



Lytle Light

**You Are The Light Of
The World.**

– Matthew 5:14a

Believers are ap-
pointed to be a light-
house to others;
a cheering lamp,
a shining star,
a loving guide.

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Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM – Bible Study | 10:45AM – Worship

12:00PM Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

“Money talks.” “Money doesn’t grow on trees.” “Money to burn.” “A fool and his money are soon parted.” “Never spend money before you have it.” “Money is a good servant but a poor master.” There are all kinds of home-spun proverbs to convey particular points about money. But did you know that there is more information in the Bible concerning money than any other subject? Not that it is the main theme when talked about but there are over 2,300 verses in the Bible that discuss money, possessions, or stewardship. Statistically, roughly 15% of all Jesus’ recorded teaching mentions money and 11 out of 39 of His parables relate to financial matters. But that’s a little misleading because although money is mentioned often, it is rarely the point of the passage. Interestingly though, as Paul finished the book of 1 Timothy he discussed money in great detail. Read on to see several of the points found in that section.

First, men who are depraved of truth and have a depraved mind think that godliness is a means of gain (v. 5). Some of the most godly men in the Bible were some of the wealthiest people on earth but we have no record that any of them sought to be rich by becoming more godly. Sometimes godly people are blessed with wealth; sometimes the godliest people are some of the poorest people. No one should decide to follow God because he or she wants to become wealthy.

Second, godliness is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment (v.6). Contentment is vital if one wants to “feel” rich. If one is not content with what he or

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.



WELCOME VISITOR!

If You're Visiting Today, We Welcome Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Bi-Monthly (approximately) Fellowship Meal After Worship Services, Usually On The 4th or 5th Sunday approximately every other month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium So That We May Have A Record Of Your Visit With Us Today. Thank You!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship
- Announcements
- Scripture Reading
- Opening Prayer
- 233 – *Am I A Soldier Of The Cross*
- 145 – *Nailed To The Cross*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 171 – *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*
- 432 – *Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – *See Right Column For Outline*
- 562 – *Kneel At The Cross*
- Final Announcements
- 156 – *Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?*
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – LOVE Part 2

2026 FELLOWSHIPS (UPCOMING*)

- MAY 31 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- JULY 26 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- SEPTEMBER 27 – Potluck (L.C.)
- NOVEMBER 22 – Thanksgiving Meal

* Dates May Be Subtracted Or Other Dates Added As Our Ladies Decide To Do So.

SERMON

• THE POWER OF THE CONSCIENCE

• *SERMON SCRIPTURES*

Acts 2:41-47; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Romans 6:3-4; Matthew 3:15-17; Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 12; Revelation 2:10

• *SERMON OUTLINE*

INTRODUCTION - (1) The First Church Of Jerusalem (2) Where Came The Power? (3) The Dynamic Of The First Church

- I. They Loved The Lord – vv 41-42
 - A. "Gladly Received His Word"
 - B. Clear On Baptism
 - C. Clear On Communion
 - D. Reflections Of Love
- II. Clear On The Topic Of Love – vv 42-46
 - A. "Apostle's Doctrine"
 - B. "In Fellowship"
 - C. "In Breaking Of Bread"
 - D. "In Prayers"
- III. They Loved The Lost – v 47
 - A. Praising God, A Way Of Life
 - B. Those Added To The Church
 - C. A Mission For Us All
 - D. One Huge Team

CONCLUSION - (1) What Did They Have That We Don't? (2) Does That Love Fill Our Hearts? (3) Can We Increase That Love?

• *INVITATION*

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she has, this person will never be rich in his or her own mind because they will constantly want more. The one who is content with what he or she possesses is wealthy in spirit. Paul went on to give reasons for being content: (1) “For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out” (v.7). This is just what the old fellow realized when he said, “I ain’t never seen a hearse pulling a U-Haul trailer.” Money is for the physical world in which we live today but we are all going to a spiritual world where money means nothing. (2) “And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content” (v.8). Some of us may go through difficult financial situations from time to time, but look around, there is not any town of size that doesn’t have a homeless population and I would venture to say that many would love to swap places with us, even in our most stressful financial situation.

