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The Lighthouse

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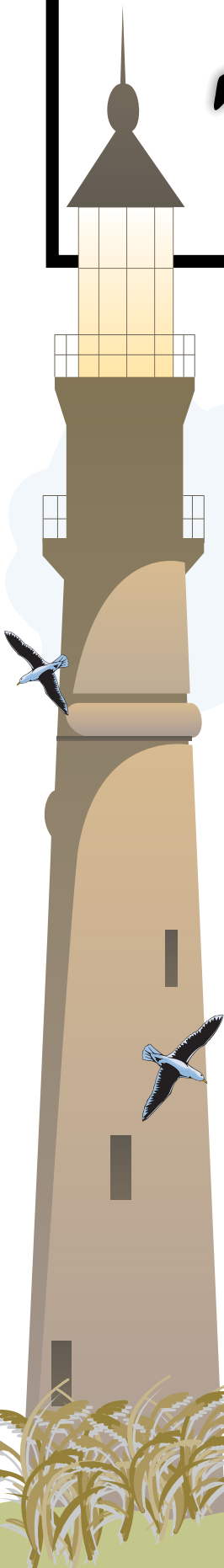
containing the sins most incident to the members of particular churches plainly forbidden in the Word, and for which God sets marks of his displeasure on them and, secondly, the duties required of them in Scripture, in the conscientious discharge thereof, they receive the noticeable fruits of his favor.

By John Flavel (English Puritan, 1628-1691)

Modernized by Tim Horn

Sins to be Avoided by Church Members

- I. The first, and more general sin of church members, is a deficiency in their care and circumspection to prevent all just offenses to those who are outside the church. By a careless disregard of this rule, we harden the wicked in their sins, bring guilt upon ourselves, and bring reproach upon the name and ways of God. (Colossians 4:5)
- II. The second, and more particular sin of some church members, is idleness, and neglect of their civil callings. This brings poverty on themselves, and scandal on religion. (2 Thessalonians 3:11–12)
- III. The third sin is gossip, and revealing the secrets of families and persons; from which much strife arises to the cooling and quenching of mutual love. (Leviticus 19:16 1 Timothy 5:13)
- IV. The fourth sin is easily believing gossip, and jumping to judgmental conclusions. This we ought not to do against the least members. This strikes at the bond of peace. (2 Corinthians 12:20, 1 Timothy 5:19)
- V. The fifth sin is in their neglect of God's ordinances for no good reason; when they are neither prevented by works of necessity or mercy. Trivial matters should divert no Christian from attending upon God's ordinances. (Hebrews 10:25)
- VI. The sixth sin is a lack of zeal for God's ordinances, manifested in their negligent participation; unlike the zeal they had when they first became Christians. (Psalm 122:1, Galatians 4:15)
- VII. The seventh sin is irreverence, and a lack of seriousness under ordinances. (Psalm 89:7, Ecclesiastes 5:1)
- VIII. The eighth sin is the neglect of giving and taking due reproofs from each other. (Leviticus 19:17, Matthew 18:15, Psalm 141:5)



IX. The ninth sin is not dealing with mutual strife and animosity seasonably and prudently between themselves, but scandalously exposing conflicts to the view of the world. (1 Corinthians 6:5-6)

X. The tenth sin is self-centeredness. (Philippians 2:21, 2 Corinthians 11:29)

Duties to be Accomplished by Church Members

I. Their first duty is to be often together in acts of Christian communion. Such meetings for prayers, sermon reflection, and Christian conference, greatly enhance mutual edification which is the principal intention of Christian fellowship. (Malachi 3:16, Ephesians 4:16)

II. Their second duty is to follow and back the great design of the gospel in the world, and assist the public ministry by their private and prudent seeking the conversion of the carnal and careless world. (Philippians 4:3, Romans 15:30)

III. Their third duty is humble condescension to the weaknesses of their weaker brethren, and denying themselves in what they can, without sin; so that they give them no offense. (Romans 15:1-2)

IV. Their fourth duty is to be exceedingly sensitive concerning the church's unity; in judgment, love, and practice; avoiding (as much as possible, and as far as the gospel rule allows) all causes and occasions of division and separation. (Romans 16:17, Philippians 2:1-2)

V. Their fifth duty is a respectful carriage towards the humblest Christian, and to have higher esteem of others than themselves. External things make no difference with Christ. (Romans 12:10, Galatians 3:28, Ephesians 5:21)

VI. Their sixth duty is to meekly receive reproofs from each other for their sins, especially when the matter is just, and the manner of delivering it correct. (Psalm 141:5)

VII. Their seventh duty is to share their spiritual stock of gifts, graces, and experiences to fellow believers - not interfering with the public ministry of the officers; nor by sinful partiality including some, and excluding others (to whom it is as due, and who may have more need) from the benefit of the gifts, graces, and experiences. (1 Peter 4:10, 1 Timothy 5:21)

VIII. Their eighth duty is to cheerfully share their outward good things for the relief of their brethren; to enable them to be diligent in their callings; and especially to make comfortable provision for their ministers, not by way of courtesy but duty. (Hebrews 13:16, Ephesians 4:28, 1 Corinthians 9:14)

IX. Their ninth duty is, not only to relieve the distressed members of Christ, but to seek out and visit them; to know their spiritual and temporal wants in order to fully discharge that duty. (James 1:27)

X. Their tenth duty is to assign positive motives upon the dubious words and actions of others; to always give people the benefit of the doubt. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

Benefits of Walking by These Rules

I. Strict and heedful attendance to these rules, will put a luster upon religion before the world, and make it glorious in the eyes of those who now despise it. (Titus 2:10)

II. This will attract and win the world over to Christ, and wonderfully prosper and further the design of the gospel. (Philippians 2:15-16)

III. This will effectually stop the mouths of all detracting and blaspheming enemies of religion. (1 Peter 2:15)

IV. This will eminently glorify God, which is the ultimate end of our beings. (Matthew 5:16)

V. This will fill the people of God (by way of evidence) with much inward peace. (Galatians 6:16)

VI. This will secure the presence of God with us and among us; resulting both in the effectiveness of ordinances, and the stability and glory of the churches. (Revelation 2:1,5)

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Prayer and Praise

Jody Collinge

August 20, 2024



Praise God for the beauty of his creation.

