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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Back To The Basics!

The late football strategist, Vince Lombardi, was a fanatic about fundamentals. Those who played under his leadership often spoke of his intensity, his drive, and his endless enthusiasm for the guts of the game. Time and again he would come back to the basic techniques of blocking and tackling. One occasion his team, the Green Bay

Packers, lost to an inferior squad. It was bad enough to lose, but to lose to that team was absolutely inexcusable. Coach Lombardi called a practice the very next morning. The men sat silently looking more like whipped puppies than a team of champions. They had no idea what to expect from the man they feared the most. The coach said, "Okay, we go back to the basics this morning," holding a football up so the team could see it, he continued, "Gentlemen, this is a football!"

How basic can you get? He was talking to guys who had been playing for fifteen to twenty years. Why in the world would a seasoned coach talk to professional athletes like that? Apparently it worked as he led his team to three consecutive world championships. He operated on a simple philosophy. He believed excellence could be best achieved by perfecting the basics of the sport. The final analysis would be the teams who played smart by knowing their position and learning how to do it right would succeed. So what works in the game of football works in the church as well. When you say *church* today, it is like ordering a malt; you have thirty-one flavors to choose from. You can select wheeler-dealers, snake handlers, positive thinkers or self-realizers. You can choose, humanism, liberalism, extreme Calvinism, political activism, anticommunist, supernatural spiritism.

But what are the absolute basics of the church today? What are the foundational jobs of the local church? After we filter out everything that isn't essential, what is left? Let's listen to the Coach. He tells us we have four major priorities if

we are going to call ourselves a church. You find them in Acts 2:42. They are teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer. To these four we are to continually devote ourselves. Solid balanced winning churches keep at the job of perfecting those basics. These form the "what" aspect of the church. The "how" is equally important. Again the Coach addresses the team. He declares that the church getting the job done is engaged in "equipping the saints for the work of service, and the building up of the body" in Ephesians 4:12.

Now we here a lot about change today in church grow, and I am all for that if it comes out of the four major priorities we are called to. We must try new methods, ministries and programs to reach people for the Lord. We have all seen a lot of changes in our lives, in our families, in our jobs, and in our church. Nothing, nothing every stays the same because time goes by quickly. So as we move into the fall of this year, may we as God's church try to remember the reason God has placed us here and what we are trying to do for Him. Many of our churches are trying new things and changing as they live out the four priorities. May we here at the Fairview Heights Church of God always be open to changes and to new ways of reaching people, but may we also never forget to teach, preach, and live out the true basic of the church.

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS A BIBLE!"

Enjoy The Journey,
Pastor Clayton

Pastor Appreciation Sunday! Carry in Dinner at noon Nov 5th

Everyone should be thinking of ways YOU can honor Pastor Clayton and Darla and Pastor Brian and Debbie. Suggestions include: cards, letters, songs, lunch dates, gifts or the results of your creative ideas! There will be a carry in dinner after the service. Chicken and ham will be provided. Please bring a covered dish and a dessert and come show your appreciation to our leadership.

SERMON OUTLINES FOR NOVEMBER 2006

November 5

Preaching Series: Don't Come Up Short!

AM Service: Pastor Clayton
Don't Come Up Short in Your Marriage
Text: Matt. 19:3-6

PM Service: Fresh Service led by Pastor Brian

November 12

Preaching Series: Don't Come Up Short! (Time to Honor our Veterans)

AM Service: Pastor Clayton
Don't Come Up Short in Your Family
Text: Gen. 1:26-28

PM Service: Basic Training for Leadership by
Pastor Clayton

November 19

Preaching Series: Don't Come Up Short!

AM Service: Pastor Clayton
Don't Come Up Short in Your Finances
Text: Malachi 3:8-10

PM Service: Fresh Service led by Pastor
Brian

November 26

"First Sunday of Advent" Theme: "Keeping Watch"

AM Service: Pastor Clayton
Diligent Servants
Text: Luke 2:8

PM Service: Hanging of The Greens led by
Darla Clayton

Change can be Good! Change can be Necessary!

