

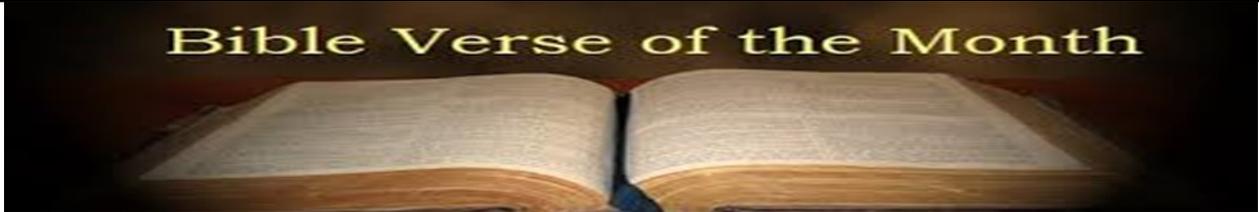
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Bible Verse of the Month



1 Thessalonians 2:4 "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

"Allowed of God": It could be that some false teachers came into the church to discredit Paul's ministry. This would account for his emphasis (in verse 1-12), on his divine appointment, approval, integrity, and devotion to them. (Acts 9:15; 16:9-10).

Allowed and trieth translates the same Greek verb dokimazo differently because it has two different meanings in this same verse. "Allowed", means that God had carefully examined Paul and found him to be fit for the ministry, thus entrusting the apostle with this responsibility.

"Trieth" means that the Lord examines him daily to see whether he remains fit and can continue in the ministry. This habitual divine scrutiny is the reason Paul seeks to please God rather than men. God then, is the ultimate cause and motive of Paul's ministry, not impurity (verse 3), or covetousness (verse 5).

I love the word "allowed" in the verse above. Paul counted it a privilege to be trusted with the gospel message. We should count it a privilege to be allowed to work for God ourselves. Paul spoke as an oracle of God. Paul did not choose what he would say. He turned his tongue over to God and spoke the words as the Spirit gave him utterance.

Most ministers today have this all turned around. They are preaching what the people want to hear. The Bible calls that preaching to itching

ears.

2 Timothy 4:3 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"

This verse in Timothy is speaking of ministers called of men to preach, not called of God. Paul was called of God to carry the message God chose to the people. The people did not always want to hear what the Spirit of God speaking through Paul had to say. It many times, stepped on their toes. The Spirit brought out sins in them that they thought no one knew about but God knew.

Paul had no desire to please men. His desire was to bring the message God wanted the people to have as accurately as he could. Paul's desire was to please God, not man.

If it brought persecution, so be it. God looks on the heart, and judges righteously. He looks on the heart of the minister, and the people he is ministering to. Let me mention, one more time, the gospel is (good news).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 5:** Options for Women Banquet
- October 7:** Open House Sunday
- October 8:** Columbus Day
- October 13:** Ladies Breakfast @ GN Café
- October 14:** Pastor Appreciation Round-Up Sunday
- October 20:** Men's Prayer Breakfast
- October 21:** Chili Cook Off Sunday
Newsletter Deadline
- October 25-27:** Ladies Retreat
- October 28:** Old Fashioned Sunday
- October 28-30:** Dr. Reichman Prophecy Conference



Fishers of Men:
Every Saturday @ 10 AM
This month we will be inviting the community to our October Open House/ Harvest Days in October

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Caring Corner

Birthdays:

1. Angel Juarez
3. Tony Newhouse
4. Nicole Gabriel
4. Timothy Gabriel
6. Isaiah Nuno
9. Charlie Cavett
15. Rich Dilly
17. Gloria Smith
20. Marlene Baker
23. David Gale
24. Ben Moore
24. Hedda Alvarado
24. Elena Mena
30. Ralph Saul

Anniversaries:

7. Derek & Tammy Meza
17. David & Diane Gale
20. Dell & Hildred Stipe
21. Ralph & Sharon Saul

Did You Know?

