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It is important to understand that just as there are socialist conservatives, sometimes called progressive conservatives; there are also progressive Christians. Some denominations and churches have entire groups that identify themselves as progressives. Being progressive sounds good. It sounds like you are in favor of progress. But, actually it is more complicated than that.

As I speak about progressive Christians, I want to make it clear that I am speaking of the term in a generic way. The exact usage and definition of the word may vary somewhat between different groups. I also want to make it clear that progressive Christians are not our true enemy. Satan is our enemy (*Ephesians 6:12*), and according to *II Timothy 2:25-26*, mature Christians are to gently correct those who reject the truth and who have been enticed by Satan to do his will. Chances are you have contact with progressive Christians

throughout the week. These folks may very well be your brothers and sisters in Christ, yet there is danger in getting too close. For example:

Progressive Christians despise a lot of things that fundamental Christians believe in.

Most progressive Christians do not see any problem with being like the world, except perhaps in areas that may be considered some great sin. If you have premarital sex and get pregnant, some progressive Christian might see abortion as a viable option. If your marriage gets hard, they might say you can divorce just because you want to, even if there is no biblical justification for the action. If you get married and have kids and one of your children begins to explore homosexuality, they might affirm this rather than explain what the Bible says regarding this issue. If male authority figures are being over-bearing, they may say that the whole system of male leadership is oppressive and unbiblical.

Sometimes progressive Christians are hurt people who end up hurting more people with their un-scriptural solutions. Their pain is often valid, but their solutions are invalid. For an example, in disagreeing with a rule at the Christian school, they may over-react and place their kids in a government school. Should they find something disagreeable at church, they may decide to not attend at all.

Progressive Christians often love the world's dress, entertainment, and music. Often, they emphasize spiritual gifts and see them as a sign of their own spirituality. They sometimes speak about how God has communicated with them in a dream or vision. They often feel free to offer counsel to others and feel qualified to do so.

Most Progressive Christians Reject the Differing Biblical Roles for Men and Women.

Not only did God design marriage for just one man and one woman,

he also gave both the husband and the wife different roles within the marriage, both of equal importance, but still different (*Ephesians 5:21-33*). Progressive Christians fundamentally reject these truths. Not only do some progressive Christians accept all forms of unions (*men with men and women with women*) as real marriages, they also completely reject the idea that men and women are different and have different roles within the church and in the family. Some progressive Christians may have harmonious marriages, but their counsel might destroy yours. Progressive Christians worship oneness and unity with the world, forgetting that God has called His people to reject sinful worldliness and to embrace holiness.

Progressive Christians Often Use Their Feelings to Interpret the Bible Instead of Using the Bible to Interpret Their Feelings.

Progressive Christians are difficult to categorize because the only truth they are totally unified over, is the belief that a personal evolving truth is the only truth that really matters. Absolute truth is the only kind of truth they reject. They love to ask questions, but they reject the idea of there being only one true answer. They often have no problem believing that God has told them something, that you know with assurance cannot be true, because it is contradicted in His word.

People who come from an evangelical background often get sucked into this progressive propaganda because it sounds similar to the phrase ***“a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.”*** Having a personal relationship

with Christ does not mean that God ordained a separate doctrinal truth that only applies to you.

Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is different than creating your own personal Jesus made in your image. While it is true that God’s truth must become your truth, it does not work in reverse. No where are we informed that our truth magically becomes God’s truth. There is one truth and thus everything else is a false truth. As **III John 3-4** explains, ***“For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”*** If “your truth” is not the same thing as “the truth,” then your truth is wrong.

Progressive Christians love to change the meaning of words. They reject the biblical definition of words like love, faithfulness, and covenant and prefer to do whatever they feel like doing. It’s not a religion of biblical faith but of following your own feelings.

Progressive Christians Can Drag You Down.

In the end, I believe progressive Christianity is like saying you love someone but never really getting to know the person you say you love. Progressive Christians want their sin and their Savior to coexist in the same house together. But Jesus hates sin, which is why He paid the ultimate price on the cross to defeat the death we all deserve and to give us new life. It should be obvious, you cannot be close to Jesus and close to the world at the same time.

The sheer number of progressive churches out there means that more and more we are going to come in contact with progressive Christians. We are to love these people, as many of them could be our brothers and sisters. But, we must be careful—just as their doctrine appeals to their flesh, it can also appeal to you and I.

Since progressive Christianity is inherently always evolving, it is hard to define this moving target. However, according to their own documentation their desire was to display an alternate way of being a Christian that would be different from the historical context. The leaders of this movement made it clear that they do not believe the Bible is the inerrant or infallible word of God. They don’t want Creationism to be taught in schools or churches. They don’t believe that God disapproves of abortion or homosexuality, and they don’t believe that people of other faiths will be judged just because they reject Christ.

