

“How to Live a Gospel-Centered Life:  
We Live to Teach, Train, and Obey with Joy” (Part 2)  
Romans 12:9-21

*“The Church (The family of God) is central to the Christian life. It is not an added extra, the icing on the cake of ‘a good life well lived.’ Rather, our life in the church lends its atmosphere to our social life; it energizes us in our vocational life to be salt and light in the world; and it is a basic dimension of, not merely an optional add-on to, our family life. My family needs the church family for its own growth and health. No single person, family, or friendship group, possesses all the resources it needs to be a truly and fully Christian family. We need support, friendship, example, wise counsel and much else from the church family. If this is true, then it follows that as a disciple of Jesus I too should love the church. It should become central to my life. It is simply not possible to live a God-centered, Christ-centered, Spirit-led life unless my life is also church-centered.” (Sinclair Ferguson — “Devoted to God’s Church”).*

*“And He died for all, for those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.” (2 Corinthians 5:15)*

*“(The Christian Home) Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her....that she might be holy and without blemish....Fathers bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Wives submit to your own husbands as to the Lord....and let the wife see that she respects her husband.” (Ephesians 5:25-6:4)*

*(Spiritual fathers/elders) “not domineering (arrogantly asserting your own will authoritatively) those in your charge, but being an example to the flock....for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God (objective truth).” (1 Peter 5:3; Acts 20:27)*

*“...teach what accords with sound doctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness (spiritually protect, provide, and lead)...how you ought to imitate us....If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat....we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living (physically provide, protect, and lead)” (Titus 2:1-2)*

*(Spiritual mothers/spiritually mature) “They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children (objectively), to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, and submissive to their own husbands, that the Word of God may not be reviled (to speak of in an insulting way).” (Titus 2:3-5)*

- **“Let love be genuine”:** A genuine love is seeking the highest spiritual good for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have been called in Christ to desire to see all of our brothers and sisters become mature in Christ (Colossians 1:28-29; Ephesians 4:16).
- **“Abhor what is evil”:** I need to hate my sin and the result of sin in the lives of others. I hate my sin by putting it to death and living a righteous/holy life (Colossians 3:5-10; 1 Peter 1:14-17).
- **“Hold fast to what is good”:** If something is going to help me grow in my affections for God and others, I need to prioritize these things: Bible reading, corporate worship, praying, fellowship, accountability, and encouragement are good things I must hold fast to.
- **“Love with brotherly affection”:** Brotherly affection is a familial like affection that endures through godliness and sinfulness, strength and weakness. It is giving grace, love, and care to the whole of the body and humanizing our leaders (Ephesians 4:31-32).
- **“Outdo one another in showing honor”:** There are many ways within the body of Christ we can show honor. We ought to run the race to win in showing honor (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). **(continued →)**

**Worship:** Grace Alone (The Modern Post)      Take My Life and Let It Be (Various Artists)  
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (Matt Boswell)      **Closing Song:** In Tenderness (The Sing Team)

**Service Times:** Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;  
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- Volunteering in a local body in servanthood; Respecting Elders; Giving of your resources; Putting to death pride and selfishness; Ultimately properly valuing the Word of God and living in obedience to it.
- *“Do not be slothful in zeal”*: There is an urgency to the gospel-driven life. A Christian gives themselves completely and totally to the Lord (Mark 12:30-31). The Christian is zealous according to knowledge (Romans 10:2). A slothful servant is a wicked servant (Matthew 25:26).
- *“Be fervent in spirit”*: If you have no emotion in your duty, you will quickly become weary in doing it. The Christian has a one-mindedness (Acts 20:24), because of a great love that has been shown to them (1 John 4:19).
- *“Serve the Lord”*: The Christian is not a spectator, he is not idle, he is not lazy, he has his shoulder to the plow. The Christian works hard at home and outside of the home. The Christian serves their family, church, and all others, biblically (1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9-10).
- *“Rejoice in hope”*: The Christian has hope because of the trustworthiness of God and His Word. I can have joy because God has never lied, never forsaken, never disappointed, and never changed. I don't hope in man, I hope in God (Jeremiah 17:5-8).
- *“Be patient in tribulation”*: There are no “fair weather” Christians. The Christian is tenacious. The Christian remains obedient through the most difficult circumstances (James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:12-16). The Christian does not stop obeying the one who gave everything for them. The Christian perseveres (Hebrews 10:36 & 39).
- *“Be constant in prayer”*: The Christian believes that prayer is effective. The Christian is ready to pray and all times because prayer is the admittance of I need help outside of myself. I need God's strength, God's mercy, God's grace, to even take my next step. I'm fully dependent on Christ.
- *“Contribute to the needs of the saints”*: The Christian is generous, sacrificial, and others oriented. The Christian finds joy in giving to God/others (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). The Christian doesn't need to be guilted or convinced, they give freely. Christian love demands all of us (Mark 12:30-31).

Account Balance: \$40,346.97 July Balance: \$39,863.15	Weekly Budget: \$3,200.50
Actual Tithe: August 1	\$3,953
Actual Tithe: August 8	\$1,669
Actual Tithe: August 15	\$2,614
Actual Tithe: August 22	\$2,978.01
Actual Tithe: August 29	\$1,745

**Announcements:**

\***Volunteers:** We have a need of volunteers for our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY **and** we are looking for volunteers to help with running sound. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY or have any questions about serving in that ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney! If you are interested in volunteering to help with running sound, please see Pastor Jeremy.

\***Fellowship Dinner:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, September 12th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign up to bring something. We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

\***New Members Meeting:** We will be having a New Members Meeting on Sunday, September 19th, immediately following the worship service. If you are interested in being a member, please plan on attending that meeting. If you have any questions concerning church membership, please see Elder Zach.

\***Baptism:** Our next Baptism Service will be Sunday, September 26th. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremy or Pastor Joel.