

THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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Was Paul Superman?

“I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?” - Ro 7:22-24

Most of us probably think of the apostle Paul as a spiritual ‘superman’. After all, he comes across in the Biblical history as a tireless advocate for Christianity. Even in his letters, the depth of his devotion comes through in spite of his humble protestations.

Yet, it is these very protestations that give comfort to all of us who read about him; because, while few of us can identify with his amazing spiritual victories, all of us can identify with his spiritual struggles. He faced the same temptations that we do (1 Co 10:13). He well understood the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, and – yes – even ignorance.



I still think of Paul as a spiritual ‘superman’, but not because of his ‘super goodness’. I admire him because he fought the same battles that I fight and – by the grace of God – he emerged victorious. Maybe I can, too.

Another Perspective

How to Please Everyone

A man and his grandson went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey. Soon they met a man who said, “How foolish for you to be walking. One of you should be riding the donkey.” So the man put his grandson on the animal.

The next traveler they met frowned and said, “How dreadful for a strong, young boy to be riding while an old man walks.” With that, the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on.

The next person down the road, however, said, “I just can’t believe that a grown man would ride and make a poor little boy walk.” So the man pulled the boy back aboard and off they rode on the donkey together.

That is, until they met the next fellow who screamed, “I never saw anything so cruel in all my life – two intelligent human beings riding on the poor little scrawny donkey.” So, they dismounted, picked up the donkey and carried it down the road.

Later they met two men traveling together. When they had passed, one of the men turned and said, “Did you ever see two fools carrying a donkey before?”

How to please everyone? Don’t even try! Just try to please God. “*For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ*” (Ga 1:10).

– Wendell Ward (edited)

Just Thinkin'

Sometimes bad things happen to good people. But, sometimes bad things happen to bad people. In fact, bad things often happen to bad people because they're bad. It is one of those fundamental realities of life that escapes many folks.

People who are lazy and irresponsible just cannot understand why they are never able to get, or hold, a decent job. People who live for the weekend – and the sinful debauchery that often accompanies it – are puzzled by the sorrow and hurt that comes later. People who live for today never understand why their 'tomorrows' are not as happy as they had hoped. They simply refuse to acknowledge a cause and effect relationship.

These same people may even point an accusing finger at God. Unwilling to accept responsibility for their own actions, they find a convenient 'scapegoat' in the Almighty. But, here's another 'fundamental reality': when you sow wild oats, don't blame God for the harvest. Think about it.