

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

February 3, 2013

*The Message:
Fellowship and Assurance
1 John 5:13-17*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Feb 3 The Lord's Supper.
Sunday Feb 3 Foundations 201. Hebrew. 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday Feb 6 Spiritual Gifts.
Sunday Feb10 First Session. Annual Business Meeting.

- ** Deacon nominations closed. Only Robby and Dan Hensley accepted their nomination. Voting will be "yes" or "no."
- ** 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 current membership roll is on the back table to check your status.
- ** Please check the TBC directory on the back table and either note it as correct or update necessary information.

	December	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 9,142.00	\$97,644.94		\$4,952.27	\$20,819.36
Expenses	7,107.92	98,098.59		Benevolence	21,810.36
Balance	2,034.08	(-453.65)	\$ 14,667.21	\$ 706.73	-991.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The Lord's Table

*The Message:
The Practice of Encouragement*

O. Fellowship and Assurance. 5:13-17

1 John 5:13 = The Peace Of Belief.

E.T./L.T. = These things I have written to all of you who believe into the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that life you presently have forever.

Summary:

1. John states the major purpose for writing this book, like he did when his gospel was completed. John 20:31
2. He wants us to know beyond a reasonable doubt that we possess eternal life.
3. This epistle focuses on three main guidelines for confidence concerning our eternal status.
 - A. God is Light, so Truth can be _____. 1:5,7; 2:8,9,10
 - B. God is Righteous, and the Truth should be _____. 1:9; 2:1,29; 3:7,10,12
 - C. God is Love and He desires loving relationships to _____.
46x in 1 John
4. We should live what we profess to believe, otherwise we are hypocrites.
5. As God's love in you is truly displayed to others, in Righteousness and Truth, confidence grows.
6. Your spiritual experiences will confirm beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is at work in you. Cf Php 2:13
7. Your growing love for God will lead you to joyfully keep His commands. Cf 2:3-6; 3:22-23; 4:21; 5:2-3
8. His commands involve the practice of righteousness and avoidance of sin. Cf 2:1; 3:4-12
9. Our hope as a function of love leads us to purify ourselves. Cf 3:3
10. All of these things are designed to build our confidence when we stand before Him. Cf 2:28

Principle: _____ of where you will spend eternity is possible.

1 John 5:14 = Peace In Prayer.

E.T./L.T. = And this is the confidence which we have before Him that if we humbly ask anything according to His desire, He hears us.

1 John 5:15 = Love Response.

E.T./L.T. = And if we know that He hears us (in) whatever we may humbly ask, we know that we have the humble requests which we have humbly asked (that concern eternal consequences) from Him.

Summary:

1. Boldness refers to the freedom of speech that we have before our Lord. Heb 4:16
2. This communication should be from a humble attitude.

3. We are invited to humble ourselves and to ask.
4. All prayer should recognize His desires, which are perfect, and which we may or may not be privy to at a given time. 2 Cor 5:9
5. We have the peace of knowing that He is listening.
6. God's Word at work in our life is important to His answers to our prayers, as it is a marker of humility when our knowledge is expressed in love. Cf John 15:7; 1 John 3:22
7. God's loves to answer prayer because it again displays His love.
8. Our desire should always be "His will be done." Matt 14:36
9. He especially loves to answer prayers that are of eternally significant impact.

Principle: Assurance of eternity leads to _____ in prayer.

1 John 5:16 = The Prayer Of One Who Loves.

E.T./L.T. = If any one sees His brother sinning a sin not *leading* to death, He shall ask and *God* will for Him give life to those sinning not *leading* to death. There is a sin *leading* to death; I do not say that He should make request for this.

1 John 5:17 = Footnote On Sin.

E.T./L.T. = All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not *leading* to death.

Summary:

1. John gives an example of a very important kind of prayer that of intercession.
2. Pray for those whose lifestyle is that of obvious, ongoing sin.
3. Confrontation in love may also be necessary. Eph 5:10
4. John looks at sin here in two categories, sins where physical death is the discipline and sins where it is not.
5. We are not to pray that the Lord issue the discipline of physical death as that sets us up as a judge.
6. Never forget that we too are sinners. Gal 6:1-2; 1 John 1:8, 10
7. We basically are to pray that God gives our sinning brother opportunity to arise from the dead. Eph 5:14
8. A prayer that demonstrates true compassion for others is further evidence of salvation.

Principle: Assurance of one's own salvation and confidence in prayer should lead us to greater _____ prayer.

G. The Practice of Encouragement:

1. Constantly check your personal _____ and _____.
Gal 6:1-2
2. The Mindset of an Encourager:
 - a. Encouragement requires _____ in the lives of other people.
 - b. Encouragers should practice being "_____."
Prov 12:18; 13:3; 17:27-28; 18:13; 29:20; Jas 1:19
 - c. Encouragers should be _____ to both the words and tone of speech employed. Eph 4:29-30
 - d. Encouragers should be as _____ with their speech as possible. Prov 15:1; 26:22
3. Responses that inhibit encouragement:
 - a. Defensive or explanatory words.
 - b. Quick apologies.
 - c. Attacking and cutting remarks.
 - d. Corrections.
 - e. Quick advice.
4. Encouragement is the fruit of a self-examined heart leading to a compassionate, discerning sensitivity concerned for the needs of others.
5. As we seek to encourage we should attend to our own nonverbal messages.
 - a. Squarely face the person.
 - b. Openly face the person.
 - c. Lean forward.
 - d. Eye contact.
 - e. Relax.
 - f. Facial expressions.
6. Some verbal suggestions:
 - a. _____ looks back to the speaker seeking the real problem that requires attention.
 - b. _____-checks out what the speaker meant.
 - c. _____-seeks more information.
 - d. _____.
7. Solutions to problems should have biblical _____.
8. True spiritual Encouragers _____ Faith, Hope and Love in the lives of others.