11% of people are left handed

Family Favorites

By Lisa Evans



October is the start of all the fun....visiting a pumpkin farm and choosing just the right pumpkin to decorate with. My family would take an afternoon to drive down to the Monterey Pumpkin Festival, enjoy the sites and ocean air along the coast. (I've been all over the world except Asia but I still believe right here Northern California is the best!! The Bay Area rocks!!) I still like to take the drive. I continued the tradition when my son was young.....I'd make a pumpkin pie around this time but I really enjoy making festive cookies, decorating them, and about Christmas time I gift my neighbors and friends with a plate of assorted of treats: brownies, blondies and assorted cookies and candies.

Here's my really simple sugar cookie recipe to get you started.....
Have the kids (husbands too) help add the sugars.

Simple Sugar Cookies

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla (a hint I've learned.....Mexico offers the best Vanilla. Being in California and so close. If you're ever there go pick up a bottle to enhance your baking.....
It keeps well for months.....super great for a little remembrance of your travels)
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 egg
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar



Granulated sugar or colored sugar, orange and purple are great for the season... At the stores I've seen cute little pumpkins and such to use instead of sugars.....go for it!....Make them your own. I've even added a few little 'candy corn' candies.....a little goes a long way.

Mix powdered sugar, butter, vanilla, almond extract and egg in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients except granulated sugar. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Heat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease a cookie sheet.

Divide dough in half. Roll each half 1/4 inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut into desired shapes, I use my pumpkin shaped one. Sprinkle with granulated sugar.

Place on cookie sheet.

Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until edges are light brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Cool on wire rack.

Missionary Letters

Larry & Dawn Nelson...Australia

Thank you so much for your continued prayers, support, and notes. God has encouraged us very much over the past couple months with wonderful answers to prayer along with various challenges that keep us walking close to Him.

I've been asking for prayer for a small Baptist work in Northam, a town about a 90 minute drive from us. They are searching for a pastor which is proving to be very difficult, but the Lord knows. For the past two months I have been travelling there each week for a mid-week prayer meeting and have recently been taking a retired pastor along with me. Please continue to make this a matter of prayer. I am reminded of our Lord's instruction to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest".

I started another weekly men's Bible study group. The new group meets every Friday evening and the participation has been very positive with an attendance normally of 16 men. Not every man is able to attend each week but over the course of a month 25 men are coming along to the classes which meet at 7:00am and 6:30pm. I'm introducing Biblical characteristics for men of God along with practical ways they can study the Bible. The fellowship has been tremendous and it is refreshing to see their desire to learn the Word of God. Although there has been a lot of illness during this winter season (southern hemisphere), our Sunday services are still well attended with several new families visiting and returning.

We are praying for God's comfort and provision for a dear Australian pastor and his wife, Richard & Margarete. A couple weeks ago it was discovered that Margarete has an

advance stage of cancer in vital organs. She was in remission so this appears to have come back quickly. They are friends and have been a part of our extended ministry for several years. Richard is the pastor of a church on the coast of New South Wales which we support. Please pray for them during these difficult days ahead.

In the past couple months we baptised five teenagers: Matthew, Ilya, Devon, Kyle, Riley and one adult: Tania. Tania's salvation testimony and baptism encouraged everyone! Her husband is a faithful man and we have been praying for Tania for over ten years. God does answer prayer!

The Australian Parliament has gone through a major upset within the governing party, all without an election. This resulted in a change in this country's Prime Minister and the entire Cabinet! Our new Prime Minister is a conservative family man, a Pentecostal, and his daughters attend a Baptist Christian school. Our religious liberties are under serious threat so this is a major turn of events.

Before closing, I must mention that Dawn & I celebrated our 41st wedding anniversary in August! We sure do appreciate the cards and notes we received. We are thanking the Lord for his blessings on our marriage, family and ministry! This year marks the 39th year of our arrival in Australia. What a time it has been. We praise the Lord for placing us in this great work and for giving us the desires of our hearts.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. It is a privilege to be your missionary partners.

