

## Why The Teaching Of Jesus Was So Effective

1. **He treated people with respect.** (Mark 10:46-52)
2. **He spoke plainly.** (Matthew 4:19; Matthew 13; John 3:1-3; 4:1-4).
3. **He spoke sympathetically.** (Mark 8:2; Luke 13:34).
4. **He showed no partiality.** (Matthew 8:2-3; Mathew 19:14; Mark 10:21).
5. **He appealed to the deepest human needs.** (John 9:1-38).
6. **He spoke as One having authority.** (Matthew 4:4-10; 7:28-29).
7. **His own life was in perfect accord with his teaching.** (Isaiah 53:9; John 8:29; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26; 1 Peter 1:19).

- *Shield of Faith*, Marion, IL -

## “Evil Good, And Good Evil”

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20). Sin by any other name is still “Sin.” That is exactly what we have done as a nation.

- We have ridiculed absolute truth and called it moral pluralism.
- We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism.
- We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle.
- We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.
- We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.
- We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
- We have killed our unborn and called it choice.
- We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.
- We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.
- We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

If we are a government “of the people and by the people” then we as a people have lost sight of the principles of righteousness that will exalt a nation. If we in the homes of America will clean up the immoral influence and let the world about us know what is right then we may again enjoy the fruits of “One Nation Under God.”

- Ed Smith, *Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL (adapted) -

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 -

What's right isn't always popular, and what's popular isn't always right. - Mahatma Gandhi

## News & Notes

**NEW CONVERT CLASS:** Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 406. This class is for those who were baptized in the last three years.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are welcome to participate in this activity to make stuffed bears for sick kids. Ability to sew not required.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:** Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All the men are encouraged to take part in this class.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Next Saturday, May 12th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbi-ana, OH Church of Christ.

**CHESTER'S LADIES INSPIRATION DAY:** Next Saturday, May 12th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Topic: “Be Ye Different From The World” with speakers, Nancy Hadley and Janet Malcomson. Lunch Provided.

**HOME VISITS:** By our Elders and Minister. Schedule a visit here at the building or in your home by signing the sheet on the desk, or arrange an appointment with Rico. Otherwise, expect an impromptu visit.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** May 18-20, St. Ave., East Liverpool, OH, Rico Brown.

**GRADUATION PARTY:** For Austin Haught on Saturday, June 2nd, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. Hosted by Skip and Sue Haught.

**PANTRY:** Vegetable beef and tomato soups.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS & CARDS:** Cindy Moore [she has bone cancer], (Pat Allison's cousin). Her address: 2760 Craig Circle, Fullerton, CA 92835. Also, Maria Pecchia (11 yr. old under treatment for stomach cancer). Twila Adamson will have her address soon for the bulletin.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** **CLEVELAND CLINIC:** Mike Kodrich (Betty Henthorne's son). **AT HOME:** Charlie Delong, David McCoy, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19), Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

### ONLY ONE ANSWER

Having a happy time?

*Praise God.*

Life getting difficult?

*Seek God.*

Having a quiet moment?

*Worship God.*

Suffering great pain?

*Trust God.*

Puzzled about what to do?

*Ask God.*

Overwhelmed with joy?

*Thank God.*

I am not what I ought to be,

I am not what I wish to be,

I am not what I hope to be;

but, by the grace of God,

I am not what I was.

- John Newton -

“My grace is sufficient for you,

for my power is made

perfect I weakness.”

- 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)