

Pastor's Corner

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The Lord says in Deuteronomy 6: 5- 12 to “love the Lord with all your heart” and then reminds us that we are to “impress them (the Lord's commandments) on your children.” At the end of the reading, there is a warning that says, when “the Lord your God brings you into the land...you did not build, houses filled with all kind of good things you did not provide... be careful that you do not forget the Lord...”

Often when life seems to be going along smoothly or when things are going our way, we tend to forget God; and we begin to become comfortable. The warning in Deuteronomy is not that God does not want us to have things or to enjoy life, but that we should always remember our Lord God and put him and his will first.

We, as a people of God, have a great responsibility. We must “impress” upon others (your children--and that does not mean just immediate family) the words of God; so that in their time of need, they can find comfort, strength, and help. And also, that during their time of prosperity, they will praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We must never get comfortable and forget to take time to study the word of God, to communicate with him through prayer and worship, and to share the message of the Gospel.

Jesus says in Matthew, Chapter 28; “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” This is a hint that what he has to say next is important--just as important as the words that are recorded in Deuteronomy. Jesus says; “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of The Holy Spirit; and teaching them to obey everything [not some or part or what we feel is important but EVERYTHING] I have commanded you.”

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a church we have a great mission, but it is a mission that (if we decide to take up the cross and follow Jesus) can be successfully accomplished if we lay aside our differences, practice forgiveness, and show others the love of Christ that was shown to us. I am excited as we enter this new year in ministry together, and I look forward to discovering new ways that we, as a church, can show the love of Christ to others. As that old song goes, “Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before.”

May God bless you!

