

A Misguided Love

By Mike Riley

In raising our children, we may be inclined to give them everything and ask nothing from them in return. On the surface, this may seem to be an expression of genuine love, but in so doing, we are teaching our children to expect everything and to give nothing.

Both parents and children need to understand that in the give-and-take of life, both must do their share of giving (Ephesians 6:1-4). Parents tend to think that shielding their children from hardships and concealing from them that which is immoral, is a part of what true love is, but such protection is unrealistic and of little value.

The best way to protect our children is by teaching them God's Word (2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 3:14-15; cf. Deuteronomy 6:1-2; Psalm 78:1-8) and training them to avoid evil influences (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

True love does not spare one from hardships (2 Corinthians 11:23-31) but helps one to overcome and conquer them (2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Philippians 4:11-13). The child who is given everything never becomes the responsible, mature person he or she ought to be (Hebrews 5:8-14 NIV).

The sheltered child, like a hot-house plant, is seldom able to withstand the rigors of real-world challenges.

To remove all obstacles and challenges from the lives of our children is a misguided love.

Let's think about it!



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell

Communion- Don DeLukie **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

Sermon- Don DeLukie

November 12th

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** John Chisley

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question and Answer Series will be scheduled when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Christmas Program: December 9th at 2 PM will be our Children's Christmas Program. Save the date!

—Children's Home Collection: Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



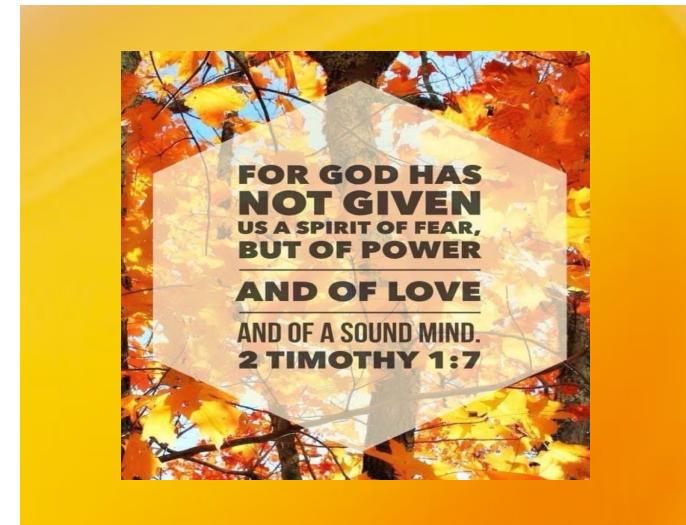
Please Pray For:

Sharon White-Ross, Sherry Miller, Ronnie Tatum, Joyce McDonald, Cindy Smith, Ed Haltom, Phillip Simmons, Bess Baker, Linda Johnston, Gena Granger, Raelyn & Rynlea Freeman.

Bereaved: Families of Billy Thomas, Vera Henry, John Jones, Marilyn Hemler, Steve Gillikin, and Frank McDaniel.

Continue to Pray For:

Joanne Randolph, Dwain & Bettye Flowers, Susie McGough, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Renee Gee, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



November birthdays

3 - Elaine Reppond	13 - Susie McGough
5 - Glenda Wells	20 - Dana Fowler
8 - Brad Smith	25 - Dan Ross Jr.
9 - Raelyn Freeman	28 - Dena White
11 - Tommy Wells	30 - Ayden Richardson

November anniversaries

3 - Ronnie & Dena White	17 - Buddy & Carlon Hollis
18 - Randy & Kathy Manning	21 - Travis & Rhonda Rogers
26 - Dwain & Bettye Flowers	