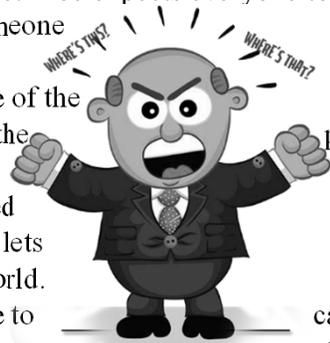


Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

Happiness happens when we give it away. Be the family member who offers to wash the dishes after dinner. Be the colleague who serves the staff by arriving on time for each meeting and listening attentively. Be the church member who supports the pastor with prayer and notes of encouragement. Be the neighbor who mows the grass of the elderly couple. Can you imagine the joy-giving benefits of these decisions?

Contrast the situation of Moe and Joe. Moe expects everyone to serve him. The moment he awakens thinks, Is someone going to bring me coffee? He eaves the house thinking, The traffic better be good. If the service of the convenience store attendant is slow, Moe is mad. If the parking lot attendant forgets Moe's name, Moe more grumbles. If the employees at work need them know time than Moe want to give them, Moe lets



Moe has high expectations of the world. He expects to be served. He expects people to cater to his plans, meet his needs, and reward him. Consequently, Moe is seldom happy. The service is too slow, the commute takes too long, and the employees don't remember his name quickly enough. Moe, miserable Moe.

Joe, on the other hand, measures the success of his day with this standard: Who can I help today? Since there are always people who need help, Joe is insanely successful. He serves his wife her morning coffee. He serves the convenience store clerk with a smile. He serves the parking lot attendant with encouragement. He keeps a positive attitude at work. Bad weather? Snarly traffic? No problem. The world doesn't exist to take care of him. He exists to take care of others. Circumstances do not affect him. Joe goes to bed with a smile on his face.

Moe is unhappy and makes people frown. Joe is happy and makes people smile. Which one are you? Moe? Joe? Or a little of both, Mo-Jo? Maybe it's time to look at life differently. Make your happiness dependent upon how others serve you, and you will always be disappointed. Find happiness in serving others and... well, you can complete the sentence.

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:137-144

North: You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.
South: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
North: My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.
South: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.
North: I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.
South: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.
North: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.
South: Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4, 11-12

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing.

We ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came to the place [where Zacchaeus was in the tree], he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So Zacchaeus hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ...

Gospel . . . (cont'd)

Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Upcoming Events

**BIBLE
STUDY**

- ❑ Women's Bible Study meets on alternating Wednesdays and the next meeting is Nov. 6th (7:00-8:30pm). The series ends Nov. 20th.



GRIN-ABLE(S)...



- Q: What do you call a snowman in July?
A puddle.
- Two snowmen were standing in a field, and one said to the other 'Can you smell carrot?'
The second replied, 'No, but I can taste coal.'
- Q: What's a good holiday tip?
A: Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.
- I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up ... they have no holidays.
- Q: Where Do Snowmen Go To Dance?
A: To snowballs!
- Q: What Did Frosty Call His Cow?
A: Eskimoo!
- Q: How do you find the value of taking Yule the the xth power?
A: You take the yule log
- On New Years, just remember: if your cup runneth over, you've probably reached your limit.
- My resolution was to read more so I put the subtitles on my tv.
- Q: Why did Frosty ask for a divorce?
A: His wife was a total flake
- Q: What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?
A: A rebel without a Claus.
- Q: What do you call a bankrupt Santa?
A: Saint Nickel-less.
- I don't know that there are real ghosts and goblins, but there are always more trick-or-treaters than neighborhood kids.



Calendar...

- ✓ Next Council Meeting – November 12th @ 6:30
- ✓ Next Communion – November 17th