

# 2007 Proclaimer

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, .. to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord!" -Isa.61:1-2*  
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## **What God Requires of His Creation**

*by Elmer Gunchin*

The basis for this writing is from the passage of scripture found in **Deut 10:12-13**. A question is asked and the appropriate answer is given. The answer makes man responsible to God for something.

**1. FEAR GOD.** A profound reverence and awe toward God is indicated. The God whose power spoke into existence the whole universe, with man as the crowning touch of His creation, **Gen 1**. Man is told, "*Thou shalt have no other gods before me*", **Ex 20:3**. In **Acts 17**, Paul encounters people who did not "Fear God" as they should. Without the proper reverence, people can worship ignorantly.

**2. WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS.** This designates God's demand for action on the part of individuals. Man cannot direct his own steps, **Jer 10:23**. Seeking the old paths and walking in them, **Jer 6:16**, further shows the essentiality of man moving in God's appointed way. This can only be accomplished when we are willing to put forth the effort to find that way. **2 Tim 2:15** shows the importance of study with its desired end, rightly dividing the word of truth. The folly of following the wrong way is seen in **Pro. 14:12**. Spiritual death is all that awaits at the end of man's plan.

**3. TO LOVE HIM.** This specifies the adoration necessary. In the New Testament, John emphasizes the love that is demanded, **Jno. 15:10**. Jesus kept His Father's commandment in love. Without keeping the commandments of Jesus, there can be

no love of God abiding in him. Jesus will only manifest to those that keep His commandments, **Jno 14:21**. This does not mean that Christ will visibly appear before people in this Christian Age. His manifesting of himself is done through the word as revealed by the Holy Spirit, **Jno 16:13**. John said the Spirit would guide into all the truth. Peter said that all which pertains to life and godliness was given, **2 Pet 1:3**. Now it is up to each person to learn the way and follow in it.

**4. SERVE GOD.** More activity is signified. A servant is not intended to be one that pulls back from obligation. An inconsistency exists when service is divided. The explanation comes from **Matt 6:24**. One cannot serve righteousness and unrighteousness at the same time. Which ever direction has the greatest pull will determine the servitude of the individual. Servants of sin are made free by obedience to the same form of doctrine mentioned in **Rom 6:17-18**. These people had done what God demanded as evidenced in **verses 3-7**. They were part of the body of Christ, **1 Cor 12:13**, hence members of the church, **Eph 1:22-23**. Necessity of membership and service in the church is set forth in the letter to the Ephesians.

**5. TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.** This does not point to the decologue for people in the Christian Age. Jesus said that all the law and the prophets were comprehended in Love of God and Love of Neighbor, **Matt 22:36-40**. As his already been seen, Love of God required obedience to statutes. Love of Neighbor requires service unto God through obedience, thereby service is also rendered to neighbors.

WHAT IS NECESSARY? Through guidance of the Holy Spirit we have received truth that shall make us free, **Jno 8:32**. The one who does not believe in Jesus, is ruled out in the beginning, **Jno 8:24**. If one does believe that Jesus is the Son of God, but will not turn from the desires of the flesh, **Lk 13:5**, **Matt 10:38**, then he will perish. If he takes these initial steps but is not willing to confess Christ as the Son of God, **Matt 10:32**; **Rom 10:9-10**, it is apparent that he will not be saved. All has still not been completed. Jesus taught baptism by immersion in water for salvation, **Mk 16:16**. Remission of sins, **Acts 2:38**. Washing away of sins, **Acts 22:16**. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." **Eccl 12:13**.

*"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."* **Jno 8:32**.

*"Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."* **Matt 7:7**.

*"Today if ye hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation."* **Heb 3:15**.

Investigate the truth as taught by the New Testament church. Obey that truth and become a Christian, nothing more or nothing less. ---Elmer Gunchin.

## LESSON # 6 THE LIVING SACRIFICE

Today at 5:00 PM

## **THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS**

Logan & Julie Agee  
Allison Autrand  
Frank & Tina Ayers  
Edith Ayers  
Jamie Ayers  
Jack & Dorothy Bailey  
Margie Buchanan  
Brenda Bryant  
Larry Cain  
Robert (Bob) Erickson  
Helen Gray  
Margaret Holcomb  
Chuck House  
David & Jerica Lovett  
Samantha Erin Lovett  
Jean McCarty  
Jeffry & Kaye Pennant  
Rueben Pennant  
Jahsmeen Pennant  
Wendell and Irma Rapier  
Glenn Reagan  
LaurieAnn Reagan  
Andy & Liz Roadman  
Caleb & Jacob Robertson  
Taylor Romine  
Ray Rude  
Bill & Rena Schultz  
Brad & Shawna Shuck  
Virginia Taylor (Brenda's mom)  
Ola Thornburg  
Nancy Valine  
Shirley Watkins  
Ellie Williams  
Gordon & Glenda Wilson  
Maxine Wilson

## **TRAVELING IN THEIR WORK**

Karen Daly  
Rick Rittenhouse  
Aaron Robertson  
David Lovett

## **IN THE MILITARY**

Jason Anderson  
David Lovett  
Aaron Robertson  
Trent Walsh

## **“WANTED”**

by G. E. Watkins

The following members of the Lord's church are very much "Wanted":

- 1) Members who are as interested in the church on Sunday and Wednesday night as they are on Sunday morning (Hebrews 10:25).
- 2) Members who are as liberal with their money as with their advice and criticism (II Corinthians 8:1-5).
- 3) Members who are willing to deny themselves in order to serve God (Matthew 16:24).
- 4) Members who love God more than pleasure (2 Timothy 3:4).
- 5) Members who are not only church members but also church workers (1 Thessalonians 1:3).
- 6) Members who are willing to let church work "interfere" with their own work and pleasure (1 Corinthians 15:58).
- 7) Members who are willing to spend at least half as much of their time studying their Bibles as they do watching television (2 Timothy 2:15).
- 8) Members who can be half as enthusiastic about a gospel meeting as about the World Series or the Super Bowl (Matthew 6:19-21).
- 9) Members who are as "anxious" to tell others the good news of the gospel as they are to tell them the latest gossip (Acts 20:24-27). *Cont'd on page 4*

10) Members who are willing to practice in their lives what they say they believe in their hearts (1 Corinthians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Timothy 3:6-9).

11) Members who aspire to be leaders in the church purely for the good they can do for others, and the greater service they can render to God (Acts 20:28).

12) Members who can object to something without becoming objectionable, and who can disagree without becoming disagreeable (Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14).

Are you a "Member" of the church as described above? If so, you are very much "**Wanted**" (and *needed*) in the activities of the local church today!

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## Notable Quotes of Men ~

**The welfare of the people is the ultimate law. - Cicero (106 BC - 43 AD)**

**When men are pure, laws are useless; when men are corrupt, laws are broken. - Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)**

**It is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive. - Earl Warren (1891-1974)**

**Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work. - Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)**

## Return of the Prodigal

Parable: Luke 15:11-32

### **Things the father did not say when the prodigal son returned:**

- ~ *What are you doing back here?*
- ~ *What do you want now?*
- ~ *What happened to your inheritance?*
- ~ *I can't forgive you for what you have done.*
- ~ *You owe me big time.*
- ~ *Do you realize just how much you hurt me?*
- ~ *You have no idea just how many sleepless nights you caused me.*
- ~ *Do you realize how hard it has been explaining to others what happened to you?*
- ~ *You made your bed, so lie in it.*

### **When a penitent, erring child (or brother or sister in Christ) returns ~ what should I say?**

How about reading THIS for a good sample? Luke 15:20-24- *"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

*22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry."*