



January 22, 2023

## Pastor Note:

What we do in the present both affects and determines our future. What we do with what we have, especially if we have more than enough, says a lot about us, our faith, and what we think life is all about.

Billionaire J.P. Getty was infamous for being a tightwad, he even installed a pay phone in his house for guests to use. He also was world famous for his vast collection of art and his failures when it came to marriage and family. "Getty was quoted as saying 'A lasting relationship with a woman is only possible if you are a business failure,' and, 'I hate to be a failure. I hate and regret the failure of my marriages. I would gladly give all my millions for just one lasting marital success.'" ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J.\\_Paul\\_Getty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._Paul_Getty)). He obviously had a grasp on the economy of money, but he had no understanding of the economy of God and true and eternal riches.

In God's economy, love is the highest value, so the two supreme commands are to totally love God and to love our neighbor, "**The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'** The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these" Mark 12:29-31 (NLT2). Jesus raises the standard of the second commandment "**as yourself,**" when He tells His disciples to "**love one another, as I have loved you**" (John 13:34). This, of course, has real-world implications regarding everything we have and how we use it.

1. If I want to keep the commandment of totally loving God then I have to manage everything in a way that pleases Him, it has to accomplish His will. John 14:15 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19 are very clear statements in this regard, "**If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.**" "**Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed**" (NASB).
2. If I want to keep the commandments of loving my neighbor, people, like Jesus, then I have to embrace a completely different lifestyle,

where generosity and sharing are not just occasional but the norm. I will need a mentality that thinks of giving as better than keeping, that believes making others' lives better is a greater aesthetic than the world's finest art. "**You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich**" 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT2).

Having settled the above I need to learn and grow in:

- Godliness and Christlikeness (1 Timothy 6:3-16). They are acquired through obedience exhibited in concrete actions, dos and don'ts. Godliness and Christlikeness refuse to manipulate God and instead live in continual surrender to God, the leading of the Holy Spirit, and the truth of the Word of God (the Bible).
- Contentment. "**Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.** **After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content**" 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT2). discontentment has a tremendous appetite, it is never satisfied, it continually hungers for more, better, and newer. It has little regard for sharing, others, and the future, not to speak of eternity. The good news is that I can learn contentment (Philippians 4:11).
- Faith. I have to trust God that living the Jesus lifestyle is the best way to live. I need to be convinced of and believe that living by His commands is both better and blessed. That giving and sharing, that doing with less in order to bless, that converting earthly treasure into heavenly riches is the right and superior way to live. I need to live in the confidence that God will supply all my needs and will enable me to do what He commanded, what He deems right, good, and best.

So, share away. Be generous to the extent you'll be in danger of being accused of being too much like Jesus.

Love you, Pastor Hans



# Lord Hear Our Prayers

## PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Shirley Wolfenbarger,  
Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Russ Young, Gabi Cox  
Judi Sayers, Family and Friends, Our Church's Ministries,  
Our community, that we do actually SHARE.

## SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,  
Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy,  
Shyrlie 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:

**Mark your calendar !!!!**

**Sunday**

**January 29, 3:00 pm.**

## Multi-Church Worship and Potluck

Village Christian Fellowship in Empire

(VCF, 5216 Yosemite Blvd, Modesto, CA 95357).

This is an opportunity to encourage another church. They almost had to close their doors and are trying to rebuild. There will be singing, testimonies, a message, praying together, and fellowship that allows us to get to know people from other churches. I hope you plan on going.

## Being a Church that Cares Well

Training coming soon...

Why?

"The American church is facing an abuse crisis. Is your church doing all it can to be safe for survivors and safe from abuse? Churches should be a refuge for those who have experienced abuse. But, too often, survivors haven't found the protection they deserve and the care they need from the church. Are you ready to join us in changing that?"

Yes. We are committed to being a safe place for everyone from babies to elderly and we will continue to keep ourselves educated and trained in order to be able to love, love, love. In order for that we will have once-a-month trainings for 4 months for our church staff, Deacons, Board, Children and Youth Leaders, Women's Leaders, Men's Leader, and Food Basket Leaders, and any other adult that may be interested in attending. Each meeting will be at the church from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Meeting 1: 2/13/23

Meeting 2: 3/13/23

Meeting 3: 4/10/23

Meeting 4: 5/08/23

The videos are survivor stories, educational training, and explaining why the church's response to abuse is a Gospel issue (meeting #1).

In addition to providing these monthly meetings, our leaders and administration will commit to protecting our children and church by training as Mandated Reporters and have a live scan background check.

If you would like to join our monthly meetings, please let Susie Frei know so there is a seat for you ([skfrei@gmail.com](mailto:skfrei@gmail.com) or 209-247-9234) or let Jannett know.

# January Announcements

## 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 - January 22nd

Fellowship Time Snacks  
were provided

By - Beverly's class & The Youth

**Thank you**

*Next week Merle's class is up!!*

A Bit of  
Humor  
Corner



"Great, our first cruise and it rains for 40 days and nights."

## Giving

**January 15, 2023**

**Offering:**  
\$4,724.00

**Food**  
\$10.00

**Facilities:**  
\$.00

**Attendance:**  
85

## 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 PM

### Wednesday:

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

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## January 23rd thru January 29th

DAY 1 - John 16  
(Proverbs 23)

DAY 4 - John 19  
(Proverbs 26)

DAY 2—John 17  
(Proverbs 24)

DAY 5 - John 20  
(Proverbs 27)

DAY 3 - John 18  
(Proverbs 25)

DAY 6 -(Proverbs 28)  
DAY 7 -(Proverbs 29)

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.