

A Look At Spiritual Malpractice

By Mike Riley

When we think of malpractice, we immediately think of a physician's dereliction of duty concerning the practice and care of his patient's well-being.

We are familiar with malpractice suits coming about because of a surgical instrument, sponge, or some other object being left inside a patient after surgery, but have we ever thought about preachers and Bible teachers? Have we ever considered malpractice in this area?

Have we ever thought that incorrect exegesis of a passage, or series of passages, or the twisting of the Scriptures can be even more damaging to us than any doctor might cause through an oversight?

Our Lord once warned that we need not fear the individual who can destroy the body, but rather, we need to fear God who can who can destroy both our body and soul in hell (Matthew 10:28-NKJV). A false teacher can help facilitate that possibility (2 Peter 3:14-17-NKJV; cf. Gal. 1:6-7-NKJV).

This is one of the reasons the writer James emphasized the responsibility of spiritual teachers (James 3:1-NKJV), because teachers will receive the greater condemnation if they lead folks astray from the truth found in the inspired Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17-NKJV).

Brethren and friends, the Great Physician can be trusted in taking care of the spiritual needs of our soul (Luke 4:18-NKJV; Isaiah 61:1-2-NKJV), for His spiritual prescriptions are always correct (cf. Psalm 19:7-14-NKJV; Psalm 119-NKJV).

But how many on the day of judgment will be penalized by God for spiritual malpractice in religious matters? Let's beware, lest we be one of them (cf. Hosea 4:6-10-NKJV; Acts 20:28-31-NKJV; 1 Timothy 4:1-3-NKJV; Hebrews 3:8-12-NKJV; 2 Peter 2:1-3-NKJV).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
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- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer**- David Reppond

Communion- Larry Randolph **Closing Prayer**- Gary Harris

Sermon- Don DeLukie

July 28th

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer**- John Chisley

Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer**- Ed Haltom

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Announcements

- Vacation Bible School: Next Saturday, we will be hosting a VBS July 20th from 9-12:30. Bring your kids and grandkids!

- Sterlington Ladies Day: We will be having a Ladies Day on August 10th. More details will be announced soon.

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

- 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.

- Proverbs 3:5 -
**TRUST IN THE LORD
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Please Pray For:

Carolyn Jones, Angelica Ross, David Reppond, Charlotte Martin, Kathy Gilbert, Ruth Parks, Michael Grenfell, Junior Looney, Tommy Franklin, Phillip Simmons, Roger Love.

Bereaved: Families of Ronnie Tatum, David Reed, Jeanie Hollis Taylor, Robert Chisley, Barbara Traywick, Walt Henson.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Brigg DeLukie, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



July birthdays

3 - Carol Granger	18 - Phillip Simmons
4 - Jansen Chisley	19 - Debbie Cook
5 - Lilly Delaney	20 - Ronnie Hayes
6 - Paul Simpson	22 - Ethel Ross
6 - Mary Wyatt	23 - Randy Manning
9 - David Reppond	27 - Donna Binford
12 - Oddie Cameron	
16 - Angelec Brannon	

July Anniversaries

21 - Billy and Carol Granger
28 - Wayne and Dana Fowler
30 - Don and Jean DeLukie