Here's a minor changer for us. Beginning Sunday, November 5th all announcements, skits, and or awards will be done at the end of the Sunday Morning service. Announcements and notice of skits or awards must be given to the chairman in writing before the morning service begins.

Women of the Church of God

There were 27 people from the Church of God at Longacre Park last month. They were walking for missions and 14 of them walked 10 miles. Let's here it for those guys and gals! Thanks to the men who came and set up before and after the walk. We are blessed to have you come and help thanks. It wouldn't have been the same if Marshall Field wasn't there capturing the moments with his camera from behind a bush or a tree; I hope to see some of those photographs. A great big "thank you" goes out to all of those who participated in the Walk -a -Thon. If you walked or made a contribution to this event, the Women of the Church of God say, "THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!!!" Praise the Lord! He has blessed us with a total thus far of \$2852.06. Through this fundraiser our group is able to help support missions on the state and national levels.

Last year we were able to do that plus a few extra things such as buying some goats and cows for Africa and supporting Bill and Shirley Beltz's program in Nicaragua. We also were able to bless some of our college students as well as our sister church in Mt. Vernon with some convention cost. God is so good! We look forward to see Him answer some prayers through your generous giving again this year.

At our October meeting a study about Russia was presented by Stella Simms and friends. Ladies, if you missed this meeting because you thought it wasn't going to be fun, well, you guessed wrong because we always have a wonderful time and this night was no exception. Plan to come next month. We all enjoyed each others' company and loved the

refreshments provided by Ruth Pope and Carol Hamilton. Thanks ladies for the treats; they were great. Stella, you did a fantastic job; we loved it.

Dates to remember: **November 28th & December 8th**

Just a reminder we will have our next meeting **November 28th** following the society dinner in the basement. All officers plan to attend. No refreshment necessary.

In December we will not meet for our usual monthly meeting. Why? We are planning a **Christmas Party** for Friday night, December 8th at 6:30pm. Sign up will be soon. Invite someone to come with you. It is better to give than receive. Hope to see you there!

Love,
Kim Brooks, President

JOY Sunday School Class

Are you living a Purpose Driven Life? On October 1st JOY class began studying "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. Have you ever wondered "what on earth am I here for?" We have been looking at that question and other areas that really make us do some self-examination. Chapter titles we have covered so far are: "It all Starts with God," "You are Not an Accident," "What Drives Your Life?" "Made to Last Forever," and "Seeing Life from God's View."

Several of our class members have been vacationing this month. On October 1 we had 25 members in class, but there have been fewer each Sunday since then. Some have been helping in other classes also. Hopefully we will have everyone back soon. If you aren't in Sunday School, we would love to have you give this class a try. You will be warmly welcomed!

Ruth Pope, teacher

NEWS AND VIEWS: SENIOR ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Agnes and Edna Mae along with others attended a WCG meeting in Decatur and gave a very interesting report to the class. The Spirit was good and all were truly blessed.

The Campbell's were able to spend some quality time with Jeff in Springfield, IL Jeff is doing fine and the Lord gave them traveling mercies up and back Pray for Larry as he will be having an eye examination on 10-24-06. Larry reported Wed night that e everything was found to be okay. Norma is doing fine from her cataract surgery. This type of surgery has become quite routine. Of course there are risks, as there are in any type of surgery, but God is still on the throne and will see us through.

Edna Mae has now applied at an apartment complex in West Frankfort. She doesn't know when an apartment will be open there. I don't know though, we always take a vote before anyone can leave. But in a straw vote, we didn't get one positive vote for her to leave. We will miss her in our class as she adds so much to it. Our prayers and best wishes will go with her when she leaves. She said the Fairview Heights church is her family too, and will be back on occasion.

We miss Stella in our class as she is teaching the D.U.C.K class in the absence of Phyllis. She always does a wonderful job and loves those kids. We will be glad to have her back in our class; she adds much to it.

