

From the Pastor:

1 Peter 1:17 gives a couple fundamental principles which guide God's judgment. The verse reads, "And if you call on the Father who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your sojourning here in fear..."

The phrase "without partiality" does not adequately convey the meaning of the Greek word. The Greek word translated "without partiality" is "aprosopoleptos." The word is only used once in the New Testament. It is a compound of a word that is used more often. That word is "prosopepsia." "Prosopepsia" is translated as "partiality" in the NKJV and "respect of persons" in the KJV (Romans 2:11; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25; James 2:1, 9). Since the prefix "a" is used, the method of God's judgment is "without partiality."

The root word of "prosopepsia" is "prosopon" which is the Greek word for "face." Therefore, God's judgment is not based on faces or outward appearance.

This is what God said to Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:7, "But, the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

God's judgment is based on what comes out of the heart. 2 Chronicles 32:31 reads, "However, regarding the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land, God withdrew from him, in order to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart." David also said in 1 Chronicles 29:17, "I know also, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness..."

God judges us by examining and evaluating what comes out of our heart which is the seat of conviction, commitment and motivation. He then rewards us according to what He sees.

What comes out of our hearts are our works. Peter recorded that God "judges according to each one's work."

Psalm 62:12 reads, "Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; for You render to each one according to his work."

Matthew 16:27 records, "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."

Many scriptures record this fundamental principle – Job 34:11; Jeremiah 17:10; Ezekiel 7:3, 8; 1 Corinthians 3:8; 2 Corinthians 5:10; and Galatians 6:7-8 to just list a few of the many passages that show this truth.

The parables of the pounds and talents shows that God's judgment is based on what we do with what God gives us. He has given us His Spirit which enables us to understand His truth. What are we doing with those precious gifts?



Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Split Sermon: Mark Monsivais
Split Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Sermonette: Gabe Dempsey
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

"A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives reproof is prudent."

Proverbs 15:5

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	5:34pm	5:37pm	5:41pm
Sunset Friday 11-22	5:32pm	5:35pm	5:39pm

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 11-16	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
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Attention All Teens:

The time has come to apply for Teen Winter Camp 2019. The application deadline is Nov. 15. For more information, please go to:
camps.cogwa.org/camps/winter-camp/

We look forward to seeing you there!

WFW Announcement:

Winter Family Weekend 2019 is just around the corner, and we are excited to announce that registration will open on Monday, Nov. 4! This year, Winter Family Weekend will run from Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, through Saturday night, Dec. 28, and will once again be held at the beautiful Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Many of the fun activities we have all come to enjoy are once again planned for this year! For most of the activities, it is important we have an accurate count in advance. So, if you plan to attend this year's Winter Family Weekend, please take some time to login to the member portal to register and select the areas you plan to participate in.

For more information, we have provided a fact sheet that details more about the weekend. Also feel free to visit the WFW website (<https://members.cogwa.org/wfw/>) or the COGWA WFW Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/cogwawfw) for updates and additional information.

Friday Night Live

Join us this Friday evening, Nov. 15, for our "Friday Night Live" webcast Bible study, which will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain and 5 p.m. Pacific).

This month's study, presented by Nathan Willoughby is titled "What Is Your Reality?" In our lives we draw conclusions and make decisions every day based on what we perceive as reality. But are the things we think and conclude in our own minds actually reality? Satan has promoted deception for millennia, and

many have fallen prey to things he desires us to perceive as reality. Satan knows that our minds are where our battles are won or lost. During this FNL, we will discuss the effects that can hinder our spiritual lives because of our own perception of reality. We will also consider practical ways to combat this type of thinking.

Please plan to join Nathan Willoughby for this study, "What Is Your Reality?" That's this Friday evening, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Central time, for Friday Night Live.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: The next potluck will be on December 7.