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## OUR LIVES BEFORE MEN



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*Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*

Romans 12:17

Men are open books before the world. Everyone is scrutinized by someone else. A teacher's life is up for students' inspection; a politician's lifestyle is

monitored and critiqued at every move; a father or mother is scrutinized by children who learn to imitate what they see and hear. A Christian is no exception. In reality, the Christian is oftentimes held to a standard higher than the world at large. The world carefully looks over the Christian, especially in the times of crisis or trouble, to see how the Christian responds and how lives by his

principles. We can either be the light that draws them to Christ or the stumbling block that hinders their coming to the Saviour. How does the Lord teach us to respond when we live before men?

**Firstly, we need to think before we act.** The word 'provide' means to see before.

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In the provision of God towards men, God will always think before He gives what He wisely believes we as His children need to have. When we provide for someone, we need to think through what is necessary for the individual. Similarly, in our lives before the world we need to think before we act. The reality is we act based on our preconceived notions of right and wrong. We act based on what we believe. The Bible informs that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7). So, our thoughts affect our actions. If our mind is unregenerate or we are still living in our old ways, we still say no to the plans of God unless our minds have been changed by the word of God (Psalm 119:9; Romans 12:1 - 2; 2 Timothy 3:16). We need to think before we act in our lives before men.

**Secondly, we need to ensure what we are do is always good.** The words 'honest' and 'good' are translated from the same Greek word meaning 'virtuous, useful, good.' Therefore the things a Christian does ought to be morally upright and unquestionable before God and men; it should be useful, kind and beneficial to fellow Christians. Many Christians are diligently avoiding, evading and preventing themselves from doing the wrong thing or sinning against God and they are keeping pure for the glory of God. However, Paul teaches that we are think ahead of how we can not only avoid the wrong but also do the right before men. Man is not impressed with groups of people avoiding the bars; he is not impressed by Christians who do not lie. Man will, however, be

alert when he sees a Christian actively doing right to another friend who has insulted him or sacrifices that others may benefit without asking for anything in return. This is the essence of the verses in Acts 26:20 and Titus 3:8 when the people are admonished to do good works - works that will benefit others. This admonition is repeated in Romans 15:2.

**Thirdly, we are to ensure that this good is to be done in the sight of all men, without exception.** We are to do good works before men solely as a display, for that would be contrary to the principle, spirit and letter of the Bible. When we do our deeds before men, it has to be honest, good, and beneficial to men. That means that we are not to be biased in our good deeds, bestowing them toward one person alone. It also means that we are not to favour and put down another. We are not to do good to this person and then degrade another. Our deeds are to be honest in the sight of all men as reinforced in 2 Corinthians 8:21.

How are you living your life before men? Is it honest, good and useful for someone else? Does it bring glory to God and edification to someone else? Will our lives stumble and cause someone to be grieved with our lives?

Brethren, let us live our lives by providing for honest things before all men to the glory of God and for the edification of each saint.

thought of the week

The faith of Christ is the anchor  
for the soul

memory verse

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6



*Sunday Worship Service  
13 January 2013  
"How Faith in Christ Sustains Us"*

I. Passage : \_\_\_\_\_

### introduction

I. What is faith? \_\_\_\_\_

II. Faith is sustained primarily by the \_\_\_\_\_

III. This faith will have \_\_\_\_\_

### 5 ways faith sustains us

I. This faith sustains P \_\_\_\_\_ in the Ministry despite the afflictions

II. This faith sustains our P \_\_\_\_\_ the reality of the resurrection

III. This faith sustains our P \_\_\_\_\_ for the glory of God

IV. This faith sustains our P \_\_\_\_\_ despite our physical weaknesses

V. This faith gives a P \_\_\_\_\_ r view of Things

### personal reflection and application

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## EGYPTIAN MAGAZINE SAYS MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD INFILTRATED OBAMA ADMINISTRATION



Egypt's Rose El-Youssef magazine suggests the six turned the White House 'from a position hostile to Islamic groups and organizations in the world to the largest and most important supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood.' The story is largely unsourced, but its publication is considered significant in raising the issue to Egyptian readers. The six named people include: Arif Alikhan, assistant secretary of Homeland Security for policy development; Mohammed Elibiary, a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council; Rashad Hussain, the U.S. special envoy to the Organization of the Islamic Conference; Salam al-Marayati, co-founder of the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC); Imam Mohamed Magid, president of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA); and Eboo Patel, a member of President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships. Alikhan is a founder of the World Islamic Organization, which the magazine identifies as a Brotherhood 'subsidiary.' It suggests that Alikhan was responsible for the 'file of Islamic states' in the White House and that he provides the direct link between the Obama administration and the Arab Spring revolutions of 2011."