A total of seven ladies, three from our class attended a prayer retreat at the Mt .Vernon church. (Gwen, Agnes and Edna Mae) A real blessing was had by all. Food was plentiful. and good.

Edna Mae left on October 16, 2006, to visit her nephew in Marion, IL. He lives in the State of Washington. She had a wonderful visit.

We are now studying Unit II of our Sunday School lessons and they include fine lessons that examine God's developing covenant in the relationship with the people of Israel during the period of the judges and into the reign of David

and Solomon as kings of Israel. We see how God continually was reaching out to form a relationship of grace and blessing with those obediently wiling to enter into a covenant with Him. It's great to see how we can bring those same promises to us here in the 21st century. We also see that the Israelites did not always respond to God with faithfulness. Kind of paints a picture of the church of today, doesn't it?. Never in the time of history does the church world wide need a revival as now. Lets all pray that just as God tried to set up a covenant relationship with the Israelites, He is still doing it for us today. If there is anything the church needs it's commitment-commitment-commitment. It's time we stop letting George do it, and let's get back to Being about our Father's business.

Remember: To avoid situations in which you might make mistakes may be the biggest mistake of all.

Ivan DeHart, Teacher

VOICES

Thanks to the Caito's for their invitation to the VOICES Sunday School Class to come and share an evening in their home for the three "F's. They are Food, Fellowship and Fun. The Food was delicious, the Fellowship was wonderful and the Fun was great.

Thanks again.

VOICES Class members

Getting to Know You

Gwen and Larry Campbell

To know Gwen and Larry Campbell is to love them. Gwen and Larry have been married 29 years and have four sons: Jeffrey, Gary, Glen, and Roger. They have eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren! Both were born and raised on farms twenty miles apart. Larry was raised in Oakdale and Gwen in Coulterville.

They were married at an Evangelical Church in O'Fallon, IL. Gwen is a retired seamstress from Martha Manning Dress Factory. I can vouch for her good work because she hemmed my wedding dress and has made beautiful outfits for my little boys. The multi-talented Larry has worked on a farm, driven a Coca Cola truck, was an Enterprise Core Dept. Foreman, a Representative for Metropolitan Life Insurance, and finally retired from Underground Mine Peabody Coal after 12 years. I was amazed as they began to inform me of their 'extracurricular activities'. Larry served four terms as Mayor of Tilden, Illinois, and served on the Kaskaskia Water District as Board of Director. In his term he implemented Tilden's first sewer system in 1964, a new City Hall, and started an ambulance service where he worked as an EMT. Larry also served as Chairman of the Lions Club helping to raise money for the blind.

Larry and Gwen have faithfully attended Fairview Heights Church of God since April 1978 when they were invited by their next door neighbors, the Dents, to a church revival. They serve the Lord in many areas of the church. Larry is our Head Usher and Gwen works as a greeter, with Faithweavers, and has served in the food pantry for a number of years now. Gwen is still actively involved in the WCG where she served as President for ten years.

I was captivated as I listened to the mounting good deeds of these two wonderful people. When I asked them what they would like most to be remembered for, they said, "That we loved the Lord." What humble, faithful servants.

Shannon Peiffer

Budget Counseling Now Offered

Candy Niemeyer has completed the Crown Financial Budget Counseling Course that includes an at home study followed by a one day seminar in Indianapolis this past September. With the support of Pastor Clayton and the approval by the Board of Trustees, she would like to make her services available to this congregation and members of their immediate

family. She eventually hopes to receive referrals from Crown Financial Ministries as an outreach to the local community. Crown budget coaching provides biblical financial counsel in a confidential setting.

Budget Coaching Objectives:

1. To assist counselees in constructing and living on a budget
2. To assist counselees in applying biblical principles of stewardship to all aspects of life
3. To communicate the vision of financial freedom
4. To assist counselees with a practical plan for becoming debt free
5. To provide practical and godly financial counsel to families and individuals

Budget Coaching is not...

1. Investment coaching or retirement planning
2. Marriage or family coaching
3. Legal counsel or estate planning
4. Intervention with creditors
5. Benevolence

Who Needs Budget Coaching?

