

SERMON NOTES

17th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20, Year B * September 19, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Proverbs 31:10-31 * Psalm 1 * James 3:13-4:3, 7-10 * Mark 9:30-37

Happy Birthday, Messiah Family!

September 17, 1950

A wife [or woman] of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies... Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Proverbs 31:10, 30

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Psalm 1:1

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

Psalm 1:2-3

You do not have because you do not ask God... James 4:2

... Submit yourself to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God, and he will come near to you...Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. James 4:7, 10

Jesus said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last and the servant of all..." Mark 9:35

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me" Mark 9:37

Next Week's Lessons

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 * Psalm 124 * James 5:13-20 *
Mark 9:38-50

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. When did you come to the Messiah family? What drew you here? Why have you stayed?
2. Who in the Messiah family, other than Father Tom, has been a friend to you? How have they been helpful?
3. What is a ministry, activity, or event of the Messiah family that is meaningful to you? Why and how?
4. How do you serve in or through the Messiah family? And why? If you have not yet plugged into a ministry, which one(s) might you consider? And why?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for how he's touched you through the Messiah family.
 - ✦ Thanking God for opportunities to serve God and people through the Messiah family.
 - ✦ For a sense of how God might want you to serve him and people in this next year.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.