cf. 2 Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV; 1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV).

O to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer,  
This is my constant longing and prayer;  
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,  
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.  
O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,  
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;  
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;  
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart. —W.J. Kirkpatrick

**Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.**  
1 Timothy 4:12

Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

Write and let us know if you would like an invitation.

Our Lord's Day Plan...

- Opening Prayer - Nito
- Hymn- Kerry
- Lord's Supper - Jordan
- Morning Lesson - Paul
- Hymn - Kerry
- Closing Prayer - Kerry

- Song service**
- 257 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
  - 383 "Oft We Come Together"
  - 120 "Give Me the Bible"

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Colossians 4:6

**We are praying for you!**

The Flewellen family, Bobby Glover, Rosemarie Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Carol Engstrom, Path Star. all our elderly members, Norma, Beverly, Judy, and Paul, Charles, and all our friends and neighbor.

Pray for the spiritual enlightenment of all people

The wisdom of Solomon...

Lazy people are too lazy to lift the food from their plate to their mouth.  
Proverbs 26:15 (ERV))

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### Cutting Each Other Off

Troy Albers

Talk about going to extremes! A man in Maine took a Sawzall and cut his neighbor's garage in half. Since part of the structure was on his property, Gabriel Brawn had a legal right to do it. The overlapping garage hadn't been a problem for years, as his relationship with the previous neighbor was amiable.

After the neighbor died, and the new residents moved in, the conflicts began over a boundary dispute, and the animosity between the two parties escalated. A frustrated Brawn decided to bring the conflict to an end by bringing out surveyors, who concluded that part of the garage was, in fact, on his property. The neighbors had—quite literally—crossed the line. The garage was cut in half, and a privacy fence went up, equipped with surveillance cameras.

While extreme, Brawn's solution seems to have been decisive, as there has been no communication between the neighbors since the severing (Bangor Daily News, July 18, 2020).

In 1 Timothy 3:15, Paul describes the church as the "household of God." And while disagreements have, and will, occur between Christians, severing relationships is not the way to resolve issues. That would be destructive to the household.

Jesus made the statement in Matthew 12:25 that "a house divided against itself will not stand."

Too many times, friendships between disagreeing Christians are severed, broken in half, and seemingly destroyed because of the hurt feelings that go along with the perception of being offended.

When turmoil arises between brethren, there is trouble in God's household.

Here are a few things to consider before decisively (and divisively) taking extreme measures to end those relationships:

**Reach out.** Romans 12:8 reminds the Christian that it is his responsibility to "live peaceably with all."

**Reconcile.** Both parties need to make effort in order to bring each other back together. It's vitally important to remember that the body of Christ is mutilated when its members (1 Corinthians 12:12) aren't willing to make the effort to forgive each other (Ephesians 4:32).

**Repair.** In Colossians 3:13, Christians are called to remember that the Lord's forgiveness serves as an example to model after, in order to bear with each other and forgive each other when one has a complaint against another.

**Rebuild.** First Thessalonians 5:11 instructs us to continue to "encourage each other and build each other up." Doing so will allow friendships to be rebuilt.

Robert Frost wrote that "good fences make good neighbors." With Christians, good neighbors make good neighbors.



### Meeting Days and Times

Sunday ..... 9:00 am

Wednesday ..... Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

Zoom Times...

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