1. People who want to mature spiritually and achieve financial stability
2. People who need to develop and follow a budget
3. People in financial trouble
4. People who have a financial surplus and want to identify opportunities to fulfill their God-given responsibilities for stewardship.
5. People who want to apply biblical principles to a personal financial plan
6. People who need financial hope.

Benefits of Budget Coaching:

1. Stronger marriages.
2. Reduced stress.

3. Increased giving to God's kingdom.
4. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY..... A closer relationship with Christ.

If you would like more information about this service, talk with Pastor Clayton or Candy Niemeyer. For more information about Crown Financial Ministries you can go to www.crown.org and/or listen to Money Matters on 91.5 FM at 2:30 pm.

Board of Trustees Announcement

Candy Niemeyer has notified the Board that she will decline a request to stay on as Treasurer at the completion of her current term on the Board of Trustees which ends April 2007. After 7 years as our treasurer, Candy feels that God is calling her into new ministries with the Youth Group and as a Crown Financial Budget Counselor. As you may recall, a couple of years ago the Bylaws were changed to allow the Board of Trustees to appoint a Treasurer from the congregation as needed. We are asking for you to be in prayer as we seek the Lord's direction in filling this position.

The Treasurer's responsibilities include the following: recording income information provided by the Financial Secretary using QuickBooks Pro Computer Program; recording and paying all accounts payable as well as payroll; providing and presenting monthly financial statements to the Board of Trustees. (Reports are generated by the computer software); helping the Board of Trustees develop an annual proposed budget and presenting the actual and proposed budgets at the annual business meeting; and the filing of required IRS Payroll information including W-2's and 1099's. Candy has agreed to train and mentor the new treasurer as needed. Please contact a Board of Trustees or Board of Deacons Member if you would like to recommend someone to this position.

Choir Practice

All Choir members and those who desire to share God's message through music should meet in the *choir loft after the evening service, Sunday October 29 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.* We will begin preparations for the holiday music selections and discuss the optimum time for Choir practice. Please come and join in the harmony of the church!

The Children's Ministries Are Expanding!

In case some of you haven't noticed, we have made some changes around the church in the children's ministries to accommodate our growing and maturing children.

Busy Bees

Otherwise known as the **Lambs** during the Sunday School hour the Busy Bees consists of three, four and five years olds not yet attending kindergarten. They have outgrown the nursery with the loving care Diane Taylor and have moved to the former kitchen to the leadership of Carmen Hamilton during Sunday School. However, during the worship service, these little lambs literally become Busy Bees as they learn about God in a Bible-based, age-appropriate curriculum with structured time for crafts, music, snacks, fine & gross motor skill activities, number & letter recognition and free play. A schedule of activities is used to maintain routine, familiarity and provide security to the children with rotating caregivers. Parents, volunteers in the church and the Youth Group provide supervision on a three month rotation basis.

Currently, Busy Bees consists of Dylan Peiffer, Luke Knight, Tyler Weakley, Malachi Brown and many visitors! Pam Knowles and Carol Pollard are coordinators of the program and are happy to answer questions and would love to add you to the list of caregivers. Busy Bee Job requirements: Love God!!!! Love children!!

Junior Church Kid's Zone

Another awesome addition to the children's ministries is the new **Kid's Zone** in the old fellowship hall. Before Sunday School, this area is still used for coffee and donuts at the round table. However, before and after church services, fellowship dinners and activities, this area becomes a hang-out for children who attend Junior Church to play table board games, watch a video or CD, lounge in a bean bag, play a card game, build a tower of legos or let their imagination run wild. This play area should eliminate children running in the sanctuary, hallways, & fellowship hall.

The Board of Deacons gives full approval of this addition. We ask each parent to be responsible for and follow these guidelines:

***Kid's Zone** is not available during any church service.

***Kid's Zone** should be tidy & toys returned to their designated area.

***Kid's Zone** is not an area for food or drink other than Sunday morning donuts/coffee

*All toys & equipment must stay in Kid's Zone area & must not be removed.

