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be ye reconciled to God  
2 Corinthians 5:20

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## OUR MASTER'S EXAMPLE



## today's **program**

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 Pastor Johnny Tan ([johnny@ambassador-baptist.org](mailto:johnny@ambassador-baptist.org))

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*For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.*

**Romans 15:3**

The life of the believer is a life of glorifying God (1

Corinthians 10:31). The focus must be to do the will of God from the heart. The believer's heart has already been given to the Lord Jesus. His will and bidding is the instruction and motto of the believer's life. Although God's will is always perfect and what He

aims to accomplish is always benevolent, kind and useful for the intended person, the process of accomplishment might be couched in pain, persecution and reproaches. How does a Christian respond when, in

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submission to God's will, he is called upon to carry his cross of obedience with the constant loads of trials and temptations? We need to follow the example of the Lord Jesus. His entire life was one of living the will of God; His aim was to complete the will of God. What examples can we learn from Christ's life that will help us to be "others-centred"?

**Just as Christ pleased not Himself, we need to learn to please not ourselves. It is often easy for us to dote on ourselves.** "After all," we may quietly think, "I deserve the best." Yet, a Christian who follows Christ will not think this way, but will always put others first, just as Christ did. When Christ was tired, He got up to still the storm. When He was forsaken by His own disciples, He did not forsake them but continued on to the cross. When He was crucified, he cried, "Father, forgive them!" before He said, "I thirst." The Lord Jesus gave the example of selflessness; we need to learn to be selfless, too.

**We need to be prepared for the reproaches as a result of our living for the Lord.** It is no

secret that those who will live by the name of Christ will be rejected and even suffer for the name of the Lord. Philippians 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake. Righteous living opposes the sin of this world: and the world does not appreciate people exposing them. King Herod had John the Baptist's head taken off for exposing his adulterous affair; Paul was opposed for preaching the gospel; Peter was crucified for preaching in Rome. Are we ready to bear the reproaches that may come as we live for Christ and learn the example of Christ?

**When we suffer for His sake, the suffering is borne by none other than the Lord Jesus.** Even as people may afflict us, Christ bears the affliction upon Himself. This is a wonderful truth: when the world hates us, it is because it hated Christ first and we do not really bear the brunt of the opposition, but Christ.

Dear believer, are you "others-centred" or "self-centred" today?

thought of the week

Passion seldom gives  
so acceptably as  
principle

*Spurgeon*

memory verse

He that trusteth in his own heart is  
a fool: but whoso walketh wisely,  
he shall be delivered

Proverbs 28:26

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"Give to Glorify God"

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 9:6 - 8**

**Psalms 50:10 - 12** For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

**1 Corinthians 4:7** For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

**Matthew 5:45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

**Romans 8:32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

**Malachi 3:10 - 12** Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

**Proverbs 3:9-10** Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

**Proverbs 22:9** He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

**Exodus 35:5** Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

**Exodus 35:29** The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

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"Give to Glorify God"

Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

## introduction

- I. All things belong to the \_\_\_\_\_
- II. God is the \_\_\_\_\_
- III. We can never \_\_\_\_\_ God
- IV. God commands us to give, not because He needs it, but because \_\_\_\_\_
- V. All Christians are commanded to give, because giving is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

## how are we to give so that we can glorify God?

- I. Give \_\_\_\_\_, with the intention to \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Give \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## PRESIDENT OBAMA PRAISES PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On April 26, President Barack Obama praised Planned Parenthood in a 12 minute speech. CNSNews observed that this was “enough time for 7.6 abortions to take place at Planned Parenthood clinics,” since they perform an average of one abortion every 94 seconds. The first sitting president to address Planned Parenthood, Obama

said the organization is necessary so that a woman can have “a choice” and can maintain control over her own body, but in reality the choice a woman makes at Planned Parenthood clinics typically involves not her “own body,” but that of a separate person: the innocent baby in her womb. Obama failed to mention the fact that no woman is forced to conceive a baby. America has never had a more pro-abortion president. When he was a senator in Illinois, Obama staunchly and repeatedly opposed the “Born Alive Infant Protection Act” which would have ensured that if a baby was born during a botched abortion, the baby would be saved. He also supports “partial birth abortion,” a procedure whereby a living baby’s head is pulled out of the womb and its brain suctioned out before the dead body is birthed (“Why Is Obama’s Evil in Rick Warren’s Pulpit?” *WorldNetDaily*, Nov. 17, 2006). Obama mentioned



Planned Parenthood’s beginning in New York City, but he failed to say that it originated with Margaret Sanger’s eugenics program to stem the growth of undesirables such as blacks and poor European immigrants. Her slogan was “more children from the fit; less from the unfit--that is the chief issue of birth control” (Diane Paul, *Controlling Human Heredity*, 1995, p. 20).

