



Pastor Note:

"Don't do it!"

You probably have never been told that, but I am quite familiar with the phrase. Like the day after my gall bladder surgery when I thought I was feeling good enough to work a little on the barn my daughter and I were building. I chose to ignore multiple "Don't do it(s)!" and promptly fell off a ladder and broke several ribs.

"Don't do it, Dad!" my wise son told me at the dinner table. He had correctly discerned that I was about to say something that shouldn't be said, something that would ruin a nice family dinner. But the words were already too far down the pipeline running from my mind and heart to my mouth. He was right, I shouldn't have.

"Don't do it!" "DON'T do it!" "Don't do IT!" "DON'T DO IT!"

"But I'm just gonna ..." "I'll be really quick, I promise." "I know what I'm doing." "A little more can't hurt." "You don't know what you're talking about." "Hey, so what, I feel like doing it." "You're always so negative." "I'm just trying to have little fun."

I'm also familiar with the opposite side, having my "Don't do it(s)" ignored, laughed at, go in one ear and out the other. At some point, you just give up, some people just have to learn the hard way. Just remember, "I told you so."

The best way to navigate life, and the only way to navigate the Christian life, is to walk by, follow, listen to, and be continually filled with the Holy Spirit, "walk by the Spirit;" "be filled with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 5:18). Everyone who has put their faith in Jesus Christ can be confident that the Holy Spirit will communicate with our heart, mind, spirit, and conscience. What our stubborn hearts have to learn is that the Holy Spirit knows more than

we do, that He is wiser than us, that His insight and foresight are infinitely greater than ours. So, when we hear the Spirit of God tell us, "Do this," or "Don't do it," the very best course of action is to promptly comply with His instruction, regardless of our opinion and desires.

When it comes to life in and with the Holy Spirit, a life of faith and spiritual growth, there are two important don'ts, "Don't grieve the Holy Spirit of God," "Don't quench the Spirit" (Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:19). Don't grieve, bring sorrow to, make sad the Spirit of God by resisting the transformation He wants to work within you. Don't quench, put out, extinguish, dampen, or hinder the work of the Holy Spirit with behaviors, habits, and practices that are contrary to what He is telling you to embrace.

My body, memories, and past have scars caused by me listening to my stubbornness, hubris, and sinful desires instead of heeding the good and faithful voice of the Holy Spirit. It wouldn't be so bad if the scars were just confined to myself, but my refusal to hear the "Don't do it(s)!" and ignoring the "Do this(es)!" have wounded and scarred too many others.

"Don't do it!"

Don't ever grieve or quench the Holy Spirit, but listen to Him, obey Him, rejoice in Him, and yearn for more of Him in your life.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Shirley Wolfenbarger, Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Rickie Jeffers, Willis Parrish, Lee (Carolyn Jeffers father in law), Russ Young, Saying good-bye to Jackie Martin (Safe Travels), that we do actually SHARE.

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy, Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Mike Sharland, Noah Martin, Rebekah Wilhelmy, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Dylan Werner, Brian Sula, Michael Thomasson, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or an e-mail to: **BATTprayer@yahoo.com**

Prayers:			

Sermon Notes:



Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM 11:00 A.M.
- Communion Sunday Today

Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided By - "Hans"

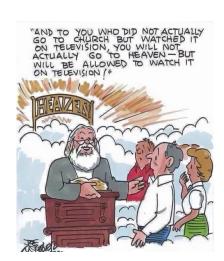
Thank you

Next week Dan's class is up!!

- Don't forget to check out the sermon on our
- website: ldpbaptistchurch.com
- for you and your whole family.

 Maybe even a neighbor;

A Bit of Humor Corner



Giving

May 21, 2023

Offering: \$5,782.00

Facilities: \$50.00

Food: \$20.00

Women's Bible Study: \$7.00

Attendance: 94

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday Food Ministry:

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM Grief Share - 6:30 PM (On Hiatus)

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM



May 29th - June 4th

DAY 1 - 1 Cor. 8	DAY 4 - 1 Cor. 11
(Proverbs 29)	(Psalms 59)
DAY 2 - 1 Cor. 9	DAY 5 - 1 Cor. 12
(Proverbs 30)	(Psalms 60)
DAY 3 - 1 Cor. 10	DAY 6 - (Psalms 61)
(Proverbs 31)	DAY 7 - (Psalms 62)

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1 Timothy 6:18

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.