So, beware of progressive Christianity. Truth is, it is not Christianity at all. The *“emerging church”*, as it is sometimes called, is not a church at all. It is a social club where people can disobey God and still feel good about it



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Praying for Your Pastor

Mrs. Connie Peters

How do you show appreciation for a pastor who has done so much for you and your family? It is difficult to reciprocate effectively. But there is one thing that each Christian can do for his pastor; and when done consistently, it can bear much eternal fruit. That is to pray for him.

How do you know what to pray? Because of the leadership role that pastors play, they are not always open with their prayer needs. In preparing for this article, I sought input from four pastor friends. When I asked for their input, they each responded with willing enthusiasm. They gave the topic extended and prayerful consideration. Their enthusiasm solidified in my mind that it was a subject that needed to be addressed.

One pastor mentioned the need for church members to pray daily for him by name for God's intervention in his life, to meet his needs, for good and not evil, just as he prays the same for each of them. Not only should pastors pray for their congregations, but we as members of the church have an obligation to pray for our pastors.

Praying for the pastor's personal needs is important. In addition to the needs that he may share, we need to pray for him and his family for physical and spiritual safety, that they will be protected from the wicked one, that they will recognize his tactics, and that they will resist temptation. Satan knows that if he can bring our leaders down, he can negatively affect the whole church.

We should pray for our pastor's personal spiritual growth, that he would have a passion to know Christ intimately. Pray that he will be a man of prayer. Ask God to bless him with a humble spirit so that he could serve to glorify God and not himself. Pray that he would love others as Christ loves and that he would have patience with those who might be adverse to the ministry. Ask God to give him opportunities to be an example of faith in God and to demonstrate the example of blessing others. Pray that God would give him true friends; and as you pray, strive to be a true friend to him.

Appeal to God for your pastor to use his time properly and to delegate tasks whenever possible. A

pastor's main responsibilities are prayer and sermon preparation. If those are set aside for lesser tasks, the sermon ministry will become fruitless. Delegating tasks based on spiritual gifts of the people builds their spiritual lives and strengthens the effectiveness of the church. Pray that your pastor would recognize the spiritual gifts of others and give them opportunity to serve and reach their ministry potential.

As he ministers to others, pray that he will have Holy Spirit power and wisdom in his words, messages, and counsel and that he will not serve in the power of the flesh. That is the only way that he will impact others for Christ. Ask the Lord to give your pastor sensitivity to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the people. Pastors cannot read minds, so they will need a Holy Spirit sensitivity to notice and address our needs. Call upon the One Who builds the church to give your pastor a vision for the ministry and a God-given plan to accomplish it.

Ask God to help your pastor in dealing with the problems that arise and to minister with wisdom granted from God. In dealing with issues abounding in our society in these end times, a pastor needs a great deal of discernment. He needs wisdom from God in confronting Christians who are living carnally. He needs to be able to address sensitive issues with a balance of love and firmness.

As he prepares sermons, appeal for God to lead him. Pray that God will give him words that will reach each individual with God's message to him. Each sermon should be a true message of God that is needed for each listener. Call on the Holy Spirit on behalf of the congregation (ourselves included) that the message will be received as the confirmed Word of God, and in response, that we will hear and heed instruction from the Lord.

Pray that our church will always be longsuffering and forgiving. We need to have patience with each other and forgive just as God does for us. Entreat our Father to unify us. Seek God's help in making the ultimate goal of our ministry be to glorify God in all that we do.

One pastor addressed the need for prayers as he grows older. He asked prayer that he would retain



joy through declining health; that he could be used in some capacity even in his latter years; that his mind would be sharp enough and his body strong enough to serve God until He calls him home; and that in his departure, his children will always be faithful to our Lord, to His service, and to those who have supported him through the years.

This article has truly been a learning experience for me. My eyes have been opened to so many aspects of praying for my pastor that I had not considered. It would do the Christian community good for each of us to ask our own pastors how they would like for us to pray for them, and then to follow through.



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The Whispers of Satan



Does Satan ever remind you of all the stuff he can give you? Just as he said to Jesus, ***“All these things will I give thee,”*** he whispers his promise in each person’s ear. He says, ***“I will make you famous, rich, and full of all knowledge. You will simply have more fun if you don’t worship God. God is just standing in the way of your happiness. You must rebel against His rule. You must run your own life.”*** Don’t be fooled. His statement really means that he will run it for you!

When he couldn’t lure Jesus away through the pain of need, then he would bait his hook with worldly pleasure. He would hold out what so many people crave: power, authority, and glory. He appeals to the human longing to be seen, admired, and followed. He whispers, ***“Look how much you’re giving up. Think about the opportunities waiting out there. No one even notices all you do.”*** Satan knows how to make all the things you do seem so very small.

Sure, you’ve heard him. When you come to the end of a year and receive a contribution report from the church or some other ministry, the devil says, ***“You are so dumb. You could have paid off your