

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

September 15, 2024

Today's Order of Service:

- Corporate Reading: Colossians 3:12-17
- Doxology Old 100th
- Simple Theology: 47-51
- Show us Christ

Teaching: 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2 "Degree and Honor"

- Communion
- Collection of Tithes and Offerings
- Christ the True and Better
- I know that My Redeemer Lives
- Now to Him

Upcoming Sermon Topics and Events: (also see website)

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

September 22 – Trellis & The Vine: 1 Timothy 6:3-10

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

October 6 – Entrust: Galatians 1

October 13 – Entrust: Galatians 2 (**Baptism Sunday**)

October 19 – **V&B Picnic at Yellowwood State Park – 2pm to ?**

October 20 – Entrust: Galatians 3

October 27 – Entrust: Galatians 4

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](https://agapemissionindia.org)
- **John & Brittany Bagatya**
YWAM Hopeland Base, Uganda; [Bagatya.wordpress.com](https://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.

Overview of Paul's letter to Timothy up to chapter 5:

- Paul is passionate that Timothy lead the church to apply the reality of salvation in Christ to everyday life and living.

Summary verse (1:5), *"The aim [goal] of our charge [teaching, instruction, mandate] is love that issues from a pure heart, and a good conscience, and a sincere faith."*

*Consequence; "Certain persons, by swerving **from these**, [fundamentals] have wandered from the faith...(1:6) made shipwreck if their faith (1:19) ... have departed from the faith." (4:1).*

Thesis: Show grateful honor, in word and deed, to those who the LORD has provided to provide for you.

Honor doubly those who work to provide you the Word (v.17-18)

Elders who **"rule well"** are worthy of **"double honor."**

- **"Labor"** = "work, or expend energy to the point of weariness"
- **"Preaching and Teaching"** = applying the Word of God in public and private to the church

HONOR = high esteem, gratitude, assigning precious or costly value.

DOUBLE = Form vs. amount. *The joyful opportunity to acquire God's Word is the foundation for the Christians genuine and generous display of gratitude toward receiving the Word of God, well applied to their life through the elders.*

The Principle Developed; *"You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," (Duet 25:4) and, "The laborer deserves his wages." (Luke 10:7).*

Protect your elders from bad people, and your people from bad elders (v.19-25)

- Elders who rule well should be protected by the church from false accusations and unmerited charges.
- Elders who *weary themselves to apply the word to the church family*, should not also be **wearied** by unsubstantiated charges or unnecessary drama. **"Prejudging"**
- This does not mean they should be given a pass on sinful behavior (v. 20). **"Partiality"**
- Integrity and accountability for the role of elders/pastors is **substantially important** (v. 21). *"In the presence of God, and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels..."*

Honor those over you at work and Home Industry (v. 6:1-2) (see also Kevin Salsbery, Colossians 3; Oct 22).

- A Christian's employment/engagements in homes and businesses' are to be radically different from the world and in line with God's design.
 - You should not be seeking a deal or be shown favoritism.
 - You should also not assume an **overly familiar disposition** toward those who lead and direct you in your work.
- **HONOR them, by serving all the more obediently and diligently**, knowing that you – under their direction and employ – are serving the Kingdom as you serve **UNDER** your brother/sister in Christ.
- Paul has in mind God's attributes on display = **evangelism**, *"the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled."*

CONCLUSION:

- **"Degree."** = principle of cultural order, or order of authority, or hierarchy;
- **Show grateful honor, in word and deed, to those who the LORD has provided to provide for you.**
- In this way the name of God and the authority of the Word is honored among us.