Third, “But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition” (v.9). The key thought concerns the one whose aim in life is to get rich. For them, problems are on the horizon; how many people who have won the lottery end up in more poverty than before they won it? If you look, you can find several sad events in the lives of some who won the lottery. According to every source I could find, at least 30% of all high dollar value lottery winners declare bankruptcy within five years. Some state that the number is much higher at 70%. According to one article in MSN Money, eight different lottery winners who won over one-million dollars all either lost all the money or went into a worse state of living than before winning. The January

23, 2006 issue of the Los Angeles Times reported that William “Bud” Post III won \$16.2 million in the Pennsylvania lottery in 1988 but within three months he was in debt, having purchased a plane, a restaurant, and a used car business and within a year he was more than \$1 million in debt. Mr. Post ended up living on his \$400 Social Security check and food stamps until his death in 2006. Mr. Post now even has his win in a Wikipedia entry. Missourian Janite Lee won \$18 million in 1993 and was generous to a variety of causes, giving to politics, education and the community. But according to Daily Bread, September 7, 2010, eight years after winning, Lee had filed for bankruptcy with only \$700 left in two bank accounts and no cash on hand.”

Fourth, Paul wrote, “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (v.10). Notice the “love of money is a root” - not “the root” as the original KJV has. Money is neither moral nor immoral. It is a “thing” that can be used for good or bad. The saddest part of this verse is the ones about whom Paul writes were at one time part of “the faith” - faithful Christians, but because of money they had left Christ and the faith He established. Love of money doesn’t just effect those who are not Christians - it can also overpower Christians.

Fifth, Paul commands, “Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy” (v.17). It is so easy for one who has wealth to think more highly of himself than anyone else. Paul also said one should not trust in the money he has. It doesn’t matter if the amount of money one

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Father, Please Hear Our Prayer

LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL & GLOBAL CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUSNESS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- *People In The U.S.A. And Around The World Who've Been Affected By Natural Disasters*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers, Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

CURRENT CONCERNS

All Following entries Are By Date Order And Are Alphabetical By Last Name. A *Super-scripted Number In Brackets*, I.E., ^[1], At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

APRIL 12

- ◇ Allsup, Dylan [Son of one of Tom's teacher acquaintances at Castle Hills] - He suffered a very bad fall and his leg was injured severely. Although valiant efforts to save it were made, he had to have part of his leg amputated Friday, April 10. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Jackson, April [Watkins' friend] - ***Praise To GOD!*** she didn't have to have any varices in her throat so no procedure! ^[NEW]
- ◇ Ranne, Darrel's mother - She has several health issues and is not doing very well. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Sherry Moore [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] - She's having to undergo chemo due to her cancer changing from slow to aggressive. She is also Melanie's brother, Perry's, wife and care giver. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smith, Betty - She's been feeling quite under

the weather recently. ^[NEW]

- ◇ Spicer, Bingo's Family [Ronda Spicer's dog] - She had to put him to sleep because he was hit by the UPS man which fractured his hip. ^[NEW]

APRIL 5

- ◇ Flatequal, Pam - She's caught the flu. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Pillows, Darlene [Watkins' friend] - She goes into surgery on her back to have several vertebrae fused on Friday, April 24. ^[NEW]

MARCH 29

- ◇ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - ***Praise To GOD!*** a scan showed the cancer has NOT moved into her brain! She's been on oral (rather than IV) chemo for close to a month so has a little over 1-1/2 more months left. ^[01]
- ◇ Bippert, Cheryl [Roger Smoot's cousin] - She fell recently, breaking her arm and hip. In addition, she suffers from Parkinson's. ^[01]
- ◇ Cook, Karen [Pam Flatequal's friend] - She is in need of a hip replacement. Nothing has been scheduled yet. ^[01]

- ◇ Drake, Paul & Lynn [Tom Woodard's friends since Paul & Tom were in preaching school over 50 years ago] - He's been diagnosed with untreatable prostate cancer. His wife Lynn had a stroke about nine years ago and has grown quite feeble over time. In addition, she's nearly blind. ^[01]
- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's friend] - He fell while visiting friends in Colorado and broke his left hip and he was just getting over having broken his right hip, also in Colorado. Let us pray for him to ... stay away from that particular part of the country. ^[01]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah - She's been diagnosed with severe osteoporosis in her spine plus she had a pulmonary function test this past Thursday, March 26. ^[01]
- ◇ Turner, Sarah Family - The entire family has tested positive for Influenza Type-A. ^[01]

