

Second, you should be an example “in conduct.” The Greek word refers to one’s manner of life, conduct, or behavior. Naturally, there is conduct which is unbecoming of a Christian. So the apostle Paul said to the church at Philippi:

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Philippians 1:27).

How we conduct ourselves matters (Ezra 7:10; James 1:21-25). Third, you must be an example “in love.” The pattern to follow in love is found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, where 15 characteristics of love are set forth in a most beautiful section of Scripture. Jesus said, “By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Fourth, you are told to be an example “in faith.” The word “faith” is used subjectively to refer to one’s personal level of belief or trust. It here denotes trustworthiness or fidelity in all things. As a Christian steward you are required to be faithful in every area of your life (1 Corinthians 4:2). And this faith is generated by the word of God (Romans 10:17).

Fifth, you are expected to be an example “in purity.” General moral purity/chastity would appear to convey the idea here. The fact is, worldliness and purity are opposites. And the three general areas of temptation that you must avoid in order to remain pure are listed by John in 1 John 2:16. Remember, the way you act and speak says much about your purity of life.

With these expectations set before you let me ask you this question, “How will you be seen and judged by your friends?” Will you be seen as one who folds and molds to the pressures of compliance (Romans 12:2) or one who “flees youthful lusts” (2 Timothy 2:22)? Don’t let anyone tell you otherwise, evil companionships still corrupt good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33). And there will always be those that “think it strange that you run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you” (1 Peter 4:4). But is what they think really that important? If the Lord wills won’t you still awake to a new day, draw another breath, and have a day full of choices that are yours and yours alone to make? And these really can’t be taken from you by them, so make the right choices! Take joy and comfort in knowing that no one or nothing can separate you from the love of God (Romans 8:39). Determine to make this your best year ever; full of serving God and others, full of work and learning, full of friends and fun. All the while remembering that you are to be an example.

By Mel Futrell <http://www.shadesmountaincoc.org/>

Those requesting prayer

Richard Rapert, Shirley Dixon, Gert Jacobson, Randy and Audra Land, Harvey Murphy, Billy Waymon, Quentin Cato, Randy and Edie Pursifull, Barbara Knight, Ray Toney

Remember all the shut-ins and those in the nursing homes.

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

on KPOC:

Sun: No Laughing Matter

Mon: The Great Physician

Tue: Our Great Teacher

Wed: On the Straight and Narrow

Thu: Who is My Neighbor?

Fri: Buried Talents

Remember the shut-ins and those in the nursing home with a visit, call, or card. Also remember them in prayer

Stonebridge

Wanda Counts, 111

Pocahontas Health and Rehab

Jenafee Brunner, 500

Randolph County Nursing Home

Elsie Prewitt, 106

Earl Hagar, 109

Marie Murphy, 134

Jennifer Burr, 204

Charlcie Hufstedler, 223

Anna Lemmons, 332

Bonnie Kellett, 335

Gwen Futrell, 419

ITEMS for September

CHILDREN'S HOME

Cereal (Especially corn flakes)

UKRAINE MISSION

Stuffed Toys

BULLETIN INFO:

Please give “News and Events” to **Tom and Carolyn Towell**. You can call 892-5087, 870-930-7344 or 870-930-7355 and leave a message. Email address is tctowell@centurytel.net

NEWS AND EVENTS

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Frances Hagar** who passed away Thursday. Her visitation will be Monday September 30 at Skaggs church of Christ at 11:00—1:00 with services following immediately.

Shirley Gillean is scheduled to have tests run this week.

Everyone is encouraged to return tonight for our end of the month singing.

Thank you to everyone that helped with our lectureship. It was a great success.

The monthly Lawrence/Randolph County singing will be held at Free Street in Walnut Ridge this Saturday at 6:00-8:00.

Plan of Salvation

Hear – Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”.

Believe – John 8:24 “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”.

Repent – Luke 13:3 “I tell you, nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”.

Confess – Romans 10:10 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”.

Be Baptized – I Peter 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ”.

Local Missions

KPOC 104.1 FM–RADIO PROGRAMS

Sunday morning @ 8:00 AM

Mon. – Fri. @ 6:15, 11:55, & 4:55

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY

Sunday-7:30 AM on Cable 13 (Memphis)

Sunday-7:30 AM on Cable 4 (Little Rock)

Sunday-7:30 AM on Direct Channel 367

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Sunday-9:00 AM on Cable 9 (KAIT 8)

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sunday-6:30 AM on Dish Channel 267

World Missions

Ted Knight, Romania

John Reese, World Bible School, Africa

Eddie Cloer, Truth for Today

Ted Lingren, Cambodia

Website—

www.pyburnstreetchurchofchrist.com

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Announcements: David Futrell

Song Leader: Tom Towell

Speaker for class Josh Dement

Class Sermon: God--A Source of Vanity

AM Services: Mitch Walton

AM Sermon: Evil—A Source of Vanity

Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 8:10-15

PM: Singing

Presiding at Table

Joey Bryant

East

David Lemmons

Jeremy Burgess

Sunday Evening: Mike Dunn

West

Jay Don Wilson

David Burkheart

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Mike Dunn

Closing Prayer: Mike Chesser

Read Scripture: David Dement

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Max Long

Closing Prayer Wayne Smith

Wednesday Night (October 2)

First Prayer David Futrell

Closing Prayer Byron Futrell

Invitation Josh Dement

Preparation of Communion for October

Melinda Harris

Sunday Services

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Worship 9:50 AM

Evening Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

Wednesday morning

Mats for Haiti -----

Ladies Bible Class 10:30am

Elders

David Futrell 870-378-3513

Tom Towell 870-892-5087

Minister

Joshua Dement 870-378-5551

WELCOME VISITORS!!

**We appreciate our visitors
and encourage you to fill
out a “Visitor’s Card”
located on the back of the
pew in front of you.**

September Birthdays

Byron Futrell--1

Kristie Dement--4

Jill Burkheart--5

Carolyn Towell--11

Teresa Wilson--17

David Lemmons--21

Willie McCarroll--26

Caleb Dement--26

Cayleigh Dement--26

Dylan McGrew--27

David Burkheart--29

In the Footsteps of Jesus

Pyburn Street church of Christ

305 Pyburn Street, P.O. Box 187, Pocahontas, AR 72455

870-892-5596

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“An Example To The Believers”

In the New Testament book of First Timothy the apostle and older preacher Paul wrote to his “son in the faith” (1 Timothy 1:2), offering Timothy the encouragement and instruction this younger preacher would need and could use. One particular passage comes immediately to mind and is the subject of this article:

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (I Timothy 4:12 - NKJV).

In the above passage, Paul says Timothy you are to be an example. And since the Bible authorizes by implication, we believe there is an application of this to us as well. All of us should be an example to the believers. The word “example” is from the Greek word tupos meaning a pattern or model. And this example, your example, should be evident in some specific areas of life. These areas are your words, conduct, love, spirit, faith, and purity. In other words, the Lord expects behavior of you befitting the name Christian you wear (1 Peter 4:16). In this article we will briefly examine five of these six areas in which Paul says, “be an example.” First, you are to be an example “in word” which no doubt refers to your speech/language. Quickly, let me tell you what you no doubt already know; your speech should be sound (2 Tim. 1:13; Titus 2:1), incorruptible (Eph. 4:29), graceful (Col. 4:6), reverent (Mt. 6:9), and good (Mt. 12:34-37). Since we will surely give account for every idle word we speak; it follows that rotten, profane, vulgar, and irreverent language should have no place in the Christian’s vocabulary. (con’t)