John & Jeri-Ann Cook...Canada

We are so thankful for all the churches that continue to support us in our ministry. Though we can no longer be on the field, we certainly continue to have a ministry there. The churches that the Lord enabled us to start, continue to go on faithfully for the Lord. They are seeing souls saved and baptized. In addition, they are training men for the ministry. Three of those churches have started four new churches. Thank the Lord for his continued blessings on these churches and for their faithful pastors.

At the beginning of August, my wife and I attended a youth conference at Faith Baptist Church in Imperial, California. The speakers

were David and Jason Bueckert. They did a great job preaching. They are two of the men that we trained in Canada, who are pastoring churches there. We praise the Lord for their faithful preaching and service to the Lord. These are fruits to your account from your support of our ministry.

In October, Lord willing, we will be in Red Deer, Alberta, with the Bible Baptist Church. Their pastor Isaac Bueckert—more of the fruit of this ministry—has asked us to come and help them in their mission's conference. We look forward to this opportunity to be with this faithful church and pray that the Lord will make us a blessing to them.

We have faced a few difficulties personally; in the past month, we were in an accident that did a lot of damage to our car. The accident was my fault according to the police report since I did not see a vehicle and pulled out only to see him then, it happened in the evening. No one was hurt, but there was some serious damage to the cars involved, ours and two others. Please pray for us as this is being taken care of by our insurance, which no doubt will result in our insurance premium being increased.

The Olde Tyme Baptist Church, the Harvest International Baptist Church and the Old Paths Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, went together in a citywide outreach. They gave out several thousand tracts and handouts promoting their Stampede outreach programs. This is a once a year outreach that gives them the opportunity to preach the gospel to those that are unreached for the Savior.

The Olde Tyme Baptist Church celebrated their 20 year anniversary on July the fifteenth. What a joy it is to see the faithfulness of this church family and pastor. They are currently seeking a better meeting place for the church, please pray for them. In addition, please for their pastor, Vasile Corniciuc, his wife and their little one Casey. Casey had to go through surgery and three chemo therapy treatments . The doctors say everything looks ok now. Still please keep them in your prayers.

Mshama & Martha Kinyonga...Tanzania

It is always a privilege to write to you all and give you a peek at what God is doing here in Morogoro, Tanzania. We are grateful that we

can be here and serve the people. We are excited that folks continue to grow little by little. While we are always grateful for the big, dramatic changes, we are also encouraged by the little changes like, "I'm going to start coming on Wednesdays," or "I'm going to serve by helping count how many people we have in church," or "I'm going to help in the baptistery." Small things are big things that make the ministry flow smoothly.

In our last prayer letter, we had one month of our Spring Program left. Like I wrote before, it was our first, so we know we can always improve for the next one, but we are grateful that in the three months over which it took place, we had 192 first-time visitors, with over half of them trusting in Christ. We always make sure that when a visitor comes, they get the opportunity to hear the Gospel. You never know how many chances they will have. One visitor who came was a 12-year-old girl named Jacqueline. She was what they call here a "house girl" or a servant/babysitter for one of our neighbors. Esther actually had been inviting her for a while. One Sunday she finally came and trusted Christ. That next week she went home to her village to visit and do "tribal ritual things," and she passed away. We thank God that she trusted in Christ. You just never know the impact you can have on someone's life. Being able to give the Gospel just one more time gives us that driving power to keep going. It also keeps us focused.

On August 12, we celebrated the 4-year anniversary of GBC. God has brought us so far, and we are always excited when we get to look back on what He's done and what He will do in the future. We had 632 people that day, with 62 trusting in Christ. We had 5 couples from our church get married too. It was a long, busy, and eventful day. We want to thank Pastor Noonan and the folks at Faith Baptist Church for money that was sent so we could feed all these people. Thank you also for the special treat of allowing us to be able to kill a whole cow. Thank you to all who prayed and who regularly support us as well. We are all teaming up together for a common goal.

