

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

December 30, 2012

*The Message:
A Christian Obligation
1 John 4:10-12*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Jan 2 Separation of the Sheep and Goats
Sunday Jan 6 Deacon Nominations Open.
The Lord's Table.
Monday Jan 13 Foundations 201. Hebrew. 5-7 p.m.
Sunday Jan 20 Deacon Nominations Close.
Deacons' Meeting.
Sunday Feb 10 First Session. Annual Business Meeting.

- ** When nominations open, voting members will be able to nominate two deacons this year. Robby and Dan Hensley's term expires.
- ** If you have not joined TBC and would like to, membership forms are available on the back table. Please fill out and give to a deacon. A membership roll is on the back table so you may check your status.
- ** Foundations 201 courses will resume January 13.

	November	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 11,119.00	\$88,502.94		\$4,952.27	\$18,369.36
Expenses	7,465.67	90,990.67		Benevolence	16,555.36
Balance	3,653.33	(-2,487.73)	\$ 12,633.13	\$ 706.73	1,814.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

The Message:

Encouragement: Obstacles and Solutions

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1 John 4:10-12

1 John 4:10 = Definition Of Love

E.T./L.T. = In this is the love, not that we ourselves loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Summary:

1. God sets the _____ for loving others.
2. Love _____ for the benefit of others, even toward one's enemies.
3. Love is willing to _____ for others, even to the point of personal harm.
4. Love is willing to bear the _____ for others.
5. The Father's display of love led to satisfaction of His Righteousness and Justice.

1 John 4:11 = Conclusion And Obligation

E.T./L.T. = Beloved, since God so loved us, we also are obligated to love one another.

Summary:

1. No personal cross is too much to justify failing this obligation.
2. Without appreciating His love our lifestyle will be one of constant failure.
3. We are invited to respond to His love and then initiate with it to others.

Principle: Loving others is not to be an _____ part of the Christian life.

1 John 4:12 = The Reason: Our Witness.

E.T./L.T. = No one has fully beheld God at any time; if we may love one another, God is abiding in us, and His love is, having been matured in us.

Summary:

1. No mere man has fully beheld God.
2. God has chosen to manifest His love through the Royal Family.
3. Our life is to become His life. Rom 6:1-7
4. Loving one another is the function of God, abiding in us, producing His fruit. Gal 5:22
5. The more individual Christians let God abide in their lives through spiritual love, the more of God's work is seen by others. John 13:34-35
6. Personal and corporate joy is only found in love.

Principle: Our _____ is designed to show others God.

9. Understanding Encouragement

- A. There is _____ in a well-timed word. Prov 18:21; 12:25; 15:4; 16:24; 25:11; Jas 3:5-6
1. We must understand that encouragement basically involves the careful selection of words that are intended to influence another person meaningfully toward increased godliness.
 2. _____ words do not bring encouragement to those who hear.
 3. _____ words are words that destroy motivation toward godliness. Prov 18:21
 4. _____ words are those that are designed to build and maintain motivation toward godliness. 1 Cor 10:31
 5. We are commanded to _____ one another. Heb 10:25
- B. _____ Community is an obstacle to encouragement.
1. Surface Community is easily achieved when the listener is not _____. Jas 1:19
 2. The Core Emotion of _____ must be overcome to get past Surface Community. Gen 3:10
 3. Your Core Motivation must be geared toward the Two Key _____. Mark 12:29-31
 4. Your Core Strategy must then become to learn how to _____ them, and to pray that you can.
 5. When people try to communicate from behind their _____ layers that are designed to hide their fears, the result is superficial and shallow communication.
 6. Pray that the Holy Spirit will make you attentive to others and that He will give you the _____ and _____ to become an encourager.
- C. Total _____ may not be the right solution.
1. Sharing yourself should be done in the framework of commitment to God and to the welfare of another.
 2. Total Openness can replace Surface Community with a Fractured Community that will end in No Community.
 3. True Personal fulfillment is available only through the realization of the extent of God's Love for you.
- D. Total _____ is the right solution.
1. Realize that Protective Layers can block out both words that encourage and words that hurt.
 2. Paul instructs us to become committed, not to sharing ourselves for personal glory, but to sharing the Lord. Eph 4:29
 3. We need to learn the difference between an objective and a desire.
 - a. An Objective is a purpose to which a person is committed.
 - b. A Desire is something wanted that cannot be obtained without the cooperation of another person.
 4. Generally speaking, objectives are something that we are to "work" toward while desires are things for which we pray.