

“Men That Were Steadfast, Immovable,
and Abounding In The Work of the Lord” (Part 3)
Romans 16:1-16

“Therefore, my beloved brothers (the whole church), be steadfast (firmly situated, anchored), immovable (finish what is started), always abounding (more than what is asked or required) in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor (physical labor) is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

*“Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life...Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. Greet Andronicus and Junia...my fellow prisoners...Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord...Greet one another with a holy kiss.”
(Romans 16:1-16)*

*“[Jesus] is the most magnanimous (generous or forgiving toward a rival or less powerful person) of captains. There never was His like among the choicest of princes. He is always to be found in the thickest part of the battle. When the wind blows cold He always takes the bleak side of the hill. The heaviest end of the cross lies ever on His shoulders. If He bids us carry a burden, He carries it also. If there is anything that is gracious, generous, kind, and tender, yes lavish and super abundant in love, you always find it in Him.”
(C.H. Spurgeon)*

- *What is biblical masculinity?*
 - Lead, Protect, Provide: (Genesis 2:15-3:19 & Ephesians 5:22-33).
 - Gentle strength (Ephesians 5:29-31) and Serving leadership (Ephesians 5:23-28; Matthew 22:36-40).
 - Selfless and sacrificial for the spiritual good of all (Ephesians 5:26-27 & 6:4; Galatians 6:9-10).
- *How do we teach and sustain biblical masculinity?*
 - Sources of education:
 - *The average 8-12 year old spends an average of 5 hours per day on their phones being taught by secular culture. The average 13-18 year old spends 7 hours on their phones per day being taught by secular culture. The average student spends 7 hours per day in school being taught from secular culture. The average child sleeps an average of 9 hours per day, leaving a grand total of 1-3 hours of possible influence from a biblical worldview. Less than 10% of Christian families talk about the Bible/God with their children at least once per week.*

*“Lukewarm Christianity will always produce lukewarm masculinity. If Christian men do not know the Word of God they will teach their children the ways of this world. People want to be passionate about something and our passions contribute greatly to what we teach and what is received.”
(Paul Washer)*

*“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.” (Proverbs 13:20)
“Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they both not fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.” (Luke 6:39-40)
“Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”
(Ephesians 6:4; cf. Deuteronomy 6:5-9)*

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Worship: Psalm 18 (Citizens) Joy to the World (Various Artists) In Tenderness (The Sing Team)

Closing Song: O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer (Sovereign Grace Music)

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

“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.” (Hebrews 13:7)

“For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you then, be imitators of me. That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.” (1 Corinthians 4:15-17)

“And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach also.” (2 Timothy 2:2)

“My son, keep your father’s commandment, and forsake not your mother’s teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. The rod and reproof gives wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother. Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.” (Proverbs 6:20-22 & 29:15 & 18)

“And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

Announcements:

- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Our Christmas Eve service will be THIS Thursday, December 23rd, at 7pm. **As a reminder, there is no childcare for this service!**
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!
- You will see that there are 2 sign-up lists on the back table:
 - **1. CHRISTMAS PARTY:** THIS Thursday, immediately following our Christmas Eve Service, we will be having a Christmas Party together in the gym! Please sign-up to bring a plate of your favorite Christmas Cookies or Dessert to share! Hot chocolate, coffee, and water will be provided! We will also have board games and card games available for everyone to hang out and enjoy this time together at the Christmas Party!
 - **2. NEW YEARS EVE PARTY:** Our annual New Years Eve Party will be on Friday, December 31st, starting at 7pm, at the Scarberry home (455 South 2nd Street). Please sign-up to bring a snack, finger food, or dessert to the party! Again, lots of food, games, and fellowship!