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**W - BEN WRIGHT - GRATEFUL FOR GRACE**

**W - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**

**W - BUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS BEGINS AUG 30 AT 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE.**

**BIRTHDAY:**

Aug 22: Charity Chambers

24: Linda Davidson

# THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

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GRATEFUL FOR GRACE

(Colossians 4:2-4)

**We will be ready to \_\_\_\_\_ for others.**

- A. When we are \_\_\_\_\_ grateful we will seek opportunities to pray to God.
- B. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ in our prayer life.
  - 1. We need to be those that \_\_\_\_\_ pray to God.
  - 2. We ought to view prayer as a \_\_\_\_\_ and a blessing and seek opportunities to go to God in prayer.
- C. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ in our prayer life.
- D. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ in our prayer life.
  - 1. Paul said “watch in the same with \_\_\_\_\_”
  - 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God should cause us to be thankful.
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ never cease so thanks should not either.
- E. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ about others in our prayer life.
  - 1. We often think about the personal nature of prayer but there is also the concept of the \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of Christianity.
  - 2. There are times when our words to one \_\_\_\_\_ can’t help them but our words to God on their behalf can.

**I. We will be ready to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Paul had a great desire for \_\_\_\_\_ to preach the gospel.
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ is we possess the most important and greatest message on the face of the earth.
- C. However, it is \_\_\_\_\_ if we don’t use opportunities to spread it.
- D. Notice Colossians 4:4 - there is a proper way to \_\_\_\_\_ this word.
  - 1. It needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ spoken - meaning of the word “manifest.”
  - 2. It needs to be spoken \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:19-20).
  - 3. It needs to be spoken in \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:15).

**II. We will be ready to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Colossians 4:3 - “for which I am also in bonds.”
- B. Paul was in prison for preaching the gospel and he still desired to preach it even \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The gospel message is called the “gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God” (Acts 20:24).
  - 1. This message of grace can sustain us in \_\_\_\_\_ times.
  - 2. It gives us comfort and joy to read the words of God and know that He \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- D. When Satan tries to lead us away from God, a heart \_\_\_\_\_ with gratefulness for God’s grace will help us defeat Satan.
- E. Do we inspire others by our faith or \_\_\_\_\_ them by our fear?

**The Remedy for Judging  
Wendell Winkler**

- ) Love. Love is always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient (1 Corinthians 13:7; cf. 1 Peter 4:8). The faults of others will appear thick if our love for them is thin.**
- ) Consider how despicable it is. Matthew 7:3 suggests the censorious judge anxiously looks for a fault upon which to pounce. He is a “picker.” How despicable! The critic is always motivated by improper motives (John 12:4-6).**
- ) Practice the golden rule (Matthew 7:12). Substituting “think and judge” for “do” in this passage makes it read, “Whatever ye would that man should think and judge of you, do ye even so to them.” This would eliminate unkind censoring.**
- ) Examine self (1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5). Upon examining self we will see that “there is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it little behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us.” So, when looking for faults, use a mirror and not a telescope.**
- ) Look for the good in others. Though Paul was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and injurious, God saw in him the possibility of being a chosen vessel and minister (1 Timothy 1:13; Acts 9:15; Acts 26:16). Be like the bee and concentrate on the sweet and beautiful, rather than like the buzzard who concentrates on the dead and the foul. Though the dog was ugly and mangy the little child said, “But he wags his tail.” Let us not concentrate exclusively on the one small black dot on the white sheet of paper, and fail to see and appreciate all the white surface that remains unmarred. Be a Barnabas and see the good in others (Acts 9:26-31; Acts 15:36-41).**
- ) Ask God for help in overcoming this sin. It is not accidental that “ask, and it shall be given you” immediately follows the Lord’s classic text on judging (Matthew 7:7).**
- 7) Consider how much hurt you inflict. The sharp barbs of criticism wound and discourage. Too, they destroy the victim’s reputation, that upon which his influence is predicated, resulting in his potential for good being seriously hampered.**
- ) Consider the fact that the victim is your brother (Matthew 7:3-5; James 4:11-12). Judging is contrary to the very spirit of brotherhood.**
- ) Put yourself in the other person’s shoes. The old Indian prayed, “Great Spirit, help me never to judge Indian brother until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins.” Ezekiel sat where others sat before warning them (Ezekiel 3:15-17).**
- 8) Remember that our judgments are often wrong (1 Samuel 16:6-13). Eliab misjudged the motives of David (1 Samuel 17:28-29). Lysias misjudged Paul (Acts 21:37-38). Nathanael was wrong in his judgment about Jesus of Nazareth (John 1:46).**
- 1) Consider what judging will do to you: (a) It will blind you to your own faults (Matthew 7:1-6; Luke 18:9-14). This makes repentance and confession impossible (Acts 8:22; John 1:8-10). (b) It will destroy your friends. Picking your friends to pieces makes**

hem come to loathe you. (c) It will put your eyes out to the beauty and virtues of others.(d) It will rob you of happiness. No one can live happily and meaningfully on a diet of negatives.

(from Heart Diseases and Their Cure)