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# CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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## WELCOME!

We of the Cambridge church of Christ  
invite you to all our services.

*“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)*

# ADORNING THE WORD OF GOD.

## INTRODUCTION: Titus 2:9-10

1. Just imagine how much money is spent annually on cosmetics/aesthetics.
2. There is a sense in which looks are important to God as well.
3. To adorn means to decorate, add beauty, or to make more pleasing. Christians attempt to adorn themselves with the word of God.
4. Adorning ourselves with the word of God involves:

## **I. UNDERSTANDING THE WORD OF GOD.**

- A. We Are Commanded to Understand (Eph. 5:17).
  1. “Unwise”, lit. “foolish”, “short-sighted”. Cf. (Lk. 12:20).
  2. “Understand”, “to arrive at understanding (cf. 2 Tim. 2:15).
  3. We can know the will of God!
- B. We Are Equipped to Understand (Eph. 3:3-5).
  1. God’s will made known to “holy apostles and prophets”; cf. 2 Pet. 1:20-21.
  2. Not now a “mystery” (3).
- C. We Are Expected to Understand (2 Pet. 1:5).

## **II. RESPECTING THE WORD OF GOD.**

- A. Respecting That It Differs From Common Thinking (Isa. 55:8-9).
- B. Respecting That It Is Above Common Thinking (2 Jn. 9-11; 1 Tim. 1:3).

## **III. OBEYING THE WORD OF GOD.**

- A. Right Master, Right Doctrine (1 Tim. 6:1; Rom. 6:17-18).
- B. Obedience and the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20).

## **IV. CONSISTENCY IN OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD.**

- A. Requires Paying Attention (1 Tim. 4:16).
- B. Requires Knowing Others Are Watching You (Mt. 5:16).
- C. Requires Being A Profitable Pattern (Titus 2:7-8).
- D. Requires Practicing What You Preach (Rom. 2:21-24).

## **V. CONTENDING FOR THE WORD OF GOD.**

- A. Defending the Faith is an Imperative (Jude 3).
  1. “Contend earnestly”, “to struggle appropriately w/ skill and commitment”.
  2. “For the faith”—for the Gospel, the Law of Christ.
- B. Paul Contended Boldly.
  1. Paul was appointed for the defense of the gospel (Phlp. 1:17). “defense”: a well-reasoned reply.
  2. Paul’s Boldness (Rom. 1:16-17).

## **VI. CONTINUATION IN THE WORD OF GOD.**

- A. As the First church of Christ did (Acts 2:42).
- B. As Paul Commanded Timothy (2 Tim. 3:14-15; 4:1-4).

## CONCLUSION:

1. Simple truth: we are here! We have choices to make!
2. How will we adorn ourselves? With the ornaments of God, or Satan?

# GODLY CHARACTER TRAITS

Carl Pollard

When I was growing up, there were certain tasks that my parents would give me that I didn't want to do. Washing the floorboards, weeding the garden, cutting vinyl siding, and digging holes with a post hole digger are just a few examples of what many of us would consider hard work.

I remember the hours working on these jobs, covered in sweat with blistered hands, and an all-around feeling of fatigue. There were a couple times in particular where I can remember my dad saying the classic phrase, "Son this is character-building work." And then he would tell a story about some hard job he had to do as a kid. Looking back, these jobs really did build character, but there's more to it than just digging a hole and sweating.

You can be a hard worker, and still lack honesty, sincerity, and humility. Character building takes serious work and commitment. Luckily, God has given us His perfect word that tells us how we can grow our character.

If you've ever struggled with living out your faith, or with your commitment to Christ, working on growing our character will help us to focus on what's truly important in this life.

There are many different ways that we could go about building our character, and as we look to scripture a good place to start in this endeavor is by practicing righteous thinking. If we want to grow our character, we have to start changing the way that we think. Problem is, it's a lot easier said than done. There are two different passages that tell us how we can practice righteous thinking.

Philippians 4:8 reads, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." As Christians we can learn to dwell on righteousness by filling our mind with godly traits. If we are truly set on transforming our minds to think on righteousness, we have to replace worldly thinking with godly traits.

Romans 12:1-2 says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." It's possible to practice righteous thinking by renewing our mind with the will of God. No longer looking to ourselves as master, but to God. By doing this our thinking changes. Our focus shifts from this world, and our minds will dwell on righteousness.

Do you want to be known as a person of character? The first change we must undergo is to start thinking righteously. Righteous thinking is no easy task. It takes work, and many times we fall short of this goal. Thankfully we serve a loving God that wants nothing more than for us to spend an eternity with Him in Heaven.

Question is, do we want this future enough to make the right decisions?

**Welcome! To our visitors.** We are thankful for your presence. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one of the collection plates or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Prayers requested for **Rodney Reeves** who has advanced cancer and is beginning aggressive radiation. He is the father of **Erica Cunningham**.
- Also, for **Janet Patterson** (Erma Endly's sister-in-law) who had a stroke this past week.
- **Randy Yost** is back at Selby in Marietta in room #108. Randy wishes to express his appreciation for the cards he has received.
- "We desire to thank the church for expressions of sympathy- for call, cards, hugs, prayers, and for delicious food in support of our family at the loss of our mother. What a tremendous blessing & outpouring of love towards us. We thank you & love you. Raymond & Fawn".
- **Business Meeting** this evening at 5 p.m. for the men of the congregation.

**REMINDERS:**

- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library in the basement.
- ❖ Please inform John of any changes needed to the prayer list, or directory.

**TODAY'S LESSONS**

**AM: Adorning the Word of God (Titus 2:9-10).**

**PM: False Prophets and The People That Love Them (Jer. 5:30-31).**

***IN OUR PRAYERS:*** Diann Bachmann, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert.

***SHUT-INS:***  
Debbie Jones,  
Nancy Love,  
Randy Yost

***FAMILY AND FRIENDS:*** Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Trudy Kerby**, **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **Wilma Roe**, **Bob & Marge Watson**, and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
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