

From the Pastor

Before we leave the subject of judging as discussed by Jesus in Matthew 7:1-5 a few points need to be repeated and amplified.

Jesus actually stressed self-examination in this passage. This was His message in Matthew 7:3-5, “And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?”

As we wrote last time, self-examination is vital to taking the Passover in a worthy manner. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 11:27-28, “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.”

Self-examination is not being selfish if the examination is for the purpose of truly seeing our faults—those areas of our lives in which we need to change. 2 Corinthians 13:5 is a very sobering scripture in this regard. Paul was inspired to write, “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Prove (Greek – dokimos) yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified (Greek – adokimos).

Dokimos and adokimos were terms used in reference to the testing of the “genuineness of something.” Of dokimos Danker’s Lexicon records, that the term was used to refer to “approved money changers (who put genuine money or legal tender in circulation)”

Thayer’s Lexicon records the following about adokimos “not standing the test, not approved; properly used of metals and coins.” In other words, adokimos was used to describe a coin that did not have sufficient precious metal in it to be worth the face value of the coin. Such a coin did not stand the test and thus was not approved. It was not genuine.

The point Paul is making in 2 Corinthians 13:5 is, “If Jesus Christ’s life is not in us, there is nothing in us worth saving.”

Therefore, the focus of our judging should be on ourselves not on others. And, as we said last time, God gives serious warnings to those who set themselves up to be a judge of others. The warning is contained in a parable that seems out of place at the end of this section. Matthew 7:6 records, “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine...”

We will expand on this next time.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Thursday 4-6	7:48pm	7:49pm	7:49pm
Sunset Friday 4-7	7:49pm	7:50pm	7:50pm



April 6, 2018 LDULB	April 7, 2018
<u>Victoria</u>	<u>Victoria</u>
<i>Sermonette: Craig Hoyer</i> <i>Sermon: David Gatley</i>	<i>Sermon: Steve Moody</i>
<u>Corpus Christi</u> <u>&</u> <u>Harlingen</u>	<u>Corpus Christi</u>
<i>Sermonette: Michael Watts</i> <i>Sermon: Steve Moody</i>	<i>Sermonette: Camp Video</i> <i>Sermon: Arnold Mendez</i>
	<u>Harlingen</u>
	<i>Sermonette: Camp Video</i> <i>Sermon: Arnold Mendez</i>

“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”
Romans 12:3

Announcements and Schedule

Last Day of Feast of Unleavened Bread – Friday 4/6	Corpus Christi & Harlingen (Combined) – One service at 1:00 p.m. San Antonio – Two services; 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 pm Victoria – One service at 10:00 a.m.
Sabbath 4/7	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

2018 Camp Applications

The camp application system is now open. Simply go to your COGWA portal account, look under the Events area on the bottom left of your account main page and click on the “Click Here to Apply.” If you do not already have a COGWA portal account, go to the “Apply” page of the camp website (<http://camps.cogwa.org/apply/>) and click the link in the second paragraph for instructions on how to set up your portal account. Details about each camp can be found on the individual camp pages of the camp website.

Please note that we need a NEW photo (taken within the three months before an application is submitted) of each person that applies for camp to use in case of a medical emergency. If you need to upload a new photo, go to your portal account home page, find the name of the person applying for camp at the top right of the page under the “Household Members” heading and click the camera icon. Follow the instructions to upload a new photo and make that the default profile image.

We would also like to remind everyone that we want all COGWA attendees who wish to attend camp to have that opportunity. To help ensure that, we offer scholarship help (generally a partial tuition scholarship) to those who need it to be sure they can attend one camp this year. Simply contact the camp director to request a scholarship to get the process started.

Ken Treybig
CYC Overall Coordinator

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly will be May 5, 2018.

Corpus Christ: On the Sabbath of April 21st there will be a Bible Study followed by a brown bag social.

Feast of Tabernacles

- May 7: Early housing reservations begin.
- May 14: Regular housing reservations begin at 10 a.m. in the time zone of the Festival site/location.

Orlando and Ruby Mascorro are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Landon Donovan Mascorro, born on April 3, 2018, weight-7 lb. 13 oz. and length 20 inches. Everyone is doing fine.

