

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

"Do We Compromise..."



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Charles Barry will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song**, **Paul McCollum** will present the **Lesson**. may

God bless their efforts!

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

John 12:48

We are praying for you!

Cindy Brown -for a speedy recovery from the COVID flu. Cindy is home and hopefully doing better.

Judy and Paul will leave for Oregon this coming week to witness and help celebrate one of our granddaughters graduation from High School. We do not know who will fill in next Lord's Day at this time.

Men's Bussiness Meeting after morning worship today!

Watch Out for the Traps

Jonathan Burns

Once there was a little fly who saw a spider's web in the corner of the room. "I'll fly away from it," he thought; "For if I should get one foot in it I might get two, and soon I would be caught all together." Wasn't this little fly a wise fellow? In the same room was a little girl who had broken a vase. Something whispered in her ear, "Hide the pieces and don't tell mother." "No, no!" she said. "If I should deceive mother once, I might again, and pretty soon I should be telling lies. I won't begin." Wasn't she a wise little girl?

Notice these words from Hebrews 12:1-2: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Scripture teaches us that we can see the weight of sin that so easily fools us. James 1:20 tells us that we are tempted in very specific ways based on our own lusts. Temptation is not the sin (James 1:21), but we know that we can beat sin. First Corinthians 10:14 declares that we must not let life be an excuse because everyone has faced temptation throughout the history of mankind. We are not to act like we are the only ones who have to deal with temptation, but we must live in a way that helps us watch out for the traps of sin.

The little fly and the little girl both understood that if we get too close to the trap then we will be caught. We as God's children must learn and understand that Christ is calling us away from the traps of life into an everlasting home.

The Threefold Witness of Good Character

Edd Sterchi

In 3 John 12, we have reference made to a fine Christian individual. In fact, this short verse is all that is said of this man of God, but what is said of him and the standard he sets is truly amazing. The verse begins by saying of him, “Demetrius has a good testimony...”. What this is stating is that he possessed the good character that all of us are to have as Christians. He wore the name of Christ well.

But in this verse are also the threefold witnesses of his character. Here is the whole verse: “Demetrius has a good testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.” These three attributes still testify today of just who we really are, as well.

Society bears witness to our character. Demetrius had a good testimony “from all.” The same should be true of us. If there was to be a survey of everyone that we came into contact with in a given week, what would be said of us? Would we be noted as gruff or friendly, dishonest or above board, inattentive or helpful, uncaring or loving, worldly or spiritual? We must always realize that the world is watching us and will testify of our true character (1 Pet. 2:11-12).

Scripture bears witness to our character. Demetrius had a good testimony “from the truth itself.” The gospel is the standard of truth, and it bore witness that Demetrius walked in it. How about us – are we living, walking Bibles? We must trust its words, follow its truths, and proclaim its message. The Bible is still the standard by which we all will be judged (John 12:48). If it could speak, what would it say about our true character? Would it say that we read, know, love, and live it? (cf. Luke 4:4)

Saints bear witness to our character. Demetrius also had a good testimony from the apostles, for John wrote, “and we also bear witness.” His fellow Christians had much good to say about Demetrius. What a testament of an active, helpful, harmonious, loving brother in Christ. If the saints here were interviewed about you, would they use words like “fellow worker,” “beloved,” “approved in Christ,” etc. like Paul used of some faithful brethren in Rom. 16:1-16? Be reminded that our true character comes out in our attitude and actions in the church.

Paul said that Timothy’s character had been “proven” in Phil. 2:22. What has your character “proven” according to society, Scripture, and the saints of God? Do you have a “good testimony” as Demetrius did?

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday (via Zoom) Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

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