



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Sunday

Bible Study 10 am
Worship Service 10:45 am
Worship Service 6 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:30 pm

Monday

Ladies class 10:00 a.m.

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WE NEED MORE "GIFTS" LIKE MOM

We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property, or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things other kids did.

Sundays were reserved for church, and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays. Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. I think that's what is wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean moms anymore.

Phil Adams

NO ERRORS HERE

The longer I exist as a living human being, the zenith of all of God's creation, the more mistakes I realize I make. With God's Word, however, there are no errors. God's Word is truth. *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."* **(John 17:17)**. God's Word does not make mistakes. The Bible is God's Word and God does not lie. *"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."* **(Hebrews 6:18)**. This tells us that there can be no error in the Bible.

Because the Bible is without error, it fulfills all of man's needs. *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."* **(II Timothy 3:16-17)** The Bible teaches us that if we wish to be saved, we must obey this truth, the doctrine of the Bible. Paul wrote, *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness"* **(Romans 6:16-18)**.

The Bible is inspired and authoritative, and should be accepted by all men. **(II Peter 1:3)**. The entire Bible provides instruction, doctrine, reproof and correction. **(II Timothy 3:16-17)**. Everything that we need to know concerning life and godliness are contained within its pages **(II Peter 1:3)**. The Holy Bible is a lamp and a light **(Psalm 119:105)**. We are all going to be judged by the Word of God. *"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day"* **(John 12:48)**. Let us follow the Truth. Let us obey the Bible. It contains no error.

Jeff Stacy