My mother-in-law arrived safely with all her luggage and is doing well. She has been here for three weeks and is learning the language and adjusting to life here in Tanzania. We thank all of

you who prayed for her arrival and for her adjustment.

Prayer Requests:

We want to start a kids' program on Wednesdays during the normal Bible Study time. Please pray, as we are making preparations for that.

- Continue to pray for our GBC Bible College.

- We would like to start a Hospital Ministry. Please pray, as we are in the very early stages of that.

We love and appreciate all of you and are honored that we can represent you here in Tanzania.

Leonard & Susie Smith...Mexico

We are so very grateful for amazing Vacation Bible Schools season this summer. At the Emanuel Bible Baptist Church in Culiacan, we had a total of 171 different kids attending with the daily attendances ranging from 109 to 135. God blessed us with new kids coming and hearing the Gospel. I am thrilled to report that we counted 47 kids trusting Christ as Savior among the older kids. The workers, about 40 of us, were blessed to participate in one of our best VBS's to date at this church.

In Limon de Los Ramos, a small town just 10 miles north of the city we had a very good VBS as well. This small church had 45 kids attending VBS with 12 coming to Christ. Susie and I had a blast doing a daily skit to help teach the lessons, and the group of about another 20 adults and youth working made this VBS a total success.

For youth camp this year we sent a bus load and a 15 passenger van full of youth (38 youth) and 2 adults from our churches) along with another 20 from a sister church, to a camp about 600 miles south east of us. Many life-changing decisions were made for Christ. We pray that as they all are starting back to school that they will be able to be a faithful witness for the Lord in their respective schools throughout the city.

Twice a month we go out to a village named San Miguel de Las Mesas, (in cartel territory) where we have a children's Bible class under a tree and a preaching and teaching time on the front porch of a humble home. The married 34 year old paraplegic son of the owners of the home was in a bad accident a few years ago. He was

one of the first ones that came faith in Christ in that village. When I would ask him how he was doing, he would always be smiling and simply say he was doing just fine. Well, he got some sort of infection and never recovered. When we got word of his homegoing, we rushed out there. I was honored to honor the Lord and honor the memory of Librado as I preached the Gospel to about 100 people scattered where ever they could find shade from the hot sun. When I invited them to believe in the Lord and trust Him as Librado had done, I could hear many of them pray asking the Lord to save them.

We are blessed to serve the Lord here. We are blessed to have you pray and support us. Thank you for your faithfulness and patience with us. I love what we do. Thank you for sending us!

Bill & Doyla Bramblet...Australia

We baptized two men in August. That was a blessing! It's great to see men identifying themselves with the Lord and with His people. Jason is a builder and Pazung is a student. Please pray for them. Both are already helping out with our youth program. We've had a good group coming out on youth nights. For a long time Doyla and I worked with the youth, but we have been able to turn that over to others. That's a blessing, but it's also hard, as you never think anyone will love the kids like you do! We are blessed to have people who love the kids and make the ministry their own.

Doyla has been holding teacher training classes on Sunday afternoons. I was surprised and pleased to have 10 people attending! Some are our current teachers, and others are new. We are excited about what the Lord is doing in our church as people take up the work of the ministry.

We are still praying for Alex, Casey and Oshea to return to the Lord and to our church. Please pray that they will repent and return. Australia celebrates Fathers Day on the first Sunday of September. That was a special time as we honoured Fathers.

Thank you for praying and God bless you.

Bits and Pieces, Notes and News

Ladies Fellowship: Our Ladies Fellowship for this month is breakfast at GN Café, 1025 Detroit Ave October 13th at 9 am. The Women's Retreat at Wolf Mountain is also this month, October 25-27. For more information check with the church office, see Jessica or go to www.wolfmountain.org/women-s-retreat to register online.. Also ladies, our yearly planning meeting will be coming up in November. The date, time and location will be announced soon.

