

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday October 2, 2023 - Luke 6: 35

35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Read Luke 6 for meditation and inspiration.



LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE SLEEVES ROLLED UP AND ARE READY TO WORK, WORK, WORK!

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

In the Book of James he states: *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* (James 1:22)

Back in the late '80s, there was a survey conducted by a major advertising agency entitled "Fears and Fantasies of the American Consumer." Among the findings, they reported that seventy-five percent of Americans have daydreamed about saving someone else's life, and fully one-third of the population has daydreamed about finding a cure for cancer. But when it came to the question, "What is the greatest pleasure in life," the answer was "Watching television." Television topped the list. "It seems we would love to be good so long as it doesn't inconvenience us ... It's one thing to dream about being good, and quite another to do good."

A right relationship with God grows and develops, not merely by what we say or teach or promise. It's what we do that matters most. And in today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus invites some of the religious authorities of His time to reflect on the question of doing God's Will. "What is your opinion?" He asks them:

Matthew 21:28-31 “The Parable of the Two Sons”

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.”

We need so much help in our wonderful Lakeside Presbyterian Church. Find your place of service and be a doer!

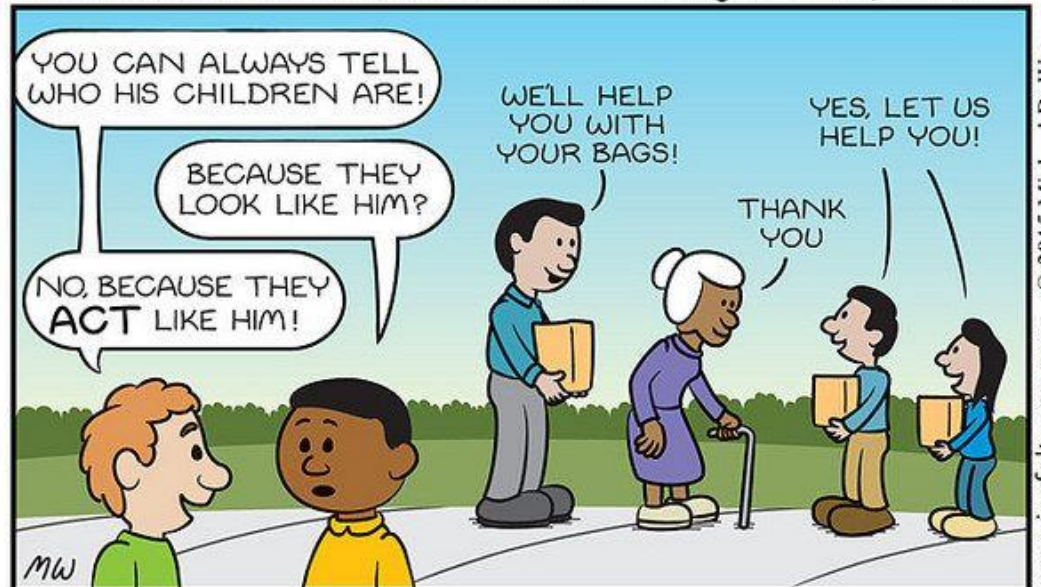
In His Service,



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FOLLOWING FATHER'S EXAMPLE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
EPHESIANS 5:1-2 NIV