*Please report broken toys, equipment or problems to Pam Knowles or Kim Brooks, Kid's Zone Coordinators

We Need Your Help!

Please help us keep equipment in its place. Recently, we have had things missing from the secretary's office, nursery, Busy Bees room and the kitchen. If you use a permanent marker or stapler, please return it to original place. Also, toys are NOT to be removed from the designated areas.

MOPS

The MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) at the Shiloh Methodist Church is in need of a part-

time nursery worker on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30-12:00a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. This is a paid position. The nursery consists of children from birth to age two. You will be working with another lady and an average of 4-8 babies attend. Please contact Pam Knowles 566-8638 or Heather Knight 744-9920 if you are interested.

College Student Updates

Rebecca just enjoyed a four-day Fall Break at home trying to complete the necessary paperwork for graduation in December. She only has 16 more days of student teaching and has had an awesome experience at Kelly Elementary School in Moore, OK. Her class includes students with a range of learning needs. Two students come from homes where no adults speak English; some students thought they were getting "by" the teacher by talking in Spanish until Rebecca replied in their native tongue! She sure captured their attention.

Please continue to pray for God to lead Becca and give her guidance as she makes several life decisions in the next few days and weeks. Becca feels God is calling her to stay in OKC; that sure is a long way to travel to make it here for Sunday School. As her parents, we just want Becca to be receptive to God's call. Isn't that the prayer for all our children?

Richard Ryan just enjoyed his first return home since leaving for school August 10th. He was so appreciative to sleep in his own bed and eat "real food!" I guess the cooks always roll out the red carpet when the parents come to visit. Richard Ryan also brought home two baskets of laundry which needed washed & dried. Then there was the two pair of black pants he needed hemmed. Oh, did I forget to mention, he also brought home a friend named Mitch? Mitch is from Oklahoma City and felt bad because everyone else got to go home and Mitch only had to drive a few miles down the road and he was home. So Richard Ryan being kind-hearted invited him to see

Illinois which was a first for the eighteen year old young man.

Actually, Mitch was a joy to entertain and had a wonderful story to share. Mitch is another example why Friend Day is so vitally important. One day this past summer an acquaintance asked Mitch to go to church with him on a Sunday. Mitch didn't have anything else to do and agreed. Mitch went to church and heard about Jesus for the first time. He was amazed to hear of this person named Jesus who loved him, who died for him, and who planned him before he was even born. **Mitch was saved at that very church service!!!** Mitch started going to church and attending the youth/college activities. He began to read his Bible, pray and study the Word. Then in August as everyone left for college, **Mitch received the call to PREACH!** WOW! He enrolled at MidAmerica Christian University with a major in pastoral ministry! A year ago Mitch didn't even know who Jesus was or what he wanted to do with his life!

This may never have happened if someone hadn't taken the time and opportunity to invite Mitch to church. He met Richard Ryan in his classes. They have developed a friendship and may become roommates next year. Unfortunately, his family did not follow his footsteps and join him in church. However, they have welcomed Mitch's friendship with Richard Ryan knowing that he too is a pastoral ministry student from MACU. Mitch's grandmother even cuts Richard's hair and gave them her pair of tickets to an OU football game.

This story and many like it would never have occurred if someone hadn't taken the time and opportunity to invite someone to church. Outreach is vital to a church. Diverse programs, large choirs, great music, fancy preaching, and grand buildings all add to our Christian life and should help up as we advertise, leave door hangers, or send invitation letters; however the most proven method to lead others to Christ is the REAL THING--PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT! Go bring your Mitch next Sunday!

Pam Knolwes

Men4Him

\$542.00 is the profit received from our Fish Fry fund raiser! Praise the Lord and thanks to all of the men who worked to organize, furnish supplies, cook and serve approximately 110 people. A big thank you to all who supported us in this effort. The moneys collected are going to support the NICE foundation, the food pantry and numerous other projects in and around our community and church. Thank you for helping us help others. Together we can make a difference!

