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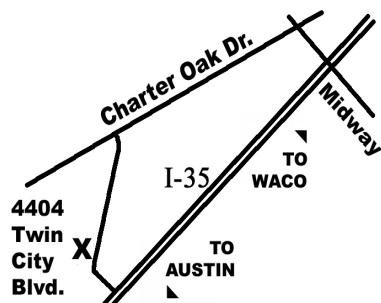
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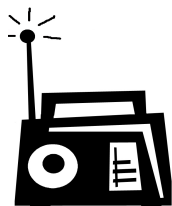
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
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WHERE WE MEET



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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Kindness: the Forgotten Virtue

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” - Ep 4:32

Sometimes, in our quest to do and teach what is right, we forget the manner in which we are to do it and teach it. We love the Lord and strive to live by His precepts – and we expect others to do the same. But, when they fall short of our lofty expectations, we hammer them over the head with the proverbial two-by-four.

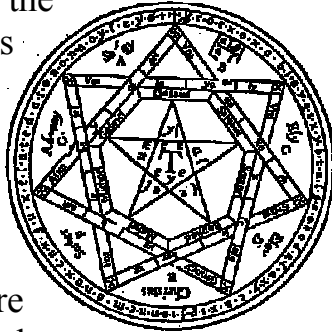
One ‘proof text’ for those of this mindset is the twenty-third chapter of Matthew – the ‘woe chapter’. Jesus verbally assaulted His audience, so we figure we have license to do the same. And yes, there is a time to ‘shuck the corn’. But, Jesus did so only after years of patient effort, and after the Pharisees had proven themselves to be spiritually dishonest. There is no support in this passage for verbally abusing a weak brother in Christ.

The teacher of babes must be “gentle” and “patient” (2 Ti 2:24). People struggle with many difficulties in their lives – some of which we may be totally unaware of. So yes, be blunt in dealing with sin, and never compromise conviction. But, in the doing of it, never forget to “be kind to one another”.

Another Perspective

PSYCHICS & A TOUGH ECONOMY

Fortune-tellers, tarot card readers, and psychics report an uptick in business during the current economic downturn as people look for guidance and employment advice. In the past, most customers went to psychics for advice on relationships; but, questions today revolve more around money and finding a job.



Whenever the Bible mentions any aspect of the occult, it is always condemned. For example, *“There shall not be found among you anyone who... practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD”* (De 18:10-12a). Also read Galatians 5:20 (‘witchcraft’ or ‘sorcery’) and many other passages.

The Bible’s condemnation stems from the fact that psychics and other forms of the occult take the place of God. Our trust should be in Him (Ps 73:28, He 2:13). It is not for us to know the future, but to be content with our lives, and to have a confident expectation of heaven (Ro 12:12, Ti 2:13, He 13:5). While psychics may temporarily gain in popularity, they continue to be an abomination to God and should not be tolerated or used by Christians.

– Kyle Campbell (edited)

Just Thinkin’

Like many young preachers, I can easily identify with Timothy. Beginning to learn to be an evangelist can be both daunting and difficult, and Paul’s letters to Timothy, a young evangelist, have helped and guided me as I have begun this work. Admonitions to *“Preach the word”* (2 Ti 4:2) and *“Let no one look down on your youthfulness...”* (1 Ti 4:12) never cease to encourage me and quell whatever doubts I may have.

But not only does Paul have instruction for young preachers, he also has instruction for churches regarding young preachers. In 1 Co 16:10-11, Paul says, *“Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid, for he is doing the Lord’s work... So let no one despise him. But send him on his way in peace.”*

As I prepare to move on, I can definitively say that no one has given me cause to be afraid as I have begun this work, and you have truly sent me on my way in peace. *“My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.”* (1 Co 16:24)

–Drew Nelson