

WALKING IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5) Number #58

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The Heart of a Christian 2 Corinthians 5:12-15

INTRODUCTION:

1. Because of the Judgment v. 10
2. Knowing “the terror of the Lord” v.11
3. “We persuade men” v.11
4. We are “well-known to God,” clearly seen, manifest
5. And “in your consciences”

DISCUSSION:

1. Let Brethren Return the Favor v.12

- a. Paul had said enough
- b. Corinthians knew and could defend Paul’s sincerity
- c. His critics have “appearance” not “heart”
(1 He had worldly “credentials” **Philippians 3:3-8**
(2 But he counted them “refuse” and followed Christ
- d. **Acts 26:24**-false as Festus said, “sober” preaching

2. Love of Christ Compels Us v.14-15

- a. GK. *συνεχει*-press together **Luke 8:45; Acts 18:5**
- b. GK. *υπερ*-on behalf of, **Hebrews 2:9**, described in **5:21**
- c. “All died” **Ephesians 2:1**

3. One Died for All--Basis of Gospel v. 15

- (1 Christ died on behalf of “all”
- (2 For “those who live” for Him
- (3 He “rose again” **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

CONCLUSION:

1. There will be Judgment
2. There will be Lost souls
3. Now is the time to obey ourselves and reach them.
4. Be free from self-absorption. **Acts 2:38**

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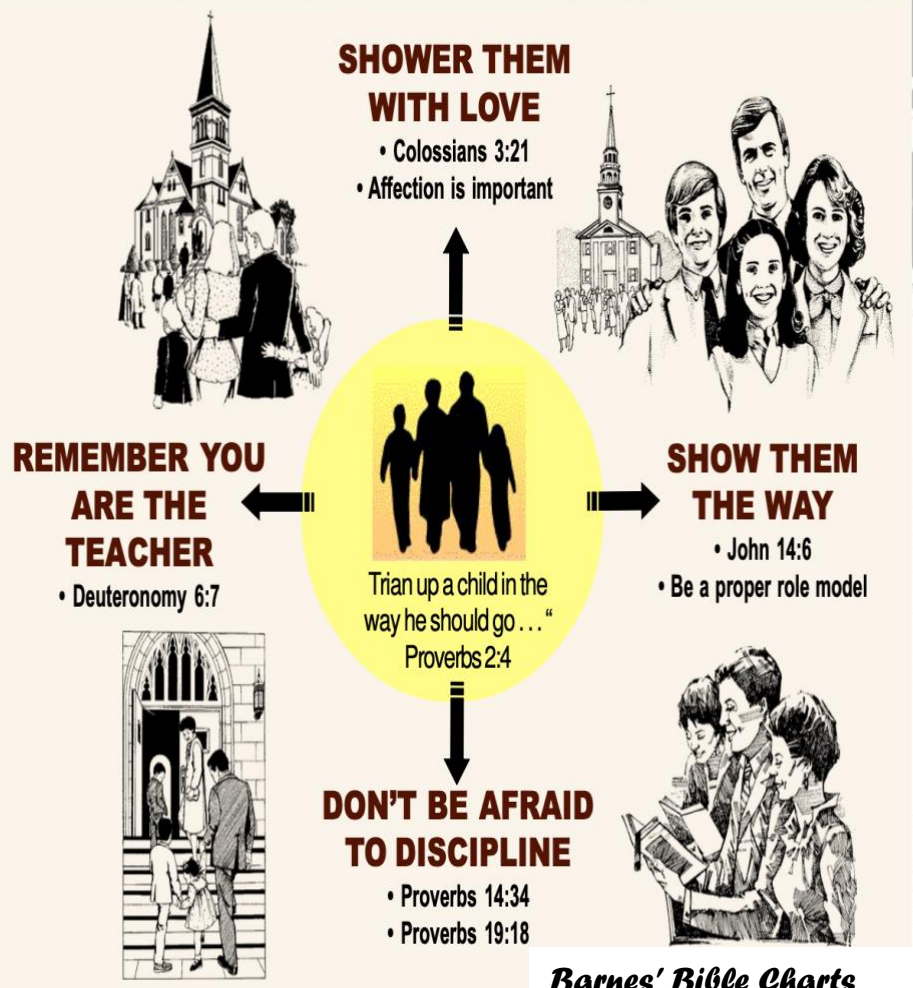
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- ~ *Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.*
- ~ *You're never too old to learn something stupid.*
- ~ *I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now*
- ~ *War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*

Four Rules to Help You be a Good Parent



Barnes' Bible Charts

Give God What's His

David so desperately wanted to build a permanent house (temple) for God, but God would not allow it (1 Chronicles 17:1-10). This was because David had shed much blood in various wars (1 Chronicles 22:7-8). God did reveal to David, however, that David's son could build Him a temple at the proper time (1 Chronicles 17:11-12). So David collected the plans from God and started gathering materials (1 Chronicles 22:1-5). He then made great financial contributions himself and, through his example, the people of Israel freely gave, as well (1 Chronicles 29:1-9).

Then in an emotional address before the assembly, David gave public praise to God (1 Chronicles 29:10-19). Looking at a few select sections should hold great value to us concerning our giving, as well:

- * *"For all that is in heaven and earth is Yours" (v.11) - **Everything comes from God.** God is the One who blesses us with all physical blessings (Jas. 1:17).*
- * *"For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You" (v.14) - **When we give to God, we are only giving back what is His.** When we give of our time, abilities, and financial blessings, we are only returning what God has allowed us to use. We are simply stewards (1 Cor. 4:1-2).*
- * *"I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen your people, who are present here to offer willingly to you" (v.17) - **We should give back to God willingly and joyfully.** It should thrill us to be able to give to God because He has been so kind to us (2 Cor. 9:7-8).*
- * *"Keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the hearts of Your people" (v.18) - **This is God's design for all of His people for all time.** God's people should always be a loving, giving people – at all times (Acts 20:35).*

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Matt. 22:21)

- Edd Sterchi