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Alan Judd
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Service Times:

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11 AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7 PM

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**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation**

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March 24, 2019

SECOND QUARTER CLASSES

Q1 Bible Classes end Sunday, March 24.

Between Quarter Congregational Singing
Wednesday, **March 27.**

Q2 Bible Classes begin Sunday, March 31.

Adult Bible Class sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer.

We will have different offerings on Sundays & Wednesdays, so please sign up for both a Sunday morning class and a Wednesday evening class. Sign up soon!

Adult class offerings are:

- **Sundays**

Alan Judd: Ordinary Men, Extraordinary Mission
(A Study of the Apostles)

Ken Mears: The Destructive Nature of Sin
(A Study of Lamentations)

Jon Tatum: Lessons from Selected Psalms

- **Wednesdays**

Alan Judd: Press to the Prize, part 2
(A Study of Philippians).

Ken Mears: The Metaphors of Paul
(A Study of the Figurative Language Used by Paul).

Mickey Young: The Life & Times of Joseph.



*The heart of the
prudent getteth
knowledge; and the ear
of the wise seeketh
knowledge.
Proverbs 8:15 KJV*

DO IT QUICKLY!

Alan Judd

Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him (Judas Iscariot). Then Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.” **John 13:27**

I like to go full speed. I walk fast, and most of you comment I talk faster. In my younger years, I foolishly drove faster than I should have. In earlier days, I often devoured my food quickly. Some even suggested I probably slept fast. Amy can testify that when I finally do settle down at the end of the day and get still for a few moments, I fall fast asleep very quickly. I am trying to write this bulletin article quickly. Why? I have another appointment that I need to rush to get to, but I have twenty minutes, and so I am going to try and get it done before heading off in a hurry to do the next thing on my agenda.

You probably will find it difficult to believe, but I have slowed down immensely over the last few years. A health scare got my attention and caused me to reevaluate all the warnings others had been trying to give me all my adult life. Wisdom, from this event and other life experiences, is something I am trying to incorporate into a calmer pace of life. This relaxed rate aids in reducing my stress levels, allows me to enjoy things more thoroughly and surprisingly has increased and not decreased my productivity in many areas of life. Yet, I still struggle with wanting to go faster and do more and more, but I am trying and with God’s help and Amy’s longsuffering, I will improve.

The Bible describes how some actions needed to be done quickly. Jesus told Judas to carry out his betrayal without delay. This treachery is not what the Lord wanted, but it was what Jesus knew was necessary. Lot was told to quickly escape from Sodom before God destroyed the cities—**Genesis 19:22**. Joseph urged his brothers to fetch his father and bring Jacob quickly back to Egypt—**Genesis 45:13**. I love how when David faced Goliath that it says he ran quickly to engage the giant in **1 Samuel 17:48**.

Unfortunately, Jesus said some who hear the word of God will respond, but because they have no depth of understanding they will quickly fall away—**Mark 4:17**. We have observed this same scenario play out. Even worse, Paul was appalled at the Christians in the Galatian region who had turned away from the true Gospel so soon or so quickly after it had been delivered truthfully to them—**Galatians 1:6-9**. The aged apostle facing death urged Timothy to come to him quickly in Rome—**2 Timothy 4:9**. The Psalmist, as all of us have also done, begged God to help and render blessings of assistance to him in time of need quick, fast, and in a hurry—**Psalms 22:19; 38:22; 40:13; 69:17; 70:5; 102:2; 141:1**, and other passages.

If you are not a Christian or if you are a Christian and not living faithful, I urge and beg you to get your life right with God quickly, fast, NOW! Our Lord promised: “Surely I am coming quickly!” **Revelation 22:20**. Many continue to delay and believe ample time will be available in the future for them to make preparation, but the Lord may come at any moment. Or, as we all know, death can also occur very quickly and unexpectedly. I wrote these words fast, and I hope you will take even quicker action, if necessary, to make preparation for the return of Jesus Christ our Lord! We will help you as quickly as we can today, or any day you need us!

WHY?

Adrian Judd

We have all asked the above question before. I have asked it of myself and others. I know for me, I want to know the what, where, why, who, and how's of life. I especially like the question, "Why?" Curiosity is something we all have to some extent. The old saying goes, "*Curiosity is what killed the cat.*" I can only imagine how that saying originated; no joke intended. One thing we as young people may ask ourselves is, "*Why are we told to make good friends?*" Let us think about it.

All of us need people in our lives. We need someone who can share a laugh with us. We need people who will give us a hug during difficult times. Sometimes we just need someone to be active in our presence. A nod of confirmation, a smile of encouragement, or an ear that will listen can do any heart good. We all have our preferences when it comes to how many friends we have. We will also differ somewhat in what we desire our friends to be. We need friends. We all know that.

So why are we consistently cautioned to be careful about the friends we make or people we are around? Most of us are at least a little familiar with the words of 1 Corinthians 15:33: "*Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits.'*" Why did God tell us this? We know the Bible is true and is the only accurate book we have that informs us how to enter eternal life in heaven. The truth is everything affects us. Some things, like people, will almost always leave an effect on us. It does not matter whether the effect is positive or negative. Now, we do determine what affects us. Little Jimmy does not make big Billy slap Jimmy in the face. Little Jimmy might have been "asking for it," but it is Billy who makes the decision to let Jimmy annoy him. Also, Billy voluntarily moves his hand to slap Jimmy in the face.

As Christians, we are told to seek wholesome company so as not to have easy access to evil temptations. The devil is more than delighted to put those temptations before us. He is extremely willing to make those "little sins" look enticing and "ok." Let me be clear, it is not a sin to be tempted. Jesus was tempted in all forms as we are and yet he did not sin. The Bible makes that very clear. The reason we are told to avoid bad company is that God, our parents, our elders, and preachers love us. They want what is best for us.

They want us to be a vessel of honor that is mentioned in 2 Timothy 2:21-22: "*Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*" If we are farther away from temptation, we are far less likely to succumb to sin. Some temptations can be avoided entirely, and they should be. Our parents and others know these things. When temptation comes knocking, we choose to sin or remain clean. Our parents, Bible class teachers, and elders want to make it easier for us not to succumb to those temptations. Friends can have much influence on our lives. The decisions we make now can affect us for the rest of our lives. Let us try to surround ourselves with the best people possible and make it easier for us to filter out the bad from the good.

