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WE SEEK TO...

WORSHIP OUR LORD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.

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TEACH THE GOSPEL WITH LOVE.

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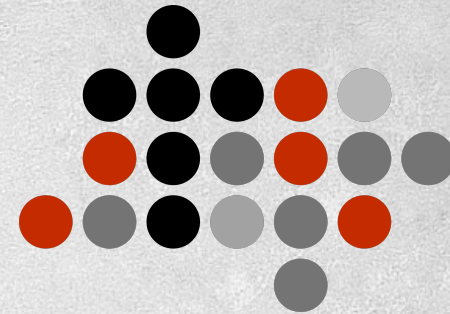
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WARM SPRINGS RD
CHURCH OF CHRIST

ALWAYS THE TRUTH
ALWAYS IN LOVE

ELDER QUALIFICATIONS: WHAT ABOUT HIS ADULT CHILDREN?

One of the men who serves as an elder in the congregation where I am a member has a son in a distant city. The son, who is in his late thirties, has recently become discouraged and has stopped attending church services. Does this fact disqualify our elder, in view of the Bible stipulation that he is to rule his house, having his children in subjection, and that they are not to be unruly (1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:6)?

Since the New Testament does not address this concern specifically, one must attempt to draw a reasonable conclusion based upon the evidence available.

My personal view is that the defection of an adult son, in the circumstances you describe, does not necessarily disqualify the brother from serving as an elder. My reasons for this judgment are as follows:

Every human being has been granted the responsibility of exercising his personal power of choice in the decisions of his life (Joshua 24:15; Isaiah 7:15; John 5:40; Revelation 22:17). The elder may have raised his children in the ways of the Lord, but then later, when the child was on his own, events transpired wherein the offspring made the individual decision to abandon faithful service.

Parents cannot be held responsible perpetually for the transgressions of their children (cf. Isaiah 1:2). We have discussed this principle in another article, to which we refer the reader (Will a Properly-Trained Child Never Go Wrong?).

The Qualification Considered

Paul's admonition regarding the elder is that he must be one who "rules well his own house" (1 Timothy 3:4).

When does a child cease to be a member of his father's house and become responsible for his own house?

It would seem to me that when an offspring moves out of his parents' home and establishes his own independent home, that he is no longer under the control of his father and mother and they, therefore, cannot be held responsible for his conduct

NEWS & NOTES PRAYER REQUESTS

- LYNDA SIMPSON - FAMILY MEMBER OF EWELL PRITCHETT (MINISTER AT BUENA VISTA) - HAS SUFFERED 2 STROKES OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS AND IS AT GRADY HOSPITAL.
- OP BOLING - IS NOW AT LAKEWOOD NURSING HOME IN PHENIX CITY.
- MABLE PERRY & FAMILY
- LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:
 - PAT CAMPBELL, MABLE PERRY, GERALDINE WILKINS, THE POYNER'S, OP BOLING, ANNIE SNOW, EVELYN MAXWELL

AREA EVENTS

- **MARKET DAYS** - OUR NEXT DAY AT THE MARKET DAYS WILL BE **THIS SATURDAY** - MAY 14.
- **SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS** - IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A SUMMER BIBLE CAMP PLEASE SEE LEE SNOW.

— as much as they may disagree with his mode of life.

Not even the sin of a youngster "under his father's roof" would necessarily disqualify an elder. Every young person is guilty of sin.

Is the Father's House Out of Control?

The issue is this. Does the father exercise general control over the child? Can the youthful transgressor be brought to repentance? It's not reasonable to expect that the elder's home will be absolutely free from the common problems that all Christians experience in rearing children.

The elder is to be one "having [echon — a present tense form suggesting a consistent state] believing children" (Titus 1:6) who are subject to his "rule" (1 Timothy 3:4).

If the elder's children, i.e., those under his immediate control, are habitually disorderly and he cannot, as a general practice, "rule" (proistemi — "to stand before" in the sense of "lead") them, but, to the contrary, they are constantly guilty of outrageous conduct (Titus 1:6), he certainly would be disqualified to serve in that leadership capacity.

Totally rebellious children nullify the elder's ability to lead the church (1 Timothy 3:5).

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
SINGING
LORD'S SUPPER & GIVING
ASSISTING**

**ARNOLD WALKER
GARY KENDRICK
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
DARIUS JOHNSON
GUS MCMURRAY
STEVE NAGY
JEFF MACON
LEE SNOW
LEE SNOW
RON NEALY**

**SERMON (AM)
SERMON (PM)
CLOSING PRAYER**

WEDNESDAY

**INVITATION
SINGING
PRAYER**

**LEE SNOW
RICHARD HOLDRIDGE
ARNOLD WALKER**

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY (AM)	58
SUNDAY (PM)	27
WEDNESDAY	41

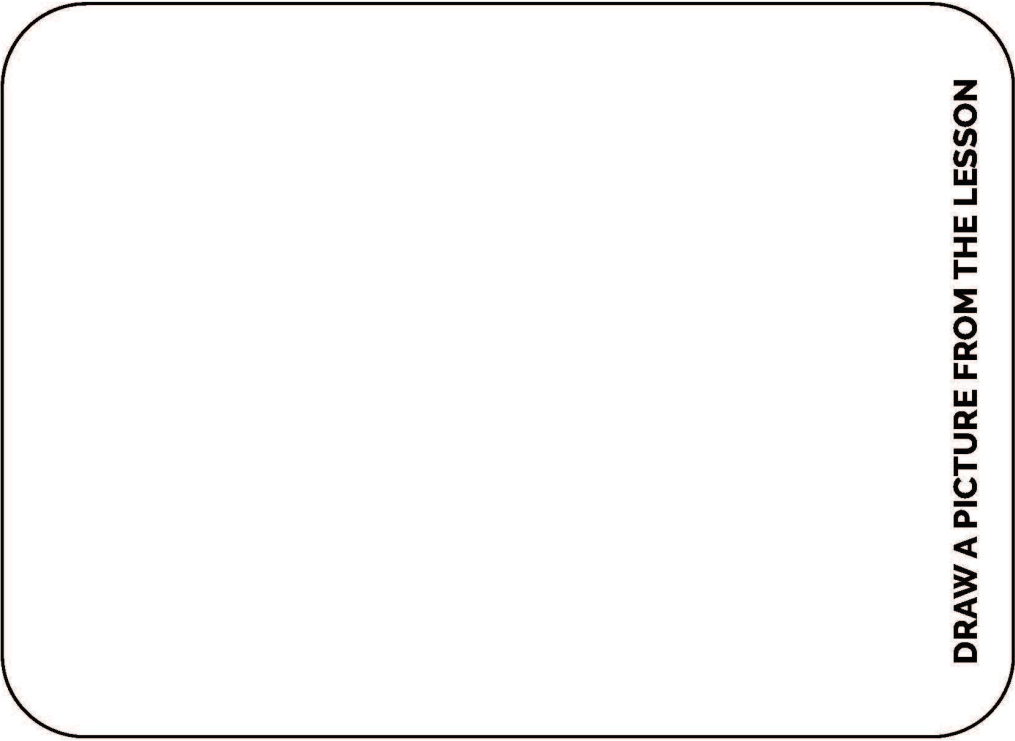
WARM SPRINGS RD. KID'S CORNER

NAME _____

SONGS WE SANG

HOW MANY TIMES ARE THESE WORDS SAID TODAY?

BIBLE	GOD	JESUS/CHRIST	LOVE
CHRISTIAN	VERSE	PRAY	BELIEVE



DRAW A PICTURE FROM THE LESSON

WRITE THE BIBLE VERSES FROM TODAY'S LESSON
