

Those To Serve

Nov. 2nd, 2025

Morning Worship

Announcements

Zac Hall

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Preside

Ed Hanson

Assist

Zac Hall

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Nov. 5th

Song Leader

George Thomas

Invitation

Steve Phillips

Building And Communion for The Week of Nov. 9th

George Thomas

Lawn And Ground for The Week of Nov. 9th

Ed Hanson

The Park Street Proclaimer

Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer, Cody Carr, and Don Stephenson

Prayer List

Barbra Hook, Susan Tigner, Pj McCray, Wayne Stilwell, Ed Jones, Donna Jones, Drew Shinn, Joe Tigner, Louise Dodson and Linda Thomas.

Shut - Ins

Debbie McGuire, Millie Robertson, and Lee Brunner

Upcoming Events

Ladies Class Nov. 8th at 10:00 am

Men's Meeting Nov. 9th

Ladies Digging Deep Nov. 22nd 10:30 am

Singing Nov. 26th

Fellowship Meal Nov. 30th

Questions and Answers Nov. 30th

Birthday

Sarah Hall – 3rd

Passage to Ponder: John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Sunday Sermons

Am – The Portraits of Christ: Jesus the Light of the World

Pm – The Oneness of God (part 2)

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 5:19

Wednesday Night – Isaiah 27:8



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Preacher: Zac Hall

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Are You a Christian?

Do you know what you must do to be saved?

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to olathecoc@gmail.com

Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

“Temperance” The Ninth Characteristic of “the Fruit of the Spirit”

Part 1

Chuck Northrop

Remember "the fruit of the Spirit" is the singular fruit produced by living according to the Spirit's inspired instructions – the Bible. This singular fruit is characterized by love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. These are not separate or different fruits but are varying qualities of the same fruit. The ninth and final quality of "the fruit of the Spirit" found in Galatians 5 is "temperance."

"Temperance" is self-control. In the original language, it literally means "in strength," that is, in the realm or in the sphere of strength. It describes the virtue of a person who masters his or her desires and passions.

In writing to the Corinthians, Paul describes the temperance a person must have in order to win a race. Listen to the words of Paul. In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 he writes, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Truly Christians are in a race, and God intends for us to be winners. In order to win, we must have temperance. Notice some lessons on temperance from this text.

First, Christians must run to win. Paul wrote, "So run, that ye may obtain." This is a winning attitude or disposition of mind. Attitude often determines the difference between winning and losing. An "I can't" attitude never could. Here is the point: Christians need to be in control of their thoughts in order to obtain an incorruptible crown. Wise Solomon wrote, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). Everything a person does goes back to a heart action (cf. Matthew 15:17-19). If a person controls his heart, the way he thinks, then he will also be in control of his body. For this reason, we can see why David wrote a man is blessed when "his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2). And why Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

In Philippians 4:8, Paul gave a prescription for good mental health. He wrote, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." In order to think about such things, a person must control his thoughts. We must not allow ourselves to think about falsehoods, dishonorable things, unrighteousness, impurity, things associated with hatred, and wicked reports. If we will allow such thoughts, they could consume our lives and make us bitter. But if we think about things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, we will have "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

A part of disciplining one's mind is knowing the mark and staying focused upon it. What are our desires in life? Is it material goods or is it heaven. If we desire the incorruptible crown, then heaven must be our goal. Now that we know the mark, then let us stay focused upon it. Rather than allowing ourselves to be distracted by the material/physical world, let us stay focused upon the heavenly reward. Rather than being a double minded man who is unstable in all his ways, let us fix our eyes upon the crown of life. Let us be like Moses who had respect unto the recompense of reward and chose Him who is invisible over the treasures of Egypt (Hebrews 11:23-27). Though men may try, but the fact remains "ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Therefore, discipline your mind and stay focused upon the heavenly reward.

Part Two Next Week!