“She repeatedly referred to the lower classes and the unfit as ‘human waste’ not worthy of assistance, and proudly quoted the extreme eugenic view that human ‘weeds’ should be ‘exterminated.’ ... In her 1922 book, *Pivot of Civilization*, Sanger ... included an introduction by famous British novelist and eugenicist H. G. Wells, who said, ‘... we cannot make the social life and the world-peace we are determined to make, with the ill-bred, ill-trained swarms of inferior citizens that you inflict upon us’” (Edwin Black, *War Against the Weak*, pp. 127, 129, 130). In addition to birth control and abortion, Sanger advocated infanticide and euthanasia. Calling large families “immoral,” she said, “The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it” (Sanger, *Woman and the New Race*, chapter 5). (For more on this see “Eugenics and Darwin” at [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).)

## ABORTION RIGHTS INSANITY

There is a deep spiritual blindness surrounding the abortion-rights movement. Consider, for example, the move to have anti-abortion laws equated with the torture of women. The United Nations has published a report claiming that nations that fail to allow legalized abortion are allowing the “torture and ill treatment” of women (“UN Report,” *Life News*, March 8, 2013). The UN report is based on a 2010 report by the Center for Reproductive Rights, which stated: “In recent years, the Center for Reproductive Rights and other civil society organizations have extensively documented the ways in which abuses of women’s sexual and reproductive rights rise to the level of torture or CIDT [Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Punishment] and have advocated for recognition of the severity of these violations.” In reality, it is the unborn baby that is being tortured and treated with extreme cruelty and inhumanity. God’s Word says, “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20).

## A MAGAZINE THAT IS NOT OUTSPOKEN IS A LITERARY NUISANCE



The following words by Charles Spurgeon are from *The Sword & Trowel*, 1870: “This Magazine has not been conducted in a timid, crouching spirit, neither have we pandered to popular tastes. Some of our articles have brought down upon us upbraodings which we have borne without regret. Our reviews, when we have felt conscientiously bound to censure, have cost us many a postal lecture. We are not, however, penitent; we have nothing to retract, but doubt not that we shall sin again; we would not needlessly irritate, but we will not be silent in the presence of error, neither will we bespatter with flattery where honesty demands denunciation. A magazine which is not outspoken, and is destitute of principle, is a literary nuisance. We use the *trowel* wherever we can to aid every good cause, but we have a *sword* also and mean to use it. We expect to receive blows, and therefore when we do we are not overwhelmed with dismay. Christ’s truth is too dear to us for us to flinch from its defense. In the widespread defection which is now so sadly apparent in certain quarters, we see not only signs of coming struggles, but calls to duty, stern and arduous, from which only cowards will desire to be excused. The ancient faith, assailed by foes on all hands, must not lack for champions.”

## POPE FOR A NEW WORLD

“Pope for a New World” is the title of a special 2013 edition of *Time* magazine. The focus is on Pope Francis and whether or not he will be a dramatic change agent in the Catholic Church. The authors of the report call for “profound structural reform,” such as restructuring the Roman Curia, opening the priesthood and other leadership positions to women, abolishing mandatory “celibacy” of priests, allowing divorced and remarried people to take the consecrated wafer of the mass, and relaxing the institution’s position against homosexual “love.” Since the 1960s and the Second Vatican Council, the Roman Catholic Church has become more “evangelical” while evangelicals have become more Romanized or as least more sympathetic to Rome. It is not difficult to see how this fits into the formation of a “one world church.” Some of the most powerful elements of ecumenism are the charismatic movement, contemporary worship music, and contemplative prayer.



## NEW LANGUAGE FOR A NEW AGE



The movement to promote “gender-neutral” language and thinking has entered a new stage in Washington state with the final piece of a six-year effort to re-write state laws. Thousands of pages of legislation have been modified to reflect gender-neutrality. “fisherman” is now “fisher”; “freshman” is now “first-year student”; “journeyman plumber” is now “journey-level plumber”; “penmanship” is now “handwriting”; “signalman” is now “signal operator” (“Washington state removes gender

bias,” Reuters, Apr. 23, 2013). Reuters reports that 10 other states have passed “gender-neutral” legislation and at least 9 others are considering it. Brietbart calls this a “war on the English language,” but it is much more than that. Liz Watson, a senior adviser of the National Women’s Law Center, says, “Words matter. This is important for changing hearts and minds.” Indeed, this is a dramatic feat of social engineering to prepare “global citizens” for the New Age. By the way, we wonder why nothing has been done about those dastardly words “woMAN” and “feMALE.”

## CALIFORNIA'S BATHROOM BILL MOVING AHEAD

In April 2013 the California Assembly Education Committee approved a bill that would mandate schools to allow boys to use girls' restrooms and *vice versa* if they identify with the opposite gender ("California 'Bathroom Bill' Mandating Schools to Allow Boys in Girls' Restrooms," *Christian News*, Apr. 18, 2013). "AB 1266, also known as the 'Bathroom Bill,' would serve as an amendment to the Education Code and would require all schools in the state to comply with its mandates. 'A pupil shall be permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs, activities, and facilities, including athletic teams and competitions, consistent with his or her gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records,' the legislation reads. It was approved to move forward in the legislature by a vote of 5-2 on



Wednesday. It will likely now advance to the full Assembly, House and Senate for consideration. 'We were heavily outnumbered by transgender folk, transgender activists, the ACLU and teacher's unions,' Matthew McReynolds, staff attorney with the Pacific Justice Institute (PJI), told *Christian News Network* of the hearing that took place prior to the vote."

