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# COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
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**Ministers:**

Ken Mears

**Missionaries:** (India)

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**Service Times**

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM 6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	
Tuesdays	11AM
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	
Tuesdays	10 AM
<b>Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional &amp; fellowship)</b>	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

**JOIN US FOR**  
**VBS**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**GOD'S TEMPLE**  
*June 10th - 15th*

**CROSSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**VBS THEME: GOD'S TEMPLE**

Classes will begin at 6PM each night.

**MONDAY:** Solomon Builds the Temple  
**TUESDAY:** The Jews Rebuild the Temple  
**WEDNESDAY:** Jesus in the Temple  
**THURSDAY:** God's Temple Today-His People  
**FRIDAY:** Pizza & awards



## THE BIBLE-OUR STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR

Ken Mears

The “modern thinkers” have concluded that the Bible is out dated for our time. They say it no longer meets the needs of modern man. If this is true, where do we turn? Why, of course we must turn to the “modern thinkers”, they have the answers to all the questions. They have gained a tremendous following. What has been the results? Only a casual glance will reveal the mess that has resulted. Our nation is almost morally bankrupt. The family and the home has been greatly weakened. In some segments of our society, the home has all but disappeared. These are the results of ignoring God’s word.

The Bible is still relevant. If followed, it will still produce the kind of family which will benefit society. It will still produce the kind of situation where the members of the family can be happy and pleasing to God.

Notice briefly what the Bible has to say to each member of the family. “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it... So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh” (Ephesians 5:25; 28-29; 31).

“And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). “Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged” (Colossians 3:21). Fathers, the word of God and the principles taught therein cannot be beaten into a child but they can be taught and they can learn how to serve God by your godly example. God through Moses said to the children of Israel, “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates” (Deuteronomy: 6:6-9). God has placed great responsibility upon the father to provide for both the physical and spiritual needs of his family. “But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel” (1 Timothy 5:8). “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes” (Proverbs 13:24). “Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him” (Proverbs 22:15). “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Savior of the body” (Ephesians 5:22-23). “Likewise, ye wives be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chatse conversation coupled with fear” (1 Peter 3:1-2). “The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:3-5).

The Bible, both the Old Testament and New Testament, has much to say about the spiritual and physical well-being of children. “Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee” (Exodus 20:12). These words are also quoted by the apostle Paul when he said, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Think how much better it would be for the families of the world if these great principles of God’s word were followed on a daily basis. These principles of God’s word have not been tried and found wanting, they have been wanted and not tried.

## HE SENDS FORTH SPRINGS IN THE VALLEYS; THEY FLOW BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS

Neal Pollard

This statement in Psalm 104:10 is spoken literally of God's physical provision for His creatures. But, have you ever thought about how that is true for you and me when we find ourselves in the valleys of life? In between the mountaintops of successes and happy days, we can find ourselves seemingly down in the valley of the shadow of death (cf. Psalms 23:4). I am so thankful that in those moments that might seem dry and thirsty, God sends forth springs in the valleys of life. Whatever creates the valley for us, it can seem like a deep place hard to climb out of. How does God send forth spiritual and emotional springs for us, even in the valleys of life?

**The church is a spring in the valleys of life.** Other Christians lifting and encouraging us can be the medicine we need to take the next step through the valley. No wonder the church is such an expression of God's wisdom (Ephesians 3:10-11).

**Prayer is a spring in the valleys of life.** Pouring out our hearts to a God who understands us and knows our situation perfectly strengthens us.

**Our family can be a spring in the valleys of life.** Those of us who have Christian parents, siblings, children, and other relatives have a double blessing, family twice over. They can be the support and encouragement we need to keep moving.

**Spiritual blessings are a spring in the valleys of life.** Ephesians 1:3 says in a general way what the rest of the New Testament enumerates in a specific way. God is blessing us in so many ways because we are in His Son. Never do we appreciate that more than when we struggle.

**The Bible is a spring in the valleys of life.** There is wisdom and insight on every page, guidance for our journey. God has revealed the road map to help us traverse the narrow way to heaven. The narrow way will not keep us from traveling through valleys, and often it has valleys the broad way does not.

**Faith or trust is a spring in the valleys of life.** Like Paul, who often camped in the valleys of life, "*I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed unto Him against that day*" (2 Timothy 1:12). My eyes may be wet with tears in the valley, but my eyes of faith see with crystal clarity.

**Hope is a spring in the valleys of life.** It anchors the soul (Hebrews 6:18-19), but it also helps lift us up. Because I face the future with confidence, no setback will keep me discouraged but so long. Tomorrow will be a brighter day!

**Christian service is a spring in the valleys of life.** Maybe nothing leads me through the valley any more than finding a fellow sojourner to help out of their valleys. When I focus outside of myself on other strugglers, I soon forget my unpleasant experience.

Many years ago, I heard Franklin Camp talk about the valleys of his life and how he overcame. His young daughter accidentally burned to death in a brush fire. He faced other huge losses in life, but brother Camp through it all was a man who had his eyes fixed on the ultimate mountaintop experience. In the valleys of life, let us look for the springs God sends. They will refresh, renew, and relieve us until our journey is complete.

### WHY CHRISTIANS ARE ONE IN CHRIST

- ◆ We have the same Lord (Romans 10:12; Ephesians 4:5).
- ◆ We were redeemed by the same blood (Ephesians 1:7).
- ◆ We obeyed the same gospel (Romans 1:16; Galatians 1:6-9).
- ◆ We were added to the same church (Acts 2: 41, 47)
- ◆ We are heirs of the same promises (Acts 2:39).
- ◆ We are united in the same head (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22).
- ◆ We worship the same God (John 4:24).
- ◆ We all have the same Father (Ephesians 4:6; Romans 8:16-18).