Pastor Tony & Karen's New Address: 324 South Sixth Street, Thermopolis WY 82443. Their cell phone numbers will stay the same for a while.

Country Harvest Days: October is Country Harvest Days at Tabernacle. Each Sunday is unique and special. Open House Sunday-October 7th: complimentary family meal after the morning service. Round-Up Sunday October 14th: Western BBQ, hoedown, fun & games for the whole family. Chili Cook-Off Sunday, October 21st: Chili competition at its finest! Awards for best overall, hottest and most unique. Old Fashioned Sunday, October 28th: Homemade apple pie, ice cream & more. Mark your calendar.

Options For Women Banquet: On Friday, October 5th Options For Women will be having their annual Gala Fundraiser Banquet. This is only one of their two main fundraising activities during the year. They take no monies from government sources and are completely supported by donations. They give women options when they discover an unplanned pregnancy, saving many unborn babies yearly. Registration will be at 6pm followed by dinner and their program at 7pm at Crowne Plaza Concord. To sponsor a table or purchase individual tickets visit: www.OptionsForWomenGala.com For more information or questions call (925) 827-0100 or info@friends-ofw.com

Grow Letter Ministry: Pastor Thomas would like to extend his wholehearted and grateful thanks to all the dear ladies who have helped with the GROW Letter Ministry over the years. God used your loving hands and hearts to bless those in the community! Unfortunately we will be discontinuing this ministry for the time being.

Dr. Al Reichman will be here for a Bible Prophecy Conference from Sunday, October 28th through Tuesday, October 30th. Dr. Reichman is a Jewish Christian and has a very successful ministry to the Jewish people not only in his city but throughout the world. You don't want to miss this. Mark your calendars!

If you have any questions regarding our search for a pastor, please email tbcca.office@gmail.com or reach out directly to one of our six deacons: Rich King, Mike Hogendorn, Charlie Cavett, Tom Ciaramitaro, Troy Moore, or Angel Juarez.

Ralphie's Puzzler of the Month

Were early Jewish women forbidden to wear men's clothing?

Last Month's Answer: Who was the prophet of the Old Testament who foretold of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem? Zechariah 9:9 Behold Daughter of Zion. He is just lowly, riding on a colt!

Mary Lou's Musings

By Mary Lou McCauley

After hanging on the line for a half hour, waiting for Comcast to answer, I finally hung up because I couldn't wait any longer; I had to go somewhere, and I was getting extremely impatient. How often in life do these minor irritations upset you? I thought that as I grew older these irritations wouldn't bother me so much! After all, hadn't I learned anything from the example of Jesus? Apparently, I had not yet learned enough!

This isn't my only irritation either. I hate waiting anywhere – in line, at airports, where delays seem inevitable, and at the doctor's office. (Don't they know my time is valuable, too?)

It occurred to me that all this waiting time might be put to good use if I had a more godly attitude.

After all, doesn't God dispose our time as much as anything else? Isn't He the Guardian of every living, breathing second of my day? Why, then, the impatience? Could it be self-importance? Indeed, arrogance? (How dare they keep ME waiting!) There is an ugly underbelly to impatience that smacks of downright sin.

Another form of impatience is my constant frustration with technology. Part of that is sheer ignorance, too! The other day I wanted to take a picture of a group of our ladies and my phone was dead – AGAIN! I threw it on the table and groaned. Of course, it was my fault it was dead! I hadn't charged it, but it was easier to take my frustration out on the phone. So, there is an element of impatience that even extends to myself. When children come to see me in my office, they often

express this same frustration when they make mistakes. My advice to them is, "Give yourself a break! It's okay to be wrong, sometimes." I need to take my own advice!

