

“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”
2 Timothy 2:22

September 10th, 2023 - Why Self-Honesty is So Hard



I heard a great story this week about a man who went to the doctor for a routine physical. He said, “Doc I’m doing well, but I’m really concerned about my wife. I think she has a serious problem with her hearing. Sometimes I find myself shouting to her from across the room and she still can’t hear me.” The doctor said, “Okay, well if she schedules an appointment I’d be glad to examine her. But before she comes, I want you to run a test on her to see how bad she’s gotten. Next time she’s cooking something, stand 15 feet away and ask, ‘What are you cooking?’ If you get no response, move to 10 feet and ask again, then to 5 feet and, if need be, get in right up close to her ear.” The man went home and the next day while his wife was cooking, he stood 15 feet away and asked, “What are you cooking?” No response. From 10 feet, “What are you cooking?” Nothing. From 5 feet, still nothing. Finally, he gets right up in her ear and asks, “What are you cooking?” With a look of frustration, she yells, “For the 4th time, I’m cooking vegetable stew!!”

Whoops! Turns out, *she* wasn’t the one with the hearing problem! In **Matthew 7:3**, Jesus asks, “*Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?*” When there’s a problem in our relationships, it’s amazing how much easier it is to assume the problem is with the *other* person. But Jesus wants us to hold up a mirror and examine ourselves first. The problem is, it’s so hard to be honest about our role in a conflict because:

1) We may have never been confronted about our sinful attitudes or behavior. This can happen when we’re single and not around people as much. Or, if we’re scary to approach, people may keep quiet around us. Proverbs 27:5 says, “*Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed.*” If no one ever loves us enough to rebuke us, our character flaws stay hidden from view. So when there’s friction in a relationship, it’s easier to assume it must be something wrong with *them*.

2) We’re way more charitable with our own mistakes than we are with the mistakes of others. When the prophet Nathan told David a story about a rich man who stole a poor man’s only lamb, David was furious and said, “This man deserves to die!” (2 Samuel 12:1-6). Apparently, he was much more charitable towards his theft of another man’s wife. Surely he didn’t deserve to die for that, right? There must have been a good reason for it, I mean, she shouldn’t have been bathing on that rooftop, right? If I cut someone off in traffic, it’s because my blindspot wasn’t working properly. If someone cuts me off, it’s because they’re heartless, incompetent and their license should be revoked. If I ignore someone in the lobby at PSD, it’s because I just didn’t see them standing there. If someone ignores me, it must be because they hate me. See? We’re so much more charitable and understanding when we make a mistake, which means it’s harder to believe our mistake could have possibly hurt someone. How could they possibly be hurt or offended by innocent ol’ me? On the other hand, because I’m less charitable toward them, it’s obvious to see how they hurt me. Jesus warns against this too when He says, “*In the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of judgment, it will be measured to you.*” (Matt. 7:2)

3) It’s easier for them to change than for me to change. I imagine even before that test, the husband in the story above had hints he was the one with the problem. It’s just that he wanted his wife to make the change. He didn’t want to go through that himself. If I acknowledge my role in the conflict, it means I need the humility to make the first move and go apologize, and I need to change. If I assign all the fault to them, it requires nothing of me. Jesus says, “*If your brother has something against you, leave your offering at the altar and go be reconciled.*” (Matt. 5:23-24). Jesus tells us to make the first move. Even if it’s not my fault, they have something against me and I need to be honest about any potential role I played and go.

We may not think we’re the ones with the hearing problem, but did you hear that?

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Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord’s Supper Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Elders

Herb Hinely 407-339-4805
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Matt Hinely, Terry Petty
Erik Quist, Rory Salimbene
Emory VanCleaf
Bobby Burns, Daniel Fritz

Evangelists

Brian Messerli 407-300-2517
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1. Removing Body Parts?

- **Matthew 5:27-30**
- If we take it literally, removing limbs does nothing to change the _____.
- **Point:** We must remove sinful influences in radical ways, even if it's _____ painful!
 - **Acts 19:18-20** - People "kept coming" and burning their _____ books
 - **Motivation (Matt. 5:29):** It may be painful, but it's FAR less painful than ending up in _____! (**Mk. 9:43**)
 - **Serious Question:** What needs to be surgically, painfully, removed from my life because it's causing me to sin?
 - They must GO, even if it hurts A LOT, because it'll hurt a LOT LESS than being _____ from God for all eternity!

2. _____ My Family?

