

# THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Hiram Church of Christ

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:11

**"Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16**

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

**MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Announcements:** Melvin Bryant III  
**Opening Prayer:** Melvin Bryant III  
**Song Leader:** Matt Johnson  
**Second Prayer:** Devin Bryant  
**Lord's Table:** Kwame Abdul

**Message:** Melvin J. Bryant II  
**Closing Prayer:** Alex Johnson

### Attendance

**Morning Hour:** TBA  
**Bible Class:** TBA  
**Worship:** TBA  
**Wednesday:** TBA

### Weekly Service Times

 The Morning Hour 9:00am  
 Bible Class 10:00am  
 Morning Worship 11:00am  
 Wed. Evening Bible Classes 7:30pm

### The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

**Missions:** India & Childhaven

## PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30  
(Repentance entails counting the cost - Luke 14:25-33)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10

*To be a disciple of Christ,  
YOU ACCEPT  
CHRIST'S TEACHINGS.*

**DEPENDABLE**

**DISCIPLE**

**WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?**

**WHAT IF WE...**

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turn back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of emergencies?

...spend an hour or more each day using it?



*What would our lives look like?*

## ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia) Mary Brock.

### Continued Prayers Needed

Jamie Franklin, Charlie Griffin, the Webb Family, Ron McCurry.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Baby Luke Jackson** and family is in need of prayer as he continues to undergo testing and recovery from surgeries.
- ▶ **Artemas Holloway** lost his brother Antwan. Let us keep him and his family in prayers.
- ▶ **Sis Penny** has asked that we keep her in prayers.
- ▶ **Deborah Abdul** asked prayers for her mom, Emlyn Potts regarding health related issues, and her cousin Brandon Potts.
- ▶ **Dene Reeves** is in need of our continual prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has asked that we keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **JoAnne Proctor** is in need of continual prayers.
- ▶ **Kilwonia Chandler** is still having complication from her surgery. Let us continue to keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **Jerry Barber** is in need of prayers as he will be going to court to seek justice regarding the murder of his son.
- ▶ **Wes Mangan** is in need of prayer fro his grandparents regarding health issues.
- ▶ **Joe Ceasar** and the O'Quinn St. Church of Christ in our prayers.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

### ☑ August Birthdays

Dean Reeves - 8th  
Mary Troup - 11th  
Pudgy Parson - 18th  
Harold Reeves - 31st

### ☑ Anniversaries

Kwame & Deborah Abdul - 17th

### ☑ Hiram Church News

The ladies are conducting a class each third Monday of the month. All women are encouraged to attend.

Make plans to stay for the last Sunday fellowship meal.

### ☑ Baptisms

**Josiah Johnson** was baptized on January 1, 2020! Let us rejoice and encourage our new brother in Christ!

### ☑ Local Church News

### ☑ National Church News

BCS Church of Christ in College Station, Texas had their 4th annual Men's Development conference and it was a success! Let us pray for the efforts of developing our young men to be Strong men of God!

### ☑ World Church News

### ☑ Traveling

# "A Dedicated Determined Dependable Disciple"

## Part III - "A Dependable Disciple"

Matthew 6:21; Luke 9:57-62

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

Last week we embarked on the second installment of this series called, "A Determined Disciple"!

This week we will discuss the LAST installment of this lesson, "A Dependable Disciple"!

### I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DEPENDABLE?

- A. Merriam Webster defines it as someone who is, "Capable of being trusted or depended on : (a person who is ;-)  
**RELIABLE.**"
- B. A "Dependable" person is someone who is reliable and trustworthy or who can be counted on.
- C. *It is* equivalent to being, "Faithful"! (see **1 Corinthians 4:1-2**).
  - There are **THREE** things in these verses that we must take into consideration!
    - (1) As Christians, we are "SERVANTS of Christ"!
      - As a "Servant" we are those who, "...function as a helper in a subordinate capacity, an assistant." (BDAG pg. 1035).
    - (2) As Christians, we are, "STEWARDS"!
      - A "Steward" is someone who is a manager of a household or an estate." (BDAG pg. 698).
      - **Husbands** are "Stewards"! (1 Timothy 3:1-7 emphasis on verse 4)!
      - We need to know how to **RULE OUR OWN HOUSE WELL!**
      - That means the **WIFE** needs to understand her role! She is not to exercise "Authority" over the man! (1 Timothy 2:11-12)! This applies in the "church house" **AND** the "home"!
      - **Children** needs to be in Submission (that means they need to, "obey the directives of the one who's in charge") with **ALL** Reverence (*that is*, "with all Respect")!
      - God has **ALWAYS** commanded men to be the **HEAD'S** of their own home! (see **Genesis 18:19!**)
      - And, as a point of reference: Isaac was not a little boy!
      - How do we know this? (1). Genesis 21:34, after Isaac was born, the Bible tells us that, "Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines **MANY** days!" Some time has elapsed and Isaac grew older. (2). Abraham was old, and in Genesis 22:6 we are told, "So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together." Isaac was **OLD** enough (and strong enough) to carry the wood of the burnt offering up the mountain! (3). God **KNEW** that Abraham would command his children and his household after him, that they keep the Way of the Lord.... (see Genesis 22:7)! Isaac was **OLD ENOUGH** to Understood that when they worshiped God in the past, they needed "Fire" and "Wood" but Isaac **KNEW** that a **LAMB** was needed as well! He learned this from his father Abraham!
        - Abraham servant was obedient to God (Genesis 24:1ff).
        - Joshua was Faithful (Dependable) in all his house (Joshua 24:15).
        - Can we **KNOW** that God can **DEPEND** on us to be the "Stewards" that He has commissioned for us to be?!
      - (3) As Christians, it is **REQUIRED** that we be found "FAITHFUL"!