The following is excerpted from "Egyptian Magazine," For the Record, The Investigative Project on Terrorism, Jan. 3, 2013: "An Egyptian magazine claims that six American Islamist activists who work with the Obama administration are Muslim Brotherhood operatives who enjoy strong influence over U.S. policy. The Dec. 22 story published in

## 19,000 DEADLY ISLAMIC ATTACKS SINCE 9-11

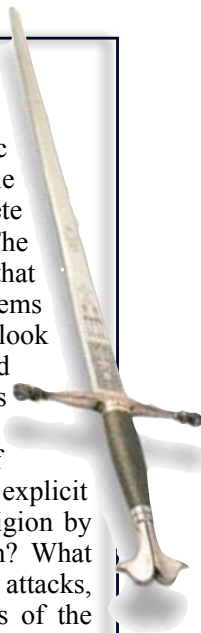


The following is excerpted from "Obama Official Attends 'Symposium on Defamation of Islam,'" Breitbart.com, Nov. 19, 2012: "An Obama administration official reportedly attended a Monday meeting with Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) officials to work on banning any speech that 'associates Islam or Islamists to violence.' The official was U.S. Consul General in Jeddah Anne Casper (pictured

above), and the meeting took place in Saudi Arabia. It apparently matters not that 'Islamic terrorists have carried out over 19,000 deadly attacks in the name of Islam since the 9-11 attacks in New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania. The meeting was advertised as a 'Symposium on Defamation of Islam.' It was the next step in OIC's push to ultimately ban criticism of Islam or Mohammed. OIC got its foot in the door on this subject when its resolution for 'religious tolerance' was adopted by the U.N. in December 2011, with strong support from the Obama administration."

## MORE THAN 11,000 DIED AT HANDS OF ISLAMIST TERRORIST IN 2012

According to a web site that tracks Islamic perpetrated violence, more than 11,000 people died from terror attacks in 2012. The complete list can be found at [thereligionofpeace.com](http://thereligionofpeace.com). The web site says: "We see no use in pretending that Islam is just another religion, which always seems to be the assumption of those preferring not to look too closely. What other religion's most devoted members videotape themselves cutting people's throats while screaming praises to their god? What other faith has tens of thousands of terrorists across the globe united by an explicit commitment to advance the cause of their religion by pursuing horrific mass murder and mutilation? What other religion actually celebrated the 9/11 attacks, described the carnage as 'one of the miracles of the Quran' and proclaimed it to be 'God's work against oppressors' What other religion has verses in its holy book that remind men of their divine permission to beat their wives and rape their slaves? ... In fact, Islam is more than a religion. It is a rigid political and cultural system with a mandate to conquer and govern the lives of others via necessary force 'until religion is only for Allah.' Violence is sanctioned by the Quran since, as the Ayatollah Khomeini bluntly put it, 'people cannot be made obedient except with the sword.'"



## UPS DEFUNDS BOYS SCOUTS AND SUPPORTS HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS GROUPS



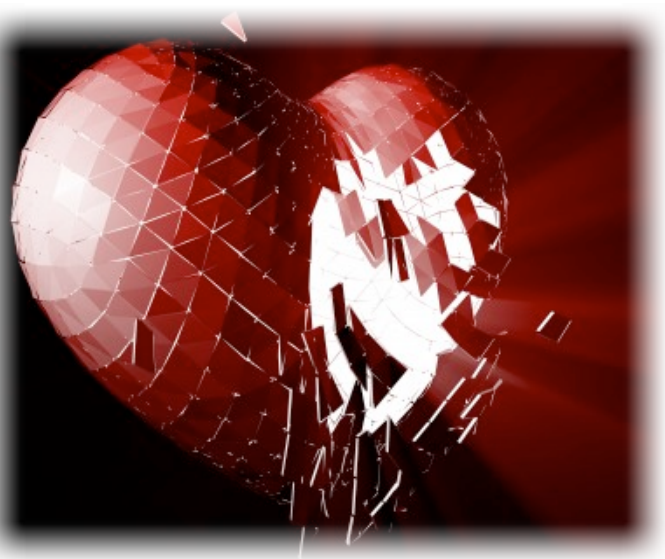
The following is excerpted from “UPS Says No to Boy Scouts, Yes to Gay Groups,” Christian Newswire, Nov. 20, 2012: “UPS recently announced it would stop funding the Boy Scouts of America because the Boy Scouts will not risk having its scouts led by scoutmasters who might have a sexual interest in the boys. The Boy Scouts of America faces millions of dollars in lawsuits because of past abuses by gay scoutmasters. According to a report from the Biblically Responsible Investment Institute, UPS has given over \$400,000 to nation’s largest LGBT organization, the Human Rights Campaign. In addition, they have given thousands of dollars to other gay groups. The Human Rights Campaign keeps track of gay-friendly companies and has consistently given UPS a score of 100%. UPS has even bragged about the score. The Human Rights Campaign frequently calls people ‘haters’ and ‘bigots’ if they believe marriage should only consist of one man and one woman.”

