

I John 3:11-16

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

September 8, 2024

Today's Order of Service:

- Corporate Reading: 1 John 3:11-16
- Doxology Old 100th
- Simple Theology: 41-46
- Speak O' Lord

Teaching: 1 Timothy 5:1-16 "Back to the Fundamentals"

- Collection of Tithes and Offerings
- Rock of Ages
- Christ Alone
- Solid Rock
- Now to Him

Upcoming Sermon Topics and Events: (also see website)

September 8 – Trellis & The Vine: 1 Timothy 5:1-16

September 15 – Trellis & The Vine: 1 Timothy 5:17-25

September 22 – Trellis & The Vine: 1 Timothy 6:1-10

September 29 – Trellis & The Vine: 1 Timothy 6:11-21

GROWTH GROUPS: Growth groups will start meeting in homes September 18th, going over sermons and seeking to apply God's Word Practically. If you are not in a Group and would like to be, please talk with Robb Besosa.

THE WORKSHOP: Men's Bible Study. Meet's the FIRST Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location: 460 Salt Creek Road. Next Meeting: October 6th at 7:30am.

LIVE STREAMING: If you cannot attend in person, you can join us by clicking the button on our home page at vineandbranch.family

EMAIL LIST: If you attend regularly and want to be kept updated on church information and events provide your email to Ian Smith; lansmith@ianlabs.com.

MISSIONARIES and MINISTRIES:

- **Rajan & Helen Nehemiah**
Agape Christian Mission – India; Agapemissionindia.org
- **John & Brittany Bagatya**
YWAM Hopeland Base, Uganda; Bagatya.wordpress.com
- **40 Days for Life:** 40daysforlife.com

Please check out <https://vineandbranch.family/> for a more detailed calendar, weekly sermon series and study passages, events and to access previous sermons.

"These things" = Indisputable Gospel Truth diligently applied leading to a life of progress in purity of heart, good conscience, and sincere faith.

Next instructions:

- Relating to the various age ranges and genders in the church (v. 5:1-2),
- Caring for our families (5:8)
- Caring for the single women of the church – both old & young (v. 5:16),
- Compensating teachers of the Word and receiving criticism against them (5:17-24)
- Care for Timothy's stomach (5:23)
- Employee/employer relationships (6:1-2),
- Contentment in daily life and living in community (v.6:6-10).

Chapter 5: Practical primer on day-to-day mundane, yet essential, living out of Gospel truth.

Key take-a-ways from this section:

1. **The importance and influence of Godly women on the culture of a church** (v. 10-11).
 - The women who qualified for the church's assistance as widows; were to be of a certain age (60), but were also to have been exemplary servants who have lived a life in dedication to the church family.
2. **One of the ways a church is measured is by the way it shepherds, protects, and provides for the women in care.**
 - To those women who have been dedicated family members **to the church**, the church is dutifully obligated to care for them like family members (v.16).
 - To those women who are younger, the way the church is to care for them is to provide instruction and provision for flourishing. *"marry, bear children, manage their own household with diligence as a way to honor God"* (v. 14). Or, if unable to do that, are to care for other widows in their own families, or Gods (v. 16).

Jeremiah's return to the fundamentals; 29:4-7, *"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."*

*"Mastery in nearly any endeavor is the result of **deeply understanding simple ideas**. For most of us, the answer to becoming better leaders, better parents, better lovers, better friends, and better people is **consistently practicing the fundamentals, not brilliantly understanding the details.**"*

Application Exercise & Discussion:

1. What are some of the fundamentals of our faith we are prone to forget in times of business or crisis?
2. What are one or two fundamentals you would benefit from getting back to in your life? How will you do that?