- “Faithful” Greek word: *“Pistos,”* which means, “Reliable or; Dependable”! (BDAG pg. 820).

## II. ALL DISCIPLES ARE TO BE DEPENDABLE STEWARDS (see **1 Peter 4:10**).

- A. Dependability is a must for the Christian in all areas of life!
- Dependability (or Faithfulness) is Required in our Worship, how we care for our families, in our marriages, in how we treat one another, etc.!
  - Every child of God is a “Steward” and each one of us have a Gift (and some of us have more than one Gift) that we are to minister to one another!
  - NOT to be confused to what these “Gifts” are!
  - We find the Diversities of “Gifts” in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11!
  - We find in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 9 miraculous gifts the early church had and NONE of them are being exercised today!

For instance:

- NO ONE has the Miraculous “Gifts of Healings” today because the person claiming to have this “Gift” would have no problem healing any and everyone from Covid-19 (and we don’t see them offering their assistance do we?)!
- NO ONE has the Miraculous “Gift” of speaking in “Different Kinds of Tongues” today because “Tongue” speaking (according to Acts 2:5-12) was another LANGUAGE (emphasis on verse 7)!
- So, ALL the Miraculous “Gifts” here, “to know all things without learning,” “to discern spirits,” “to interpret tongues” were “Gifts” each ONE in the early church had, and those “Gifts” were not to be used for personal benefit or personal gain! But God expected them to, “...[minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold Grace of God.](#)”
- And, by the time we get to 1 Corinthians 13:8-9, we find a synecdoche, (*that is*, a part that represents the whole)! In 1 Corinthians 13:8-9, Paul (through the Spirit) does not mention all 9 gifts found in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, there is no need to! The synecdoche in 1 Corinthians 13:8-9 confirms that ALL the gifts will fail, cease or vanish away ONCE (1 Corinthians 13:10), “...[that which is PERFECT has come, then that which is in part will be done away.](#)”
- The Miraculous ability of “Gifts” were done away once the completed written word was delivered! (James 1:25)!

## III. AN UNDEPENDABLE SERVANT (see **Matthew 25:14-30**).

- A. Each and every Christian is Required to be Faithful to what God has entrusted you with!
- And, God is NOT requiring you to do no more than what you are capable of doing (verse 15)! But; you must be doing something!
  - From a Generic sense, each and every Christian has a “Talent”!
  - Whether you’re like Joses, an encourager, (Acts 4:36)! A Giver and Generous, like Tabitha in Acts 9:39, Each and EVERYONE of us have a TALENT and it can be used for the benefit and profit of ALL (cf. Romans 12:6-8).
  - The first man was given 5 talents and gained 5 more! The second man was given 2 talents and gained two more and BOTH of these servants were told, “**Well done, good and faithful** (Or; Dependable, Trustworthy) **servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.**” (verses 21 and 23). But the man who received ONE talent didn’t make any effort and the Lord called him a WICKED and LAZY servant!
  - Here is the main thrust of the parable....Be FAITHFUL in using the opportunities that God has given to us! Regardless of what we have, we are only STEWARDS of what God has given to us (Matthew 25:14)! ALL the “Goods” whether Monetary, Our Family, The word of God, ANY AND EVERYTHING belongs to God, we are just “Stewards” of the Goods that God has put into our possession, and we are REQUIRED to be Faithful and Dependable Disciples with what He has entrusted to us!
  - Be encouraged brethren, until the LAST AMEN.....