## HIV INFECTION ON RISE AMONG HOMOSEXUAL MEN

On World Aids Day, the announcement was made that “HIV infection rate is on the rise among gay men,” having increased 11% between 1987 and 2011 (Bangkok Post, Dec. 2, 2012). There are a half million people with AIDS in Thailand alone, with 9,500 new cases annually. In spite of the attempt by homosexual activists and the liberal media to paint AIDS as something other than a homosexual disease, the evidence to the contrary is clearly seen. It is not just a sexually-transmitted disease; it is a sexually-immoral transmitted disease. The Thai secretary for public health mentioned that that “men who have sex with men (MSM)” have a high risk of the type diseases that we cannot mention in a family paper. This is purely the result of their unnatural immoral behavior. Whatever AIDS is, it is not a disease that one gets if he honors God’s law of holy matrimony (except by means of something like a blood transfusion). Homosexual activists are fighting to have this deadly communicable disease protected by law so that those who have it cannot be “discriminated” against, but what about the rights of those who want to be protected from the very real danger represented by these people if they are working in the fields of health care, etc.? It’s all a sign of the times. Let’s stay busy in the Lord’s harvest fields while we have opportunity. Homosexual sinners can be saved through the power of the gospel just as well as “heterosexual” sinners. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16).

## ADULTERY AND HEALTH

The following is excerpted from “Patraeus Affair: Can Cheating Wreck Your Health?” NewsMaxHealth.com, Nov. 19, 2012: “Researchers from the University of Florence analyzed data about men who had heart attacks. Men who were cheating on their wives, especially with younger women, were found to be more likely to have heart attacks compared to men who were faithful. But it’s not only physical stress that takes a toll on health. The emotional stress is devastating as well. ‘When you are having an illicit affair, you are hiding a big secret, and this adds huge mental stress to everything you do,’ said Dr. Crandall. ... Indeed, this is backed up by medical studies, including one published in May in the Journal of Sexual Medicine. Researchers from the University of Florence analyzed data about men who had heart attacks. Men who were cheating on their wives, especially with younger women, were found to be more likely to have heart



attacks compared to men who were faithful. But it's not only physical stress that takes a toll on health. The emotional stress is devastating as well. "When you are having an illicit affair, you are hiding a big secret, and this adds huge mental stress to everything you do," said Dr. Crandall. ... 'Studies have found that getting divorced can shorten the lifespan for up to 10 years, and I'm not only talking about the person who has the affair, but also the children as well,' said Dr. Crandall, adding, 'I tell people that committing adultery is like a surgical scar – it's ugly and it is something that will never go away.'" The Bible says: "For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them. Hear me now

therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger; And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly. Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers 'with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth" (Proverbs 5:3-18).

## JANE FONDA AND AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

Actress and pop icon Jane Fonda represents American pop Christianity. She's currently in the news for a new "milder and gentler" yoga training video that she released for "senior citizens" like herself (she is 75). It really wouldn't matter what Jane Fonda is doing, except that she made a profession of Christianity in 2001 and she very much



represents the pop Christianity that predominates in America and that is spreading across the world as part of the global culture. It is not a Christianity that is based on the Holy Bible as God's divinely-inspired Word or a Christianity in which the proponent acknowledges himself as a fallen sinner deserving of God's eternal wrath, repents of sin and idolatry and trusts exclusively in Christ's blood alone for salvation. It's none of that. It is a me-centered, me-still-in-charge type of Christianity. It is the end-time Christianity described in 2 Timothy 3-4. Jane's Jesus is the non-judgmental Jesus described in The Shack. Her Christian faith is far more influenced by pop philosophy than the Word of God. She has renounced marriage for shacking up. She remains an activist for abortion rights, radical feminism, and homosexual rights. She persists in the pagan practice of yoga, without regard to what the Bible says, simply because it seems to provide physical and emotional benefits. Her thinking and desires remain her ultimate authority. In fact, she hates "fundamentalist," Bible-believing Christianity that interprets the Bible

