

Kingston Church of Christ

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Quote of the Week:

"If our faith is not relevant to our daily life in the world and in the parish, then it is no use; and if we cannot be Christians in our work, in the neighborhood, in our political decisions, then we had better stop being Christians. A piety reserved for Sundays is no message for this age."

—Douglas Rhymes

Let's Keep Praying For

- Alex as she moves to find work
- Levi's recovery
- Ruby during her recovery
- Anne
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Glenn and Betty
- Jerry's move to long-term care due to cancer
- Dan's father, Tim F
- Franco S with cancer
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues

**Now meeting virtually
at 10:00 a.m. Sundays**

Read the New Testament in a Year: June 14-20

Mon Rom 13

Tues Rom 14

Wed Rom 15:1-13

Thurs Rom 15:14-16:27

Fri 1 Cor 1

Sat 1 Cor 2

Sun make-up day

News:

Glenn and Betty will celebrate their anniversary on June 30.

Meetings at College St.: Our current plan is to begin in-person meetings when Ontario moves to Step 2 of its current reopening plan. I (Art) think that might be either July 4 or 11, depending on how things proceed. More later.

Contributions: send to churchcollege@yahoo.com or leave at building.

Key to the Kingdom – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

4 Steps to Make the Bible Agree with You

I found a video posted on www.wineskins.org (under their YouTube link) with the title noted above. In it Matt Dabbs presents a parody on lazy Bible study. His introduction that follows outlines the content of his video.

“One of the greatest temptations is to fit the Bible to our beliefs rather than getting our beliefs from the Bible. So many people twist the Bible around what they already believe rather than going to the Bible to find what is there.

“This video is SATIRE of the mindset people use when they twist the Bible to confirm their beliefs as a warning of just how dangerous that method really is. It is very damaging to faith.

“It is so important that we don't compromise the Bible or twist the scriptures. Our views are open to be changed by the Bible and what God has revealed to us in scripture. Any attempt at manipulating the Bible will only result in trouble.

“Here is the process so many people use:

“Start with the belief you want to support or confirm.

“1 Go to the Bible and find only the verses that agree with you. Skip any that refute our point.

“2 If you can't find anything that agrees with you, try another translation until you do.

“3 If you still can't support your view through a variety of translations, go to original languages to find a way to translate the words to fit what you already believe.

“4 If that doesn't work use numbers, symbols, and secret codes.

“All of this, of course, is satire and is illustrative of a dangerous mindset that we see prevail in memes and lazy Bible study”.

I hope this sounds utterly ridiculous to you. None of us would set out to do what is suggested, yet we do need to be careful that we aren't so sure of our beliefs that we are not open to learning the truth that has been hidden from us because of our misunderstandings. The Jewish leaders knew the scriptures, yet they missed Jesus, which is the main point and climax of the scriptures. Let's always be open to having the Bible mold us into God's image and not be set in our ways and beliefs when the Bible says otherwise.

-Art