

**“The words of the Lord are pure  
words”  
-- Psalm 12:6**



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**“Fear God, and give Him the glory, because  
the hour of His judgment has come...”  
*Revelationn 14:7***

*"Follow through in 2022!!"*

**June 19, 2022**

## **Christ's Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Gary DiPaolo

L.S. - Cliff Renner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

L.S. - Andrew Wallace

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**June Prayer/Potluck - June 25-26. -**

Fellowship dinner following morning assembly

**VBS - July 11-14**

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Gabe Clark**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Jon Reijgers

Preaching - Jay Wilson



**BOZEMAN -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Phil Sutton** on "The Gold Standard" Matt. 7:12

**GREAT FALLS -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Zac Zech**

### **Great Falls**

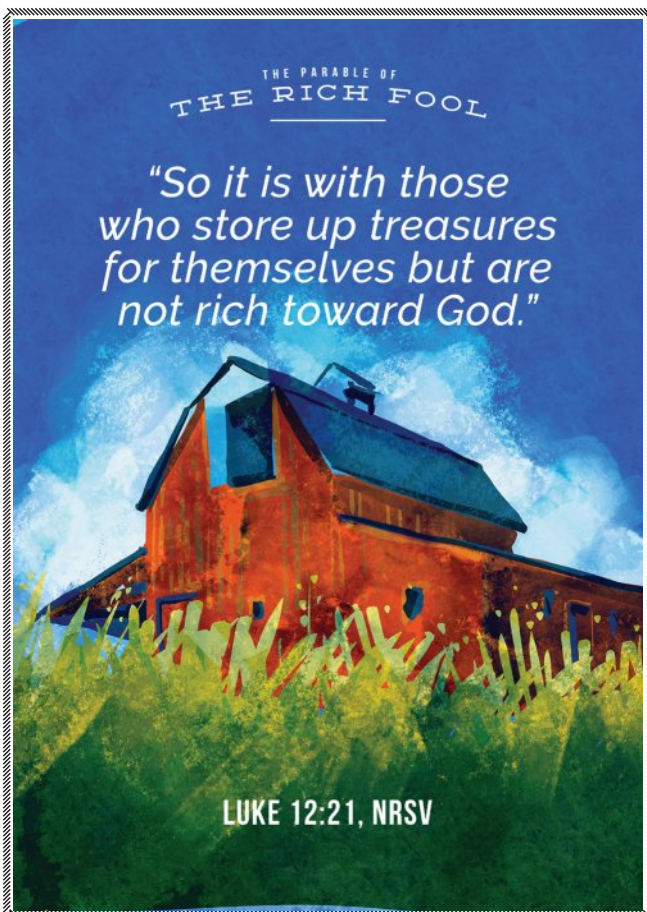
**June 19** - Prayer and fasting for evangelism

VBS – June 27-30

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Men's Peaks** - July 21-23-Theme: "Full Armor"

**Family Camp** - Sept. 2-5-Theme: "The Way"



### Question of the week:

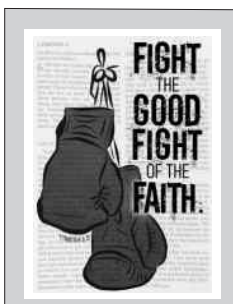
On what mountain overlooking the Mediterranean Sea did Elijah challenge the prophets of Baal about calling fire down from heaven?

Last week's question: In Acts chapter 8, Philip is recorded as immersing the Ethiopian eunuch. How do we know that the Ethiopian was Jewish and not a Gentile? *Answer: 1) He had his own set of Old Testament scrolls; he had come from Ethiopia to worship at the temple in Jerusalem; 3) Peter said that he (not Philip) was the first to preach the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 8:26-40; Acts 15:7).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (MT YOUTH CAMP HAPPENING THIS PAST WEEK!)

Bible School – 100  
Morning Assembly – 140  
Evening Assembly – 55

Wednesday Night (6/15) – 50  
Butte Lord's Day – 11  
GF Lord's Day – 49,60 Wed. - 37



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### And Still More

Overseers, or bishops [always a plurality], intelligently and spiritually guide and govern the local congregation. These are the *men* who provide, by God's design, the flywheel of momentum in evangelism and sound doctrine from one generation to the next. "Be on your guard for yourselves and all the flock," the apostle Paul warned the elders of Ephesus. "I know that *after my departure* savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock, and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert..." (Acts 20:28-31). These men keep the congregation trained in sound doctrine, and they have the solid character base which enables them to speak with doctrinal authority. Hence, they must be good family men, and Paul has some things to say about that.

● **Husband of one wife** – Both the epistle to Timothy and to Titus contain the expression "the husband of one wife" in reference to bishops (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6). The bishop "must be" married!! The bishop cannot be a polygamist, and he will be free of a lot of unnecessary baggage if he has never been divorced.

- **Children** – Raising a godly family is clearly part of the training ground for the future shepherd. He must have "children who believe," is Paul's comment to Titus, "not accused of dissipation or rebellion" (Titus 1:6). The overseer [manager] must be "one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity" (1 Timothy 3:4). The proper training of children obviously impacts their adult lives, and the future bishop and his wife need to be a tremendous team in nurturing and directing their charges in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Children, particularly as they grow toward adulthood, need to be "managed" rather than micro-managed. The manager needs to recognize abilities and capabilities of each of those whom he oversees, and needs to put them in positions where they can function and grow. The apostle asks a great and important question: "If a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?" (1 Timothy 3:5). This has to be done "with all dignity"; children are like trees in this sense—they grow up straight through the application of constant pressure rather than an occasional kick. The raising of a Christian family is the training ground for the future bishop.

**When the early church lost these principles, Catholicism developed.**

- **Alcohol issues** – Both letters contain the phrase "not addicted to wine" (1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7). Many new converts coming into the body of Christ are coming in seeking victory over alcohol and drug "addiction" issues. For their benefit, the best policy of any church leader is total abstinence of alcohol, marijuana, or other mind-altering substances.
- **Devil issues** – There is a general understanding that the devil, before he was cast out of heaven, ended up with an overinflated picture of who he really was. Paul uses this understanding to make a couple of points. He says that the bishop must not be "a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil" (1 Timothy 3:6). Too high a position too soon without the appropriate sacrifice and suffering to get there often results in those people getting all "puffed up." The devil, everyone needs to remember, eventually got booted from heaven. The apostle adds, "And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he may not fall into the reproach and the snare of the devil" (1 Timothy 3:7). While the world's perspective is not always correct, if a person is known around town as "Freddy the Freeloader" or "a ladies' man," he is not a fit candidate for the office of bishop.

All of these qualities listed in 1 Timothy and Titus paint a picture of a man who has done a good job with his family, is known to be of high reputation within and without the church, and can manage people and operations. When the early church moved away from evangelists' requiring these qualifications for a man's being a bishop, then the destruction of the primitive church occurred, and the Catholic perversion began developing.

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