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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Classes* 10:00 AM
AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes* 7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermon:

Qualifications of Elders

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what we teach and practice, please
feel free to ask*

Uno, Anyone?

Morris D. Norman

via-The Market Street Messenger—10-31-2010

UNO is a simple parlor game that can be played by anyone from age 7 up, and by any group up to 10 persons. It comes with a deck of 108 cards and a set of rules. In my early introduction to the game I played with my young niece who had, with her peers, her own set of rules. They were not always like those which came with the game. Later, when I played with others, I learned that I wasn't playing UNO with my niece, it was another game. Oh, we played with UNO cards, but the rules had been changed to suit the players. For instance, these youngsters didn't like the rule that limited playing the wild draw four cards only when you did not have the proper color in your hand, so they threw it out. The point is that they played a game **like Uno**, but it wasn't **Ono** because it was not according to the rules.



Many people "play" at religion in this same manner. They

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will use the basic rules, that is, they use the Bible as their base; but in most instances, the rules have been changed to suit the players. By so doing, they may be playing a game **like** "Christianity" but it isn't really "Christianity" at all because it isn't according to the original rules of the game. There are some of the rules that they did not like, and these have been thrown out. There are other rules that they would have preferred so they have been adopted as part of the rules of the game.

The original rules are the ones that were originally given in the outset of the game, by the creator of the game itself. So, it will behoove finite man not to put himself in the infinite position of changing the rules of the game, that the true Creator has Himself given, to control how the game is played. Nevertheless it is done by every religious conference, council, and synod, by every person who "reasons" out of (not by, or in) the Scripture, which is the original rules of the game, to satisfy some theory or opinion of the players. God has always had a pattern for man in accomplishing His Will, and has warned man not to tamper with His Will in playing the game (Hebrews 8:5; Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 21:8, 19). Only by His rules are we righteous in our efforts to play the game of "Christianity" (Deuteronomy 6:25).

In our day and time of "salvation by faith only," man reads the "rule" book that says that baptism is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), but that doesn't fit their own theory, so it is thrown out as unnecessary. In our day of "doing your own thing" that includes easy divorce, men do not like God's limitations, involving the only reason one can put away his wife and marry another, and so they throw that rule out of the game. So, men put away their wives for any and every reason they can imagine, and marry another.

When we do that, we no longer are playing the game of "Christianity" according to the original rules of the game that are only found in the original rule book, the Bible. But men have adapted the rules to please themselves in playing the game. So, a matter of picking and choosing, adding and subtracting, twisting

and substituting the original rules to suit themselves. Thereby adapting life, as we want it, rather than as God wants it, and thereby we will stand in judgment unprepared to meet the original giver of the original rules of the game.

Women Preachers

Mike Thomas

via-The Market Street Messenger—10-31-2010

The majority of religions in our society do not permit women to preach, though that is changing with each decade. Why are women not permitted to preach in most congregations?

While I cannot speak for denominations, I know why the congregation I am a part of does not permit it. It is not a matter of ability or individual preference (for we have many capable, knowledgeable, spiritually-minded women). Nor is it a matter of human tradition ("That's the way things have always been"). The reason women should not preach to congregations where men are present is because it is a violation of God's will.

"And I do not permit women to teach or have authority over a man, but to be in silence" (1 Timothy 2:12). "Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive...for it is shameful for women to speak in church" (1 Corinthians 14:34,35).

Lest we think God has something against women, we should realize that when God tells someone to submit to another, He is not preferring one person over another. God is trying to establish order. He tells Christians to submit to the civil government (Romans 13:1), but does that mean they are less important to God? Children are to submit to parents (Ephesians 6:1-4), but does that mean the child is worthless to God? You see the point. Submission is not a matter of personal worth;

it's a matter of organization and completeness. The world is chaotic when people do not obey the laws of the land or disregard their parent's rules. Likewise, the church is not the way God would have it when women are teaching classes or preaching sermons where men are present. Granted there are a couple of other factors for this arrangement (1 Timothy 2:13, 14), but ultimately it's a matter of doing things decently and in order in church. It's God's will.

Thank God for Christian women who respect God's word and seek to please Him in all things. Their worth is far greater than rubies!

Handle With Care!

Gary Henry

via-Diligently Seeking God—11-13-2010

“... as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures”

—2 Peter 3:15,16

It is possible to misuse the Scriptures in such a way as to harm ourselves seriously. We need to handle the Scriptures with care, especially when we're dealing with texts that are “hard to understand,” as Peter described them, “which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction.” If we're serious about seeking God as He is and not merely wanting to confirm our own opinions,

then we'll approach the Scriptures with reverence and patiently work our way toward greater understanding.

Most of us probably err by not making prayer a more important part of our study. But if the Scriptures are indeed what we believe them to be, then it would seem that prayer should be one of the main components in our study: before, after, and in between. For one thing, prayer puts us in a more respectful frame of mind and makes us more ready to listen to the things we need to hear. Prayer makes it more likely that we'll deal wisely with the Scriptures. But more important, prayer brings to our efforts the help that we need from God, whose word we are studying.

One of the most marvelous things about God's word is the combination of its simplicity and its depth. Many things that we read in the Scriptures are accessible even to children. (Indeed, our children sometimes understand what God has said better than we who have outgrown our childlike honesty.) But even the simple statements in the Scriptures contain enough depth to challenge us and reward a lifetime of reflection. There is much to learn on the surface of God's word, but the wonders that are below the surface are inexpressibly grand. What we find after many years of study is that the Scriptures are an inexhaustible source of enriching, ennobling truth. Even their harshest critics stand in awe of the impact these writings have had on the course of human civilization. Say what we will, these are no ordinary texts. They must be handled with caution and with care.

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***“The Holy Bible is an abyss.  
It is impossible to explain  
how profound it is, impossible  
to explain how simple it  
is” —Ernest Hello***

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Class Prayer</b>   | Don Coen, Sr.   |
| <b>Announcements</b>  | Nathan Marshall |
| <b>Song Leader</b>    | Ken Prager      |
| <b>Scripture</b>      | Mark 2:1-14     |
| <b>Reader</b>         | Dan Marton      |
| <b>Prayer</b>         | Chuck Isinghood |
| <b>Speaker</b>        | Tim Henderson   |
| <b>Lord's Supper</b>  |                 |
| Bread                 | Dave Harless    |
| Fruit of the Vine     | Tim Henderson   |
| Serve                 | Ed Roberts      |
| Serve                 | Terry Smith     |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b> | Don Coen, Sr.   |

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

### Sunday PM

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| <b>Announcements</b>  | Nathan Marshall |
| <b>Song Leader</b>    | Dan Marton      |
| <b>Scripture</b>      | Mark 2:15-28    |
| <b>Reader</b>         | Terry Smith     |
| <b>1st Prayer</b>     | Dave Harless    |
| <b>Speaker</b>        | Tim Henderson   |
| <b>Communion</b>      | Wayne Campbell  |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b> | Don Coen, Jr.   |

### Wednesday

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Class Prayer</b>   | Don Coen, Sr.   |
| <b>Announcements</b>  | Nathan Marshall |
| <b>Song Leader</b>    | Tim Henderson   |
| <b>Invitation</b>     | Dan Marton      |
| <b>Closing Prayer</b> | Ken Prager      |

## *News N Notes*

**Please continue to remember these in your prayers:**

#### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- **Zeda Goddard**
- **Blake Headen**, Alberta's husband
- **Robert Schwerferger**, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law diagnosed with brain cancer.
- **Ronald Lancaster**, as he continues dialysis and recover.
- **Virginia Malick**, Peggy Miller's mother
- **Harold Marshall**, will be having surgery tomorrow at UPMC Passavant Hospital. He will be in the hospital for up to a week and then have 6-8 weeks recovery.
- **Kitty Morgan**, is at Carriage Inn in Steubenville.
- **Alfred and Mary Jane Myers**
- **Jimmy Roberts**, Ed & Marie's son
- **Jim Roberts**, Ed Roberts' father
- **Marie Roberts**
- **Kris Shane**
- **Gabriel Taylor**, 5 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

#### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

##### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

##### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

##### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

##### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call:  
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