MARCH 22

- ◇ Dolbeare, Robert [Son of a friend of the Watkins] - Has some severe health issues not the least of which is breathing difficulties. ^[02]
- ◇ Jackson, Ella [Ronda Spicer's granddaughter] - *Praise To God!* She just got her real driver license (not a permit) ^[02]
- ◇ Smoots, Roger & Deborah - *Praise To God!* They don't have to pay income tax this year! ^[02]

MARCH 15

- ◇ Moore, Michael & Michelle [Tom Woodard's son-in-law & daughter] - They've bought some land and are planning to build something in which to live. ^[03]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane - She's been experiencing pain all over her body. ^[03]
- ◇ Stepanovich Family [Tom Woodard's granddaughter Elizabeth] - She delivered a

healthy baby girl, *Praise To GOD!*, Thursday, March 12 at 2:06PM - Mila (pronounced MEE-la) Eleanor Stepanovich weighing 8lbs, 11.5oz and "height" of 20.5 inches. ^[03]

MARCH 8

- ◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] - He's suffering from health issues. ^[04]
- ◇ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[04]
- ◇ Dzierzanowski, Kayla - *Praise to GOD!* She passed her driver test and now has her learner's permit! ^[04]
- ◇ Flatequal, Pam - She saw her eye doctor and learned she has a small mole behind her eye which seems to be what's causing her problems. She will now see another specialist to determine a plan of action. ^[04]
- ◇ Keese, Bob & Katheryn [Betty Smith's brother-in-law and sister] - They are both experiencing health issues. Bob recently had surgery to replace a defective pacemaker (he's in his 90's). ^[04]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy - She's been experiencing blood pressure issues, mainly too high pressure or very high upper number but low bottom number. ^[04]

ONGOING CONCERNS

All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 20 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier But Concern(s) Will Automatically Be Removed At The 26TH Week. If Someone Is Moved Off This Ongoing List And You Believe They Should Go Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.

Alderman, Roy ^[19]; Bradley Family ^[16]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[11]; Brown, Colton family ^[11]; Brown, Diane Family ^[20]; Coombs, Derek ^[10];

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Duncan, Roberta ^[16]; Dwyer, Meagan ^[06];
Dygart, Harold Family ^[08]; Fintel, Rick ^[17];
Flatequal Family ^[17]; Flores, Carlos ^[17]; Gonza-
lez, Joel ^[20]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[08]; Last-
Name-Unknown, Irene ^[05]; Lester, Bob ^[20];
McMeans, Melanie ^[06]; McMeans, Wendell
^[13]; Moore, Jennifer ^[12]; Moore, Perry ^[10]; Mor-
gan, Mitzy Family ^[05]; Mr. Lowe ^[15]; Persat, Di-
ana ^[20]; Price, Jennifer ^[14]; Renninger, Ruane’s
granddaughter-in-law ^[14]; Schilling, Ina ^[15];
Sims, Linda ^[12]; Smith, Betty ^[20]; Smith, Jimmie
(JD) ^[18]; Smoot, Bailey ^[12]; Smoot, Beth ^[06];
Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[16]; Smoot, Max ^[09];
Smoot, Tiffany ^[18]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[11];
Spicer, Ronda ^[19]; Street, Cris ^[17]; Strunk, Billy
^[06]; Vierling, Gene ^[07]; Vierling, Scott ^[19]; Vil-
lereal, Douglas Family ^[07]; Walker, Tony Fam-
ily ^[19]; Watkins, Mitch ^[09]; Weisel, Michelle ^[15];
White, Linda ^[10]

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has is a little or a lot, if one trusts in it, he or she has departed from God. The amount of money one has should not be where one has his or her trust. Notice also, that God doesn’t mind us having all the things He has created for us to enjoy. We must enjoy, but never put our trust in them.

Sixth, those who have any amount of money are to use it for the good of others (v.18). God doesn’t care if we are rich, but the more wealth one has, the more good God expects him or her to do with the wealth. Why do we have jobs? Paul answered that with this

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ROMANS 13:7

⁷ So you *must give* to *each person* what you *ought* to give them. *Pay taxes* to the *people* who *receive* taxes. Do that for *every kind* of tax. *Respect* those people that you *should* respect. *Praise* people that you should praise.