- **Luke 14:25-26**
- **Context:** Counting the _____ of our commitment. (**v. 27-30**)
 - Following Jesus may cost our relationship with our own family.
 - **Point:** We love Jesus so deeply it's _____ we hate our families by comparison (**Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:34-37**)
 - **Serious Question:** Are you allowing your family to keep you from following Jesus?
 - Put Jesus first.

3. _____ Things for which we Pray and Ask?

- **Mark 11:20-26**
- If we take Him literally, where would be the limit on answered requests?
 - **Point:** Jesus is emphasizing the POWER OF _____ in prayer
 - Mountains in Scripture are symbols of earthly powers/kingdoms that get in God's way
 - "Cast into the sea" = judgment language (**e.g. Mk. 5:13; 9:42; Rev. 8:8**)
 - Jesus isn't really talking about ALL requests generally, but requests to _____ obstacles in the way of our service to Him!

Announcements

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Please email all new announcements to announcements@psd.church.

MEMBERS' HEALTH ISSUES:

Clara Hutchinson is back in her home in Altamonte Springs. The address is 533 East Citrus Street, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32751. No visitors after 6:00 PM.

Patsy Holt: "My heart is still doing some temporary rapid beats. So far, not enough to send me to the hospital. I have an appointment to get a lung and heart CT in preparation for the Ablation. Thanks for the continued prayers!"

Tom Raucheggar's results from his recent colonoscopy biopsy came back negative for cancer. Since the lesion is relatively large and there's a lot of inflammation his doctor is sending him to another specialist for an additional colonoscopy, in order to see if the lesion needs to be removed or treated as a preventative measure.

Terry Petty sick with strep throat.

David Rubright is to have his left hip replaced on Monday, October 16 by Dr Dean Cole at Orlando health

Herb Hinely is suffering from a bad cold, coughing, congestion, etc. and is staying home from worship today.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

Friends of Cindy Vanlandingham, the Waters Family, have a little boy named Miller who slipped off a bar stool and hit the ceramic tile. He was rushed to the ER and has been having seizures, fevers, and pneumonia. He's intubated right now and the family is asking for urgent prayers for Miller. His parents are Julie and Bishop.

John Allen (age 97), Mike Allen's father, is at home recovering from brain surgery to alleviate pain in his Jaw. His recovery has met with some challenges: unsteady on his feet and lower energy. Some of this may be due to his medications. He has an appointment on the 29th to see his surgeon. Please keep John in your prayers.

TRAVELING:

Mike Allen is in Ft Worth, Texas for work.

Aaron McKibben will be out of town next week for work. Traveling to San Dimas CA, leaving Monday morning 9/11, and returning Friday night 9/15. Prayers requested for safe travels.

SHUT-IN:

Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Lynna Davis, Pat Steele, Bea DeBoe, Jim Cummings, and Clara Hutchinson

OTHER:

Steven Rubright is now worshipping with the Fortune Road church of Christ and no longer considers himself to be a member of PSD.

Calendar

September 10, 2023

September

- **Saturday, September 9th** – Elders Meeting at 9am
- **Sunday, September 10th** – RTL 2:30pm

SPECIAL SERIES WITH MATT HENNECKE

- **Friday, September 15th at 7-9 pm**
- **Saturday, September 16th at 10 am-12 pm**
 - **12:30 p.m.** Cookout: hamburgers, hotdogs and ice cream at the Gandy's.
 - **Saturday, September 16th at 3 pm** Shepherds, Deacons and Preachers meet with Matt
- **Sunday, September 24th** – Visitor's Sunday. "Jesus Teacher of teachers", postcards are available in the foyer.

October

- **Sunday, October 1st** – H2H Fall Session begins
- **Sunday, October 8th** – Elders/Deacons/Preacher Meeting at 2:30 pm

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Do you need a ride? Don't let transportation keep you at home. If you need a ride to any service, H2H, RTL, or other gathering, coordinate your ride with Rory.
(Please let Rory know if you are able and willing to provide and help with transportation)

Giving to God

For our visitors, we are encouraged by your attendance, but we do not seek your money as the collection is a work of the members here. If you choose to give, there are a few options to do so:

- A collection is taken up after the prayer of praise is given in the third hour of our worship on Sunday mornings.
- There is a collection box in between the doors in the foyer into which you can place your contribution.
- A check can be sent to the building at 620 Palm Springs Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
- You may use Zelle to give your contribution. One option is to go to your bank's app and log in to initiate a Zelle payment. Please use psdgiving@gmail.com as the payee.