literally. She has "nothing to do with the perceived doctrines of fundamentalist Christianity" (Fonda, "About My Faith," June 10, 2009). She despises a church authority structure over her life. Her Christianity is about "the need to give ourselves over to our higher power," after the fashion of the third step of the Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Step program. It

is about welcoming a nebulous and vaguely-defined "Holy Spirit into our innermost selves." The focus is on feeling God and mysticism. She describes ancient Gnosticism as "the Christianity that is my spiritual home" (My Life So Far, 2005). She remains a universalist who loves the Sufi poem that says, "Every child has known God, not the God of names, nor the God of don'ts ... But the God who knows only four words and keeps repeating them, saying, 'Come dance with Me.'" This "god" is an idol and Fonda's Christianity is end-time apostasy. Beware, friends, of the siren call of this dangerous generation. There is only one Creator God, and He is the God revealed in Holy Spirit. He is the most loving, compassionate Being there is, the source of all true love, but He is at the same time thrice-holy and righteous and just. We can understand His character only by looking at the cross. God is so holy that He had to sacrifice His own Son in order to redeem men from the just penalty of breaking His laws, but God is so loving that He was willing to do that very thing. Any other "god" and any other Christian faith is a lie.

## THE HUMMINGBIRD

The 300 species of hummingbirds vary in size from the giant hummingbird, with a length of about eight inches (20 cm.), to the bee hummingbird, with a length of about two inches (5 cm.). The hummingbird can swivel its wings through an amazing degree of angles, and its wings beat a figure eight pattern which allows it to hover and fly backwards (by moving the wings in a circular path over its head), sideways, and even upside down. Its long, thin beak is designed to feed on the nectar of flowers; its tongue has two furrows that it uses to store the nectar. The tongue can go in and out at a rate of 13 times per second, and is stored by being curled up at the back of the bird's head. Its tongue is also fringed so it can sweep insects from inside flowers. The Anna's Hummingbird is the fastest bird on earth. When he power dives from 90 feet above the ground, in his effort to impress the female, the male hummingbird experiences more than nine times the force of gravity, reaching a relative speed of 385 body-lengths per second, which is twice that of a jet fighter on afterburners or the space shuttle entering earth's atmosphere. The ruby-throated hummingbird flies non-stop 450 miles across the Gulf of Mexico in 20 hours, beating its tiny wings nearly 3 million times on that amazing journey.



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Turn to: **2 Corinthians 4:13 - 18**

**Hebrews 11:6** Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**John 6:63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

**Romans 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Psalms 116:10 - 12** I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted: I said in my haste, All men are liars. What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

**Job 13:15** Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.



# ambassador welcomes you

Good day! Ambassador Baptist Church welcomes you to join us in worship today!

As the new year begins, Ambassador looks forward to new hope, new direction, and new grace from God. May our spiritual lives reach new heights of growth this year!

## THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

*"To win the north of Singapore for Christ and a thousand souls for Christ in five years."*

COMING UP • FAMILIES

## Parent Support Group

***"Leading our children to Faith in Christ"***

*19 January 2013*

*3PM-5PM*

*On the day...*

*Prayer*

*Topic Sharing*

*General Sharing*

*Refreshments*

**6** more days...

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monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts (SEM)	Outreach Efforts (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place	ABC Youth	Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

"FBI resumes next week"

get in touch!

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weekly activities

**Sunday Services**

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM  
Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM  
Mandarin Service 03:30PM  
English Worship Service 11:00AM

**Routine Weekly Activities**

Faith Bible Institute  
Mondays, 07:45PM

"Rivers in a Dry Place"  
Fridays, 08:00PM

Ambassador Youth  
Saturdays, 10:30AM

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at [www.ambassador-baptist.org](http://www.ambassador-baptist.org)

**Outreach Efforts**

SEMBAWANG  
Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert  
Tuesdays, 08:15PM

YISHUN  
Person-in-Charge: *We need one.*  
Wednesdays, 08:15PM

prayer requests

- **For wisdom as we prepare to move to our new facility**
- The various ministries
- **For God's leadership in the transition of Ambassador Baptist Church to a Discipleship church**
- For direction and unity in the training of Discipleship Group Leaders and other areas of training
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2013
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- ABC Biblical doctrines manual

the new testament in 4 months

- 14 JAN** 1 Co 15-16
- 15 JAN** 2 Co 1-4
- 16 JAN** 2 Co 5-9
- 17 JAN** 2 Co 10-13
- 18 JAN** Gal 1-4
- 19 JAN** Gal 5-6; Eph 1-2
- 20 JAN** Eph 3-6