Sometimes I get impatient with people, too. I find myself supplying words for people instead of waiting patiently for their own valid expression of the words they choose to use. How

arrogant is that? It's like saying, "Here let me help you; I know better than you do what you want to say!" There are times when I want to say, "Cut to the bottom line! I don't have all day here!" The truth is, I have as much time as the Lord has given me, the same twenty-four/seven that He has granted everyone else. Even if I do not express these feelings aloud, I'm sure there are times when my body language gives me away. I jingle my keys, shift from one foot to another, glance at my watch, or in a multitude of other ways give my nasty impatience away.

I say all that to say this! May God forgive me for my impatience! God distinctly and directly commands us to be patient. It is a fruit of the Spirit. So when I express impatience, I am quenching the Holy Spirit of God within me. That is sobering! Patience is an expression of love.

The Word says, "Love is patient!" Col. 1:11 refers to spiritual maturity as having "great endurance and patience." Father, forgive my impatience, and help me to better reflect your glory in this area.

OH LORD
give me
PATIENCE
&
give it to me
RIGHT
NOW

Monthly Devotional**Library Corner**

October 2018
By *J. Harmon

October**The power of gentleness!**

Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:7
7: But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

As a follower of Christ, do you display gentleness at home, work or the ministry? How do people perceive you? Christ was gentle with the people around Him. Even at His death, Christ still displayed gentleness (Luke 23:34). Some followers of Christ say there are times when one needs to be more than gentle. This may be true, but if you are not focusing on the issue of gentleness, then you are missing the whole point. The question is how gentle are you? A person can be right to the point and at the same time be gentle in the manner they speak (John 4:17-18). There are followers of Christ who believe speaking roughly or humiliating people is the way to go. Biblically speaking, there is no passage which says a follower of Christ should be rough or insulting (1 Timothy 3:1-3). Learn to be gentle, even during rough times. Gentleness, at times, can accomplish much more than being loud and rude.

Goal:

As a follower of Christ, learn to be gentle. Incorporate gentleness into your ministry. Learn when and how to apply it, in words and actions. Be wise and learn the power of gentleness.

I see a Man at God's right hand,
Upon the throne of God,
And there in sevenfold light I see
The sevenfold sprinkled blood.
I look upon that glorious Man,
On that blood-sprinkled throne;
I know that He sits there for me,
That glory is my own.

The heart of God flows forth in love,
A deep eternal stream;
Through that beloved Son it flows
To me as unto Him.
And looking on his face, I know-- ----
Weak, worthless though I be---
How deep, how measureless, how sweet,
That love of God to me.

I came across this hymn in a book I found in our TBC Library. It really spoke to my heart about how many ways there are to share the gospel. The book is **Time Of The Singing of Birds** by Grace Livingston Hill (Published 1944). The title is from a verse in **Song of Solomon (2:12)** "The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." The intro says the book "carries a special message of cheer and comfort for those whose lives have been caught up and changed by the war." It is about a soldier sent home and the "difficulties in adjusting himself to the life he had left behind... [H]ow he relates to his friends what a difference the war had made in his life... [A]nd to give *them a new viewpoint* from which to work out their daily difficulties."

The hymn itself is **A Man at God's Right Hand**. It was one of many hymns, written by a Scottish Minister named Horatius Bonar (December 1808-July 1889). It was said of his ministry that "He spoke as a dying man to dying men-resulting in many conversions."

This book written during WWII, along with an old hymn that deeply touched my soul, strengthens *my view*; that **the purpose of the church, is to disciple believers of Jesus Christ and to make more disciples**. To begin with that premise, it becomes natural in "keeping the main thing the main thing; and the main thing is reaching the lost." (Pastor Thomas)

Tabernacle Baptist Church Ministry

Sunday

9:45AM Sunday School For All Ages
 10:45AM Morning Worship Service
 Children's Church (3s through 4th grade)
 Nursery
 6:00PM Evening Service

Wednesday

7:00PM Discipleship/Prayer Meeting
 7:00PM Patch The Pirate Club/Master Clubs/ACCESS-
 Tabernacle Teens

Saturday

10:00 AM Fishers of Men

"Occupying till JESUS comes"
-Luke 19:13c

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