



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

May 24, 2015

P.O. Box 416
129 S. Chamberlain Ave.
Rockwood, TN 37854
865-354-0855

Elders:

Dana Carter
Kenneth Carter
Don Chandler

Deacons:

Kendall Bear
Larry Brackett
Roger Carter
Steve McCreary

Minister:

Kirby Hinds

Secretary:

Susan Chandler

Service Times:

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.

Email:

rockwdcc@gmail.com

Website:

Rockwoodchurchofchrist.com

HABITS ARE FIRST COBWEBS, THEN CABLES

There is an old saying, "Habits are first cobwebs, then cables." We have all experienced how true this proverb is. Some habits are ridiculously tough to form and others nearly impossible to break. If we continue building our habits, they can turn to addictions. This can either be wonderful or terrible.

In **I Corinthians 6:12** Paul said, "*All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.*" Clearly Paul is talking about being mastered by those habits which bring us away from God. While nothing should master, there is Someone who should be our master.

Have our habits mastered us? Do we have habits that have become addictions? Are we in control or are our desires and habits? Many in this life cannot go a day without smoking cigarettes. Some cannot resist the urge to drink alcohol. Others are being mastered by TV, music, video games. There are so many other items we could add to this list.

What is mastering you? Is it chaining you to the Master, or chaining you to the world? Too many have cobwebs between them and God, and steel cables between them and the world. Let's take a good look at ourselves and see what destructive habits we may have in our lives. It's time to tear through those destructive cables. Instead, let's form good, godly habits. Let's build unbreakable cables that connect us to God.

Brett Petrillo

ATTITUDE

Attitude has so much to do with living the Christian life. A negative attitude will cause one to be overly critical and to see only the dark side of life. Such a perspective can be very depressing. When we see only the bad, we cease to experience the joys of being a Christian.

Our focus should be on the positive. Just look around. See our wonderful world as it was created by God. The sunrise, the majestic mountains, the rivers and oceans, the beautiful flowers, and trees, and all the magnificent wonders of the world were given to us by God to enjoy. What a great love God has for mankind! We are such a blessed people. How can we help but be happy?

The positive Christian has hope burning like a flame in his heart. He has learned from God's word about His love for His children and he knows the great price God paid for all of us, not just for His children, but for all the souls of the whole world.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life"
(John 3:16).

Knowing such a price was paid for us, we cannot help but be joyful and confident that, if we remain faithful, we will receive that crown of life that has been promised **(Revelation 2:10)**.

Another of the beauties and joys of this life is the Christian home. A truly Christian home is one with loving, godly parents who are working together to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Such a home has members who desire to spend eternity together in heaven. To achieve this marvelous goal, this family spends time studying together in order to be familiar with God's road map to heaven.

Yes, attitude can make the difference between being saved or being lost. We are the light of the world, a city set on a hill **(Matthew 5:14)**. Let's be sure the world knows that we are happy to be Christians!

Dale Grissom