Travels:

September 20: To Seoul, South Korea for the Fourth Lausanne Congress.

September 30: Back to Zihuatanejo

Prayer and Praise:

1. I have been enjoying living at the base of the Christian Health Service Corps (CHSC) east of Dallas. During the early mornings, I often walk around the property and enjoy the trails around the ponds. And thank God that the cabin is nearly finished! (But you have heard that for a few while.) Many thanks to all the people who have been working on this.

2. One of my prayer requests for this time in Texas was to find a good nearby church. And the Lord provided two!

- Stonewood Church is a lively, solidly Biblical church in Edgewood, TX.
- Iglesia Bautista la Fe is a small but very friendly Hispanic church with good teaching.



3. The CHE training in Malawi went very well. About 50 people came for the training, led by Sammy and Jo and hosted by Greyson. Pray that they will now put this in practice. Pray that children, families and communities will be transformed by Christ.

4. Jo writes from Kenya, "In April this year Kenya experienced a disastrous flooding that had never been seen before (at least not in my lifetime). This calamity affected the communities (people) we are reaching in Garissa and Narok. Palm Ministries responded with acts of love by providing food, mattresses, cooking stoves, blankets, shelters to the suffering. This has resulted to a discipleship movements among the women and youth! Sports ministry was born where teens and youth are being ministered to both in Narok and Garissa. Women groups as well where women meet on weekly basis to hear the gospel and learn. And every month the teams are being formed. Praise the Lord!" Praise God that disastrous flooding led to a great outpouring of the gospel.

5. In September, I will head to South Korea (Dios mediante--Lord willing) for the Fourth Lausanne Council on World Evangelization. As they describe it, "In a landmark event that unites over 10,000 men and women from diverse backgrounds to consider gaps and opportunities in global mission, the global church converges in Incheon, South Korea for the Fourth Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization." Pray for safe travels and for a wonderful time of fellowship, uniting with friends and new friends from all over the world and working together to share Christ and make disciples in every nation.

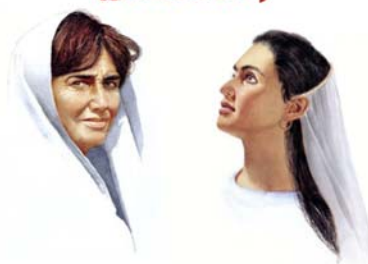


The Fourth Lausanne Congress will be catalytic in advancing the Movement's fourfold vision – the gospel for every person, disciple-making churches for every people and place, Christ-like leaders for every church and sector, and kingdom impact in every sphere of society.

6. After Lausanne, I will head back to Zihuatanejo! Please pray for God's wisdom in knowing how to divide my time between Zihyatanejo and Texas. Please continue to pray for a new pastor for Ixtapa Christian Fellowship.

7. Would you like to take part in an online inductive (discover-for-yourself) Bible study on Women of the New Testament? Let me know if you are interested. We will begin on October 1st.

**CAPTIVATING
WOMEN
OF THE NEW
TESTAMENT
(part one)**



¡Muchas gracias!

Many thanks to God for the gift of his Son. Pray that He may be glorified through all this. And thanks to you for your prayers, encouragement, and support! Let me know how I can be praying for you.

With love,

Jody

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Please designate that they are for my support. Thanks!

Men's Bible Study

Our men's Bible study group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. On September 16th, we'll be starting a new study: ***The Necessity of Reforming the Church*** by Dr. W. Robert Godfrey. Dr. Godfrey uses insights from the writings of John Calvin to teach that the work of reforming the church must continue in our own day.

Join us for great teaching, great discussion, and **gourmet espresso** (regular and decaf)!

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Fran Handel 1st

Margaret Fore 17th

Chris Smith 5th

Tammy Turney 20th

Michael Venning 7th

Ashley VanderKooy 20th

Phil Pennington 11th

Peter Blakeney 27th

Rachael Venning 12th

Dates to Remember for September

Sept 1 Communion.

Sept 2 Church Office will be closed for Labor Day.

Sept 7 Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sept 8 Monthly luncheon after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share.

Sept 10 Grace Presbytery will meet in Collins, MS. Please be in prayer for this meeting.

Sept 11 Women in the Church Circle meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Come prepared to share something that was meaningful to you from the study. Bring food to share and we will enjoy lunch / brunch together afterwards.

Sept 11 Women in the Church Leadership meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

Sept 16 Deacons meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sept 18 Women in the Church Bible study begins at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. The study will be on the book of Exodus, led by Sarah Horn.

Sept 21 Baby Shower for Chris Smith at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. All women invited. Chris is due in October and is registered at Amazon.

Sept 21 Women in the Church Fall Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All members are asked to bring your favorite salad to share.

Sept 24 Session Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.



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