

## Is It Wrong to Be Righteous?

By David Wright

One Saturday I tuned the radio station to ESPN, hoping to hear some talk about a game to be played later in the day. That morning the host of the program was irate over an email from a listener offended by the show's affiliation with a liquor company. "Don't write us again," the host snarled. "Go away! You are so self-righteous."

Is it self-righteous to take a strong moral stand and openly express your views? If so, Jesus himself was self-righteous. He condemned theft, murder, slander, deceit, adultery, disrespect for parents, and, yes, drunkenness. He also exposed sins of the heart – greed, envy, lust, malice, selfishness, hypocrisy. For Jesus, these weren't private opinions. He voiced his values boldly and explicitly. And yet there was no hint of pride in the Lord's demeanor.

To be self-righteous is to be arrogant. "I am better than other people. I am more worthy before God because of my own moral and spiritual attainments." Of course, Jesus denounced this attitude. He told a parable about a Pharisee who trusted in himself and despised others. The man stood in the temple and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get" (Luke 18:11-12).

What the ESPN host and so many others fail to realize is that a moral person may share his views not out of contempt but out of genuine compassion. For instance, the man who sent the offending email was probably motivated by deep concern over the consequences of encouraging and glamorizing alcohol consumption. He was distressed by the countless broken marriages, the ruined careers, the abused children, the addicts living in cardboard boxes, and the dead bodies scattered on the highway after drunk-driving collisions.

**Matt. 6:19-21 "Treasures in Heaven" (AM)**

**Eph 5:22-24 "How to Win a Husband" (PM)**



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**August 11, 2019**

**Elders: Monty Lawley, Larry Mathis, Steve McClelen**  
**Deacons: Jason Turner, Leslie Thomas, Rodney Yarbrough, Hesikiah Williamson, Willie Coleman, Sr.**

**Pulpit Minister: David Wright Youth Minister: Leslie Thomas**

<b>Sunday Morning Bible Class</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Wed Evening Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>PM</b>

Visitors, we are glad you came and hope you will fill out the pink side of the visitor card on the back of the pew in front of you. We have an attended nursery for infants to 18 months. Please come back.



**Zelma Floyd** fell at the nursing home on July the 30th. She is still having pain. Her appointment with and orthopedic Dr. is August the 2Qth.

**Dudley Robertson** had to have a second surgery to drain the fluid on his brain. He is home recovering.

Jesikah Sexton's mother, **Leaane Newhouse**, has fallen and broken her arm. Prayers for healing.

**Please continue to** remember to pray for those **that are recovering from recent surgery/ illness:**

Melba Jean Mathis, Nadine Tunnel, Terry White

## Responses

Wednesday night

Haley Jackson asked for prayers for her cousin, Sierra. Katie Taliaferro was baptized. We are so happy about her decision

Aug 12 Landon Thomas  
Aug 14 Robert Neely  
Aug 15 Jason Ayers  
Aug 16 Treon Lawley  
Aug 17 Willie Coleman Sr.  
Aug 17 Connie Douthit  
Aug 19 Jason Merciers  
Aug 20 Amanda Lisle  
Aug 23 Roddy Wilkinson  
Aug 23 Janis Wisdom

Aug 15 Leslie & Jeanine Thomas  
Aug 18 Willie & Joyce Coleman  
Aug 20 Gary & Mary Willis  
Aug 22 Steve & Janet McClelen  
Aug 24 Bill & Pat Slayton

**Dinner with Family** meets every Wednesday evening from 5:30- 6:45. It's okay if you are late . You are still welcome. Only \$2 dollars for each person or \$5 dollars for a family. Joyce and Paula want to especially encourage Christian men to come and lead the prayer before the meal! And if you cannot make it in time to eat they will fix you a to go box. Just text or call and let them know. (loycecell:214 - 674- 2471.

The **evangelism team** will be passing out school supplies on Saturday August the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help please be at the building at 9:00 am.

**WBS** will meet this coming Wednesday night.

## Memorial Service:

The memorial service for Jean Landess has been scheduled for September the 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 0:00 am, here at the church building.

*A little thank you is never enough to express my thanks and joy for all the calls, visits, food and cards. Your prayers were so appreciated.*

*Thank you so much!  
-Stanley Hopkins*

**5 5-N-Better** coming soon! August 22, at 6:00 in the annex. Please make plans to attend. (Entertainment from two of our lovely young at heart volunteers!)

**Larry & Margaret Mathis** no longer have a home phone. Cell phones only. Larry's cell: 972-804-9558

Round House tonight!

Thanks to Amanda Lisle and Fredia Condrey for hosting!