Bill White

CHILDREN OF PROMISE

The Maxfields, Children of Promise Coordinators, are reminding us that if you sponsor a child and would like to send in funds for Christmas gifts, now is the time to send in the extra monetary gift. These gifts are used to buy the children presents and to provide a Christmas party for them. They also told me a few weeks ago that we can send flat items in our cards or correspondence such as stickers, book marks, sticks of gum, etc. The children love to receive pictures of their sponsors. So if you haven't sent a picture for awhile, you might want to send one with your Christmas greeting.

Paul and Brenda just returned from South America, where they visited the sponsored children in Paraguay, Colombia and Peru. In recent correspondence to volunteers, they have 30 children who have lost their sponsors. Remember children are never dropped so the general fund picks up the sponsorship until a new sponsor can be found. Also they have many new children waiting for sponsorship. Thirty dollars a month provides education, food, clothing and medicine for a child. Thanks to all who sponsor children.

New e-mail address is cop@echildrenofpromise.org.

Ruth Pope, Volunteer Children of Promise

10 RULES FOR A BLESSED DAY

1. TODAY I WILL NOT STRIKE BACK... If someone is rude, if someone is impatient, if someone is unkind, I will not respond in a like manner.

2. TODAY I WILL ASK GOD TO BLESS MY 'ENEMY'... If I come across someone who treats me harshly or unfairly, I will quietly ask God to bless that individual. I understand "enemy" could be a family member, neighbor, co-worker or stranger.

3. TODAY I WILL BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I SAY... I will carefully choose and guard my words being certain that I do not spread gossip.

4. TODAY I WILL GO THE EXTRA MILE... I will find ways to help share the burden of another person.

5. TODAY I WILL FORGIVE ... I will forgive any hurts or injuries that come my way.

6. TODAY I WILL DO SOMETHING KIND FOR SOMEONE, (BUT I WILL DO IT IN SECRET)... I will reach out anonymously and bless the life of another.

7. TODAY I WILL TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WISH TO BE TREATED...I will practice the golden rule. "Do unto others as I would have them do unto me" with EVERYONE I encounter.

8. TODAY I WILL RAISE THE SPIRITS OF SOMEONE WHO IS DISCOURAGED... My smile, my words, my expression of support, can make the difference to someone who is wrestling with life.

9. TODAY I WILL NURTURE MY BODY... I will eat less, I will eat only healthy foods. I will thank God for my body.

10. TODAY I WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY... I will spend a little more time in prayer today. I will begin reading something spiritual or inspirational will find a quiet place (at some point during this day) and listen to God's voice.

Luke 10:27. He answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" We learn three principles about loving our neighbor: (1) lack of love is often easy to justify, even though it is never right; (2) our neighbor is anyone of any race, creed, or social background who is in need; and (3) love means acting to meet the person's needs. Wherever you live, there are needy people close by. There is no good reason for refusing to help. Remember, today is a gift from God so treat it precious!

Submitted by Pam Knowles

A Response to the Board of Trustees letter of October 21, 2006

Most of us fail to realize that money is both a "test" and a "trust" from God. God uses finances to teach us to trust him. For many people money is the greatest test of all. God watches how we use money to test how trustworthy we are. The Bible says "If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" (Luke 16:11 NLT).

This is a very important truth. God says there is a direct relationship between how I use my money and the quality of my spiritual life. How I manage my money (worldly wealth) determines how much God can trust me with Spiritual blessings (true riches). Is the way I manage my money preventing God from doing more in my life? Can I be trusted with spiritual riches?

Jesus said "From every one who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." (Luke 12:48). Life is a test and a trust. The more God gives us, the more

responsible he expects us to be. (Taken from The Purpose-Driven Life - chapter 5)

Thanks to the Board of Trustees for doing well with the resources you have been entrusted to manage.

A Concerned Member

The Best Prayer I Have Heard In a Long Time

Heavenly Father,

Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love.

It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Help us to open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity.

Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

Submitted by Ivan DeHart