

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25

Believe On GOD In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; James 2:14-26

Confess CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; 7:21

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:8

Be Baptized Into CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

Remain Steadfast

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”

Colossians 3:16

The current memory assignment is: *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it”* (1st Corinthians 10:13).

I learn it!

“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Tuesday

7:00 pm.....Ladies’ Study

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Study & Worship

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

**Visitors Welcome.
Members Expected.**

“Give Attention To Reading”

1st Timothy 4:13

Sunday...Psalm 33:1-12; Leviticus 1:1-3:17; 1st Corinthians 7:17-35

Monday...Psalm 33:13-22; Leviticus 4:1-5:10; 1st Corinthians 7:36-9:2

Tuesday...Proverbs 21; Leviticus 5:11-7:14; 1st Corinthians 9:3-23

Wednesday...Psalm 34:1-14; Leviticus 7:15-8:29; 1st Corinthians 9:24-10:22

Thursday...Psalm 34:15-22; Leviticus 8:30-10:20; 1st Corinthians 10:23-11:16

Friday...Proverbs 22; Leviticus 11:1-13:6; 1st Corinthians 11:17-12:3

Saturday...Psalm 35:1-16; Leviticus 13:7-58; 1st Corinthians 12:4-30

“Sound Doctrine”

Titus 2:1

“DO NOT GO HASTILY TO COURT”

Bryan Matthew Dockens

We live in a sue-happy society. There are over a million lawyers in the United States and recent years have seen a proliferation of litigation themed television, from “The People’s Court” to “Judge Judy” and beyond. What should be the attitude of a Christian in such matters?

Christians should be reluctant to sue, as it is written, *“Do not go hastily to court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor has put you to shame?”* (Proverbs 25:8).

Out of court settlements are to be preferred over litigation. *“Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; lest he who hears it expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined”* (Proverbs 25:9-10). And Jesus taught, *“Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you are thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny”* (Matthew 5:25-26).

Defendants in civil suits are taught not to resist. *“If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also”* (Matthew 5:40).

In potentially litigious matters, it is wise to limit one’s own liability. The Old Testament spelled out, in detail, who was to blame in matters that would likely be taken to court. Consider the following examples. *“And if a man opens a pit,*

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CAT'S IN THE CRADLE

Harry Chapin

A child arrived just the other day,
He came to the world in the usual way.
But there were planes to catch, and bills to pay.
He learned to walk while I was away.
And he was talking 'fore I knew it, and as he grew,
He'd say, "I'm gonna be like you, Dad.
You know I'm gonna be like you."

Chorus: And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon,
Little boy blue and the man in the moon.
"When you coming home, Dad?" "I don't know when,
But we'll get together then.
You know we'll have a good time then."

My son turned ten just the other day.
He said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad, come on let's play.
Can you teach me to throw?" I said, "Not today,
I got a lot to do." He said, "That's okay."
And he walked away, but his smile never dimmed,
Said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah.
You know I'm gonna be like him."

Chorus

Well, he came from college just the other day,
So much like a man I just had to say,
"Son, I'm proud of you. Can you sit for a while?"
He shook his head, and he said with a smile,
"What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the car keys.
See you later. Can I have them please?"

Chorus

I've long since retired and my son's moved away.
I called him up just the other day.
I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind."
He said, "I'd love to, Dad, if I could find the time.
You see, my new job's a hassle, and the kid's got the flu,
But it's sure nice talking to you, Dad.

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or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls in it, the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money to their owner, but the dead animal shall be his" (Exodus 21:33-34). "If fire breaks out and catches in thorns, so that stacked grain, standing grain, or the field is consumed, he who kindled the fire shall surely make restitution" (Exodus 22:6). "When you build a new house, then you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring guilt of bloodshed on your household if anyone falls from it" (Deuteronomy 22:8). A prudent person will take care to avoid liability by preventing hazards.

Christians are prohibited from suing one another. Paul wrote, *"Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!" (1st Corinthians 6:1-8).*

If the world is to recognize a disciple of Christ by the love he manifests toward his brethren (John 13:35), what is the world to think when Christians can't keep their disputes out of court?

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It's been sure nice talking to you."

And as I hung up the phone, it occurred to me,
He'd grown up just like me.
My boy was just like me.

Chorus