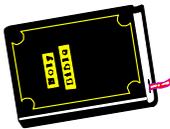


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

IF YOU DON'T MEAN IT—DON'T SAY IT!

There's a word that's used often today and the Lord *hates* what it represents! It's being used in the world and unfortunately even in the *church!* No, it's not a cuss word or even one society thinks of as a vulgar. It's the word **PROUD** and it's cousin **PRIDE**. The world may embrace the feelings these words represent, but God **condemns** them. “Pride” is used in the Bible 49 times and “proud” 48, never once in a good way.

The problem with pride is that it has to do with us, what we've done. It takes us away from the Lord. It's a sin.

“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand join in hand, he shall not go unpunished” - Proverbs 16:5

“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” - James 4:6

It's very simple, we ought not even to **say** these words! There's power in words (Romans 1:16) and we need to be careful. The Lord told us to avoid even the **appearance** of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22) and pride is certainly an evil thing in the Lord's sight. If we don't **mean** proud, let's not **say** it!

If we're **PLEASED** or **HAPPY** with something, let's say that then.

If we **RESPECT** something or someone, let's say that then.

If we're **SATISFIED** with something, let's say that then.

Let's be a peculiar people (Titus 2:14, 1 Peter 2:9), different from and putting away the things of the world. One way we can do this is by our **speech**. We don't want to **be** like people of the world, so let's not **sound** like them then.

Let's be aware (**beware**) of these words (and their attendant feelings) and get rid of them! Not only for our own sakes, but to not set a bad example for others either. The Lord will be **pleased** with us (not proud!) if we do.

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” - Colossians 4:6

- Ed Kelleher, elder, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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AM Scott Parker:
Would You Ever Be the Same Again?
PM Scott Parker: The Social Gospel

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love, one to another" - John 13:35

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services! Come see.

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“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!”

• We **rejoice** to announce that another precious soul was snatched from Satan and added to the church by the Lord. **Talitia Zimmerman** obeyed the Gospel Friday, 1/13/2006. Evangelist **Scott Parker** had met her and setup a bible study. He and Jan Kelleher had 3 studies at her home when she decided she needed to obey the Lord's command. We are humbled at the love of our Father and our Lord Jesus that we might have a part in this, His great salvation. Her address is:

Talitia Zimmerman, 2035 Augusta Road #20, West Columbia, SC 29169

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." - John 20:31

“IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Ron Banks, Beryl Parks, Mary Honeycutt, Hagood Godley**, and our shut-ins **Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, Phyllis Johnson, Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **James Mathias** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), **Kathryn Hall** (Melissa Parks' sister), **Frances Griffin** (Melissa's aunt), **Jack and Elma Berrier, Margaret Herring** and her daughter **Ann Gunter, Charles Pittman** and family, **John Collins** (Ethel Smiths brother-in-law) and **Kelly Giles**, Bobby's father.
- **Marilyn Brooks** is having considerable pain and swelling in her foot and can't see the doctor till next week. Phyllis Johnson has had a lingering cold and Zudora Clegg needed some xrays.
- **Ron and Margie Banks** will likely be moving to Florida where Ron has family.
- **Tom Rinehart** will be in Arkansas for 3 weeks for a training school. If things work out for him, he might be moving there. Pray for him and the family.
- **Ted Stidham** was to have surgery Wednesday, but was unable to and instead had a heart catheterization with stent Thurs. and is doing well at latest report.

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of MEN, but in the power of God." -1 Corinthians 2:5

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

- **Billy Weis**, of the **South Eastern Children's** home visited Wednesday evening to encourage us and thank us for our past support. SE Children's home is still searching for a **Christian couple** to live with 8 adolescents in a campus cottage. Competitive salaries, paid time off, medical insurance, 24-hour backup and support by social work staff, housing, utilities, food allowance, gas allowance, and vehicle are furnished. For more information call Robert Kimberly or Wanda Gooden (864)439-0259 or (800)659-0365.

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” - James 1:27

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- Many members are reaching out to their neighbors and friends and family and **inviting them to visit**. This is wonderful! And it's working!! Let's do more!!
“as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise.” - Luke 6:31

- **Singing!** Sunday 1/29/2006 at the Twin Cities church 2:30-4:30PM.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Sat. March 11, 2006 at Rock Hill. 9 AM—3 PM.
- **Bible Bowl study times:** Wed. 7 PM, Sun 10 AM and 4:30PM.
- The fellowship hall will be in use Saturday for a **SC Concealed Weapon class**. These are typically held the last Saturday of the month. If you have an interest in attending (no cost to church members) please contact Ed Kelleher.
- All members that can are encouraged to meet in the auditorium **Saturday at 9AM** for our **Christian Block Party**. We'll be walking around the neighborhood, passing out bible literature. We won't be “door knocking”, we'll just be leaving the literature in plastic bags on the door knob of each house we visit. The whole effort should take under 2 hours. Folks stayed after class Wednesday night, and some are coming in Friday, to stuff the bags.
- Our first **Teach, Reach and Eat** will be at Dawn and Jones Gamble's home, Saturday February 4, about 3PM. Brother Gamble will give a short devotional (very short, he says), and after prayer we'll go out in 3 or 4 teams, led by able men, to **knock on doors** in the neighborhood and invite people to visit with us at the Gambles home for refreshments and talk of the Bible. Please come help, and pray that the Lord will bless our efforts to glorify Him through our faith in Him and the power of His word.
- Details on the above activities are posted on the **bulletin board in the foyer**.
- Encourage those **visiting** to fill out the new **GUEST CARDS** and pass them to the center aisle where they'll be collected at the end of the assembly.

“Be an example of the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” - 1 Timothy 4:12

A NOTE FROM THE PARKERS

Brothers and Sisters, We are so very thankful for the love and kindness shown to us in our move here. The time and work that went into unloading that big truck was phenomenal! We are so grateful to all the ladies who went grocery shopping for us and prepared the fine meals in those first days. We thank God for the opportunity to work here with you and pray His blessings on our church family. Thank you again for all your love. In Christ, **Scott and Tricia Parker**.

(Their Thank You card is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer)