

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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True Wisdom: Beyond Age and Anger

-Jeff Arnette

Consider Elihu—a younger man who has been silently observing the heated exchanges between Job and his three friends. Elihu, in his respect for their age, initially refrains from speaking, as he believes it's fitting to allow his elders the first opportunity to offer their wisdom. His restraint demonstrates a principle deeply embedded in the culture of the time and echoed throughout Scripture: respect for elders and an openness to their experience. However, Elihu's respect does not imply blind acceptance of everything the elders say. This brings up a crucial balance between honoring those older than us and exercising discernment in what we accept from them.

Respect for elders remains an essential value. In 1 Peter 5:5, we are reminded to show deference to those who are older, as their experiences can offer valuable lessons. Yet Elihu's approach highlights that age does not inherently confer wisdom or righteousness. In this case, Job's three friends, despite their years, have failed to bring truth or insight, as they accuse Job without any concrete evidence. Their accusations lack depth and compassion, proving that wisdom is not solely the result of age but also of character and a heart aligned with God's truth.

Elihu's response to both Job and his friends is also fueled by righteous anger. He is frustrated with Job's insistence on absolute innocence and equally disturbed by the baseless accusations of Job's friends. While anger is often viewed as sinful, Scripture provides a nuanced view. In Ephesians 4:26, Paul advises that we can "be angry and not sin," indicating that anger can be righteous when it arises from a desire for justice and truth. However, this anger must be controlled, ensuring it does not lead us into sin.

Finally, Elihu's words remind us that while age can be a source of wisdom, it's not an infallible guide. True wisdom comes from God, who grants it to all who are open and willing to learn, regardless of their age. As John 14:26 emphasizes, God teaches and guides us through His Spirit, leading us into truth. By remaining humble and teachable, we position ourselves to receive God's wisdom and guidance, allowing His word to shape us throughout every stage of life.

- Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC.. - Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com

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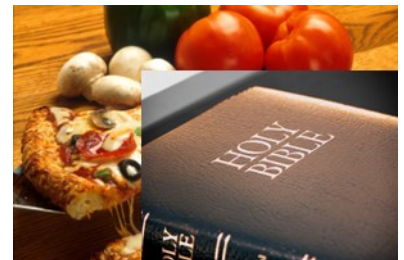


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Bible Games & Pizza

May 21 6:00 PM

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

The Church of Jesus

- Planned- Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 4:17, 16:18
- Purchased- Acts 20:28, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Singular- Matthew 16:18, Galatians 1:2, Ephesians 4:4
- A Body- Ephesians 1:22-23, Romans 12:4-5
- Called Out- 2 Peter 2:9, 2 Corinthians 6:17, Hebrews 13:12
- Glorified- 1 Corinthians 15:24, Revelation 21:1-4

Notes:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 891 This Is the Day That the Lord Hath Made

Song: 297 I Want to Be a Worker

Prayer

Song: 408 Low in the Grave He Lay

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 977 The Battler Belongs to the Lord

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:17-19

Sermon

Song: 255 I Am Resolved (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 546 Ready to Suffer (Vs. 1)

Prayers

Matthew 16:17-19

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YOU
HADES
BAR-JONAH
BLESSED
ROCK
AGAINST
AND
SAID
KINGDOM
HEAVEN
BIND
LOOSE
GIVE
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BOUND
JESUS
SIMON
WILL
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BLOOD
WHATEVER
KEYS
PETER
BUILD

Matthew 16:17-19 (NKJV)

- ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
- ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23