

# Arrogance and Unbelief

Arrogance is associated with unbelief because:

By Doy Moyer

God's will into account when making plans, then arrogance is the norm for unbelief.

1. It takes arrogance to view one's own thinking or the thinking of any fallible human as the ultimate authority for reality.
2. To remove God from the realm of reality is to assert an overarching knowledge of reality, which is arrogance gone to seed.
3. Arrogance boasts in the future without taking God's will into account (**James 4:14-16**). Since unbelief never takes

4. Unbelief rejects grace, and the rejection of grace requires pride (**1 Peter 5:5**). Arrogance assumes that God is neither necessary nor wanted, and such is an unequivocal rejection of grace.

Arrogance and humility cannot coexist. "Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you" (**James. 4:10**).

### Classes This Week

<b>Sunday 5:15 PM</b> Kids Class at the Building	<b>Monday 7 PM</b> Ladies Class at the Rouse's on "Giving God Control"	<b>Tuesday 10 AM</b> Ladies Class at Paula Davis' on "Giving God Control"	<b>Tuesday 8 PM</b> Truth-seekers in Student Center Rm 2310
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Brad Marshall (Allie Hosey's Cousin)	Jesse Godwin (Troy's father and Mac's grandfather)	Frank Hand (Laura Humphrey's dad)	Louise Pack (Anna and Christopher's grandmother)
Gloria Detmer and Carol Dickerson (Toni Herd's Sisters)	Don Lanier (Father of Greg Lanier)	David Hartsell (Holly and Brad's Father)	Wanda Price (Ada Owen's sister)
Betty Mcareavey (Mary Ann Roberts' mom)	Audrey Barnett (Joanetta's sister-in-law)	Betty Bradford	Hazel Gilliland and Sherry Carroll (Toni's relatives)
Tom Davis (Walker Davis' Uncle)	Joy Powell (Tori Luther's grandmother)	Danny Weldon (Rusty Weldon's brother)	William Smith (Ken Sullivan's brother)
Gerald White (Christopher, Anna and Wesley's Father)	<b>William Herd</b>	Rebecca Davis (Chuck Hahn's Niece)	Ray Humphrey (Seth's dad)
John M. Rhodes and Bonnie Rhodes Kirkley (Toni Herd's family)	Joe Perkins (Scott Perkins' Dad)	Aubrey Meeks (Toni Herd's Nephew)	Eleanor McKay (friend of Erica)

### October Birthdays

- 1-Jacob Smith
- 1-Aiden Hahn
- 3-Jennifer Hasty
- 3-James Malloy
- 4-Jordan Corneil
- 6-Jessica Anderson
- 7-Molly Borden
- 8-Heath Fowler
- 12-Stacy Norman
- 17-Abbie Harrison
- 18-Eric Shotts
- 20-Evan Pender
- 20-Keith Bailey
- 21-Zac Slay
- 22-Christopher White
- 22-Meredith Bragwell
- 24-Sara Beth Roberts
- 24-Suzanna Roberts
- 25-Bethany Bradford
- 26-Palmer Daniels
- 26-Esther Biddle
- 29-Belle Johnson
- 29-Matt Hall
- 29-Julie Britnell
- 29-Madi Luther
- 29-Stewart West
- 30-Caleb Gandy
- 31-Kitty Tam

### News and Notes

- ☒ - Please continue to pray for Gerald White who is making slow progress.
- ☒ - Group meetings are tonight.
- ☒ - Please remember York Smith's dad, John, in your prayers as he struggles with health issues.
- ☒ - Alex Dobbins' granddad, Jim Corum, was taken to the hospital this week for a procedure and will stay longer for recovery.
- ☒ - Please pray for Brittany Bagent's friend, Erin Brogden, who lost her daughter Emmy this week.
- ☒ - Sheryl's friend's baby, Jordan Alexander, had heart surgery on wed and developed lung issues. please continue to pray for her and her family.
- ☒ - Please pray for the family of Bryan Golden, whose grandmother, Francine Golden, died recently.
- ☒ - Clocks turn back on sat night, Oct. 31.

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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (**Matthew 5:16**)

## What My Parents Taught Me

By Jefferson David Tant



### Thoughts to Ponder

My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother (**Proverbs 1:8**)

All parents teach their children — consciously, subconsciously, positively, negatively, by example, by word. Children are even taught be what their parents FAIL to teach. In our generation, many parents have abdicated their teaching roles to TV, schools, their children's peers, and other influences. I am thankful to have had parents who cared enough to teach me right from wrong and how to live. May I share with you some of the things they taught me:

Never once did I see my father display anger or a spirit of revenge and retaliation. Never once did he abuse his position as editor to lash back at his detractors. I am thankful for this lesson in self-discipline.

**1. Righteous Living.** This was more by example than by word. My parents did not set the example of smoking. I never saw a can of beer in their hands, nor was any kind of alcohol kept in the house. I never heard a word of profanity fall from their lips, nor did I ever see them go about in shorts, swimsuits, or other forms of immodest dress. This has had its influence upon me, and I am thankful that I do not even know what beer tastes like, nor have I ever owned a pair of shorts, etc.

**2. Discipline.** Discipline takes many forms, both positive and negative. My parents loved me enough to apply the hand, the belt, and the switch when necessary. They loved me enough to teach me the discipline of responsibility in making my own bed, mowing the lawn, washing the car, and I learned early how to operate a vacuum cleaner. My first job was a paper route somewhere along about the sixth grade.