## CLINTON OMITTS "CREATOR" IN CITING DECLARATION



The following is excerpted from "Bill Clinton Omits," *CNSNews.com*, Apr. 22, 2013: "In accepting the 'Advocate of Change' award at the GLAAD Media Awards on Sunday, former Democratic President Bill Clinton invoked the Declaration of Independence as confirming support for homosexuals as being 'endowed with certain rights' but omitted the words 'their Creator' as the source of those rights. The Declaration of Independence says, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.' (GLAAD was formerly known as Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.) In his remarks, Clinton said he felt GLAAD staff, board, and supporters should have received the award 'because they are the real agents of change.' ... Clinton said his daughter Chelsea 'and her gay friends and her wonderful husband have modeled to me the way we all ought to treat each other without regard to our sexual orientation.' ... Drew Barrymore hosted the event, with Hollywood celebrities as presenters, including Jennifer Lawrence, Charlize Theron, Betty White and Leonardo DiCaprio."



## WHERE DO JEWS LIVE?

Though Jews are still scattered all over the world, they are congregated largely in two countries now. Eighty percent of the Jews live either in America or Israel, divided roughly equally between the two countries. Eleven other nations have a Jewish population of 50,000 or more. Tel Aviv, with 2.5 million Jews, is the world's largest Jewish city, followed by New York, with 1.9 million.

## AN AMAZING FROG

“A rare Australian aquatic frog has one of the most amazing systems for rearing its young to be found in the animal kingdom. If any other creature tried the same method, the result would be fatal to its young. The frog is a species of Australian frog so rare that it only has a Latin name. Once the eggs are laid and fertilized, the female swallows the eggs. Sometimes she waits until they begin to develop. However, once the young are in her stomach, she forgoes eating for eight weeks. After eight weeks, the young, developed frogs emerge from her mouth. Why aren't the young frogs digested in the mother's stomach? Once the offspring are in her stomach, they begin to release fine threads of chemicals from their mouths. Among these chemicals is one that causes the mother's stomach to stop manufacturing acid. In other words, the tiny young frogs change the mother's stomach from an organ for digestion into a comfortable, protected nursery. Scientists were amazed at the frog's system since no other creature in nature is able to do this.”



### CONCLUSION:

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C. Not out of \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_

III. Give \_\_\_\_\_ to reap bountifully

A. God's \_\_\_\_\_

B. God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

C. God's continued \_\_\_\_\_

D. God's continued \_\_\_\_\_

E. God's continued trust in using \_\_\_\_\_

personal reflection and application

**Ecclesiastes 11:1-2** Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

**Deuteronomy 15:10** Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteth thine hand unto.

**Proverbs 19:17** He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

**IN BRIEF**

**Faith Bible Institute**

*Students of Faith Bible Institute are reminded that the Theology (Doctrines of Christ and the Bible) test will be held on May 13. Please make due diligence in preparation.*

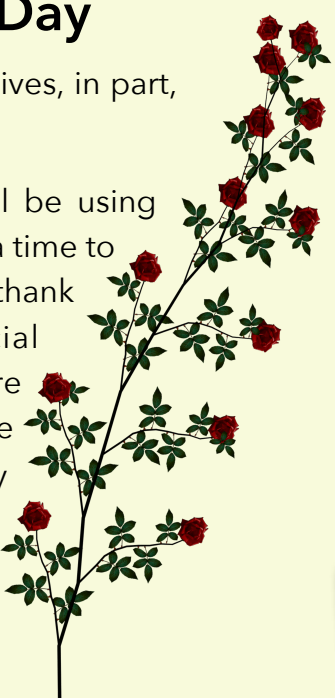
COMING UP • from the heart

**Mother's Day**

We all owe our lives, in part, to our mothers.

Ambassador will be using next Sunday as a time to recognize and thank the very special women who were the first to be involved in every one of our lives.

Bring your mums and be a blessing to her!



COMING UP • MEMBERS

**Parent Support Group**

how do we know  
if our children  
are **READY**  
to become  
**CHRISTIANS?**

issues of the  
**HEART**

Why do people behave the way they do?  
Why do I behave the way I do?  
How do I **overcome** bad behaviour?  
What does the Bible say?

Find out in Sunday Bible Hour

**THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR**

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

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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

*"Note the Parent Support Group"*

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
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2013
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- **Sis Kym's parents**
- **Sis Lydia's parents**

the new testament in 4 months

- MAY 6** 1 Corinthians 9-11
- MAY 7** 1 Corinthians 12-14
- MAY 8** 1 Corinthians 15-16
- MAY 9** 2 Corinthians 1-4
- MAY 10** 2 Corinthians 5-9
- MAY 11** 2 Corinthians 10-13
- MAY 12** Galatians 1-4