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**Beginning Our 66th Year Dec. 3, 2023**

**GOALS FOR 2024**  
**Theme**  
**“Respecting Bible Authority!”**

- Giving:** Meet Our Yearly Budget
- Invitations:** 130
- Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading
- Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer
- Every Member Committed To Each Assembly
- Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
- Hold A Men’s Training Class
- Hold One Gospel Meeting
- Converting 10 People Per Month

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Luke Capps  
 will be preaching today.

**We are on week # 9 of our daily Bible reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Mary McAfee, Sharon Nale, Polly Ward, Macon Ward, Debby Spears (Roseanna’s sis) Sharon Thompson, Beth McFarland, Pam Caudill  
 Brooke Thomas, Cathie Hall  
 Debbie Lewellen, John Kelly (Rob’s brother), Peter Hunt, Condolences to Thompson family, Kahl and Metcalf families

**This Month**  
 Phil. 1:1, 1 Tim. 3:1-15  
 Authority: Church Organization

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord’s Supper Reading**  
 1 Peter 2:21-24

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Psalm 127:1  
 PM: 1 Timothy 5:8

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month 20  
 Invites last month: 8  
 Visitors YTD:

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Our Theme for 2024...  
**“Respecting Bible Authority”**  
 Matt. 28:18  
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**A Family United (Psalm 127:1)**

**Introduction**

- A. God makes clear that the family unit is to be held in honor.**
- B. Even from a worldly standpoint, it is critical to our society.**
- C. God wants His family to be united through Him and Him alone!**

**I. God’s Use of the Family**

- A. God instituted the family unit—all relationships (Gen. 2:18-24).**
- B. He treats it as critically necessary (1 Tim. 5:8).**
- C. He uses the family unit to teach more important lessons about the church (Eph. 5:31-33).**

**II. How Does This Affect The Church?**

- A. It affects our view of the church (Mk. 3:31-35).**
- B. It affects our behavior in the church (1 Tim. 5:1-2).**
- C. It affects our “training in righteousness” (1 Tim. 3:4-5; cf. 2 Tim. 3:16).**
- D. It affects the state of the Church!**

**Welcome!**  
 If you’re visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we’re interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32. The truth He’s talking about is God’s word. Jesus said, “Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth.” John 17:17. Therefore we hope you’ll appreciate that we’ll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, 1 Pet. 4:11.

**VISITORS**  
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# Able... But Unwilling

1 Timothy 5:8

## Introduction

- A. We hear this phrase from time to time: “If you’re willing and able please stand...”
- B. As Christians God has certainly blessed us with the ability, but are we willing? That’s an entirely different question.

## I. An Instructive Example (1 Timothy 5:8)

- A. Is this man unable to perform? **NO!**
- B. Is he excused for his actions (i.e. inaction)? **NO!**
- C. These same principles are taught throughout the Bible (Jas. 4:17).
- D. When we are instructed by God to do something and don’t do it we are no better than this man!

## II. Are We Able But Unwilling To...

- A. Contribute in the assembly?
- B. Strengthen the church?
- C. Submit to elders/each other/God?
- D. Evangelize?
- E. Encourage brethren?
- F. Etc.

## III. Addressing The Problem

- A. This kind of attitude is addressed by Paul (2 Thes. 3:10-14).
- B. Are we doing as Paul instructs or enabling this bad behavior (1 Thes. 5:14).
- C. Enabling is participating (2 Thes. 3:6).

*Luke Capps*

# Theme: Authority In Church Organization What Pattern Will You Accept?

A preacher was having a study with a man about salvation, the church, all of the common topics. As the preacher comfortably answered every question scripturally the man struggled to find more arguments. Finally, exasperated, the man exclaimed, “*But, it’s just too simple, there has to be more to it than that!*”

This man’s problem is one that many have today. It was not that he didn’t understand God’s will on these things. It was that it just wasn’t enough for him. He was so influenced by the complex and carnal patterns of the religious world that he couldn’t accept how straightforward and simple God’s pattern was. By his reasoning, it just wasn’t enough to be effective.

When people think this way about God’s pattern it is ultimately because they have a carnal (or “natural”) mindset instead of a spiritual one. “**But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.**” (1 Cor. 2:14). How do I inhabit a spiritual mindset? The answer, contextually, is to intently search the mind of God that He has revealed in His word! How weak is the faith which thinks that Scripture is not enough (2 Tim. 3:16; cf. Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 2:2)!

God’s pattern has always been enough — from the beginning to now (Heb. 8:5). Are we willing to accept that pattern and follow it? If yes, that means we’re immediately and unapologetically abandoning every unscriptural method (or “pattern”) that has become commonplace in much of the religious world. On the other hand, it means we are unquestioningly doing things God’s way no matter how “simple” it seems.

### A Word of Caution

**“For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach... But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.”**  
(Deut. 30:11-14)

God has always given us a choice. Since the beginning, God has allowed man the choice to follow His pattern or follow one of his own making. In the end, no soul will be pardoned with the excuse, “*But there was no other way.*” Never is the circumstance so bleak that the only course of action is rebellion (1 Cor. 10:13; Eph. 6:11, 13).

God has made His way clear. Not to rehash recent thoughts, but God’s will is both expressly and clearly communicated (Eph. 5:17; 1 Cor. 2:10-16). Sometimes people say or think, “*We need to find a way to spruce up activity in the church.*” Without meaning to or saying it out loud, what this implies is that God’s pattern is too convoluted to follow precisely or that it’s not enough to be effective. The failure (inactivity, ineffectiveness, inability) does not lie on the Word but on those who haven’t made this their only pattern.

More could be said, but the point is simple... **Trust God’s ONE pattern and don’t entertain any other** (cf. Gal. 1:6ff).

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