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**  
**Sunday**  
Bible Class .....9:30 AM  
Worship .....10:20 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
**Wednesday**  
Bible Classes.....7:00 PM  
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Discipline is also a part of the rule of self-ruling our attitudes, emotions, will. I will ever be grateful for a valuable lesson I learned from my father during the difficult times when the Lord's church was being divided over institutionalism. During this period my father was the editor of a religious journal, the Gospel Guardian, was thus somewhat of a public figure, and was the target of much abuse from some with whom he differed. He was lied about, cheated in some business arrangements, reviled, had meetings canceled, and was abused in various other ways. Never once did I see my father display anger or a spirit of revenge and retaliation. Never once did he abuse his position as editor to lash back at his detractors. I am thankful for this lesson in self-discipline.

**3. Love for God and His Church.** I never remember missing a service for some school activity, or for home work, or for a date, or for company. I was taught to put God and his kingdom first. Not only did we regularly attend the local congregation of which we were members, but we often went to gospel meetings in other places where there were opportunities to meet other preachers and to make friends among the young people of other congregations.

**4. Thrift and Economy.** Preachers were not always supported as well as they are in many places today, and we had some lean times. I can remember the time my father preached for one of the largest congregations in the land. One of the elders was an oil millionaire who told my father that his philosophy in business was to buy the very best product at the lowest possible price. He felt the same responsibility to the church — to get the very best preaching

possible for the lowest possible salary. During this time we sold our only car in order to meet debts. I do not remember feeling ashamed to walk to church or to ride the bus around town.

My mother has always been a saving person, even to the point of saving burnt matches. Our gas cooking stove had pilot lights that automatically ignited the top burners, but the oven still had to be lighted with a match. I still remember my mother lighting the oven with a match and then quickly blowing it out. The next time, she would take that burnt match, stick it into the pilot light to ignite it, and then use it to light the oven. This may be a bit extreme in saving, but it made an impression on my young mind.

**5. Hospitality — both to friends and strangers.** My mother has always been an excellent cook and we were glad to share her skills with others. As a child in Chicago, I remember a hungry tramp coming to our door and my mother fixing him a meal. I don't know if that was my first lesson in helping those who were in need, but it is the first I remember. A few years later in Oklahoma City we took into our home a young couple injured in an auto accident until they recuperated enough to continue on their journey. There were others who lived in our home — women whose husbands were off in World War II, unwed mothers who needed a home for a time, and young bachelors who boarded with us to be a part of a family of Christians. How precious to me are the memories of the many fine Christians who have been in our home and my contacts with countless preachers of the gospel whose lives have also touched mine. How I treasure the years my dear Grandmother Tant made her home with us and the valuable lessons I learned from her.



## "All Have Sinned"

By Raymond E. Harris

The gospel points to Jesus as man's only hope. The gospel sets forth the terms of salvation. The church has been established. Now all responsibility rests with man.

As we read the first three chapters of the book of Romans, we find the apostle Paul declaring in no uncertain terms, the fact that Jew and Gentile alike, stood condemned before God.

In **Romans 1**, Paul indicts the Gentiles by saying ". . . when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (v. 21). Hence, he tells us that, "God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts" (v. 24), "God gave them up unto vile affections" (v. 26), "God gave them over to a mind void of judgment" (v. 28). One might say God "washed His hands" of the Gentile world when they so utterly departed from His righteousness.

On the other hand, in **Romans 2**, we find the Jews possessed an unbelievable capacity to doubt, murmur and sin against Jehovah. This was true, despite all the special instruction and treatment they had received. In the Old Testament, God lamented the fact that even the cattle of the field knew their master, but Israel did not seem to be mindful of God (**Isa. 1:3**).

So when Jesus was born into the world, He arrived upon the scene to find the whole population lost in sin. What was to be done? How could mankind ever be saved? Prophets of old and even the angels of heaven had wondered throughout the centuries, how mankind - God's prize creation - could ever be saved. Was it possible to restore peace? Was there any way for an honorable and just reconciliation to come about? What was man to do? Was there any way man could be forgiven? It seemed doubtful.

Not even the angels of heaven can fathom the mind of God! However, in **1 Peter 1:20**, the apostle explains that God had foreordained, before the foundation of the world, that Jesus would come in these last times. He would come not only to reveal the Father, and give a new law; but, He would also give Himself upon the altar of the cross, as a lamb without spot or blemish. Yes, the Almighty

Father allowed His Son to come and "stand in," to die for you and me and everyone. God did not want His prize creation, the whole human race, to be lost eternally. Hence, He set in motion a grand scheme whereby men could be justified and forgiven.

That is what Christianity is all about! The gospel points to Jesus as man's only hope. The gospel sets forth the terms of salvation. The church has been established. Now all responsibility rests with man. Man sinned against God! Man is not at liberty to legislate the terms of his own forgiveness! Man's only hope for forgiveness and salvation is in compliance to God's terms.

For the sake of your own eternal welfare, won't you look to Jesus as your Savior? Won't you repent of your past sins (**Acts 2:38**), confess that Jesus is the Christ (**Rom. 10:10**) and be baptized (**Mark 16:16**)? The Bible explains that when we do these things we are born into the family of God, we are Christians, members of the Lord's body, the church. This is all possible in that through these acts of obedience all past sins are forgiven. What a glorious thought! Won't you act now! Behold, today is the day of salvation! - **Guardian of Truth, May 7, 1987**