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C X H X N U Q G R E D D H R U L T Z M
J U L Q Z F C G O T L O I E X K I B N
E N V R G C D P C Z K M F V U P M J U
W M X V R M L E H V M Z A E Y Z S V M
P G I V E E P H Y S E A C H K V Q Y D
A V P H N S F V V F L F Y U F S P K G
Q S A E E U E H L E H F H G T O B K D
N Z E R R N E P D P Z D F S J C C F H
J V U X L S L Z N P X T O E S E I A T
X O H F Z B O C I V L J I E U L M E B
H G T W Y H G N K T K E E G P B O O Y
P K P H O B V G S Q W L N C H Y X O O
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statement, “Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need” (Ephesians 4:28). Why do you have a job? To share with others. Look around, in our world today there are lots of people who have needs.

Seventh, as one uses his or her money for good here, they are laying up a foundation for their future home with God. Paul closed out that great passage on money by giving us a motive to use our money wisely. They are “storing up for themselves a good foundation

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Abby Brown	Mar 23	Birthday
Phoenix Brown	Apr 10	Birthday
Darrell Ranne	Apr 13	Birthday
Pat Woodard	Apr 16	Birthday
Cris Street	Apr 27	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And April 30th And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

----- CHURCH STUFF		----- CHURCH STUFF	----- CHURCH STUFF	----- CHURCH STUFF
Generally - 4 th Or 5 th Sun, Every Other Month		Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately 12:00PM - 2:00PM	<i>Next Lunch:</i> <i>May 31</i>	
Every Thursday		Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM - 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly		
Sun - Apr 19		In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Power In The Blood</i>	see searchtv.com for local time and channel	
Thu - Apr 23		Area-Wide Singing @ The Hondo CoC @ 6:00PM	(for more details - see sign in front hall)	
Sun - Apr 26		In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Transforming Grace</i>	see searchtv.com for local time and channel	
----- NON-CHURCH STUFF	----- NON-CHURCH STUFF	----- NON-CHURCH STUFF	----- NON-CHURCH STUFF	----- NON-CHURCH STUFF
Every Tue	Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM			
Every 3 rd Mon	VFW Auxiliary - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 6:30PM			
Sun - Apr 12	International Day For Human Spaceflight & National ¹ Grilled Cheese And ² Licorice Days			
Mon - Apr 13	Thomas Jefferson's 283 rd Birthday & National Peach Cobbler Day			
Wed - Apr 15	Tax Day & National Glazed Ham Day			
Fri - Apr 17	National ¹ Crawfish And ² Cheese Ball Days			
Sun - Apr 19	Rice Ball & National Garlic Day			

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for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (v. 19).

Finally, we are told to give as we've been prospered. This is proportional giving based on income and not some fixed amount. Paul said, "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2). As we've been prospered. This idea aligns perfectly with Old Testament principles such as Deuteronomy 16:17 which states: "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you."

So, one: only those of depraved mind would use godliness as an excuse for making money [continued on page 8]

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD? ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

SUN — Day 106 - 1 Sam 19-21; Luk 15:11-32

MON — Day 107 - 1 Sam 22-24; Luk 16:1-18

TUE — Day 108 - 1 Sam 25-26; Luk 16:19-31

WED — Day 109 - 1 Sam 27-29; Luk 17:1-19

THU — Day 110 - 1 Sam 30-31; Luk 17:20-37

FRI — Day 111 - 2 Sam 1-3; Luk 18:1-17

SAT — Day 112 - 2 Sam 4-6; Luk 18:18-43

Sam = Samuel | Luk = Luke

[Days Listed Are NOT Days Of The Year But Days Of The Plan]

WANT TO BE

Part Of This Local Family Of Christ Jesus?

To be identified with our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Please fill out a Visitor’s Card, making sure to check the box on front that says, “Wish To Serve In This Congregation.” Please place the completed card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

READ ALONG WITH TOM

Sunday	4/12/2026	Acts 7-8
Monday	4/13/2026	Acts 9
Tuesday	4/14/2026	Acts 10-11
Wednesday	4/15/2026	Acts 12
Thursday	4/16/2026	Acts 13-14
Friday	4/17/2026	Acts 15
Saturday	4/18/2026	Acts 16-17

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Matthew 6:24 - ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon ^[money, riches] .

Romans 13:7 - ⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs ^[revenue] to whom customs ^[revenue], fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

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and two: we are to be content with what we have. Three, beware of money’s allure so that you don’t fall into temptation with can lead to perdition. Four, don’t become greedy. Five, don’t think more highly of yourself just because you have money. Six, we’re to use the money we have to help others. Seven, remember that as you use your money for good here, you are laying up a foundation for your future abode in heaven. And remember, we’re to give as we’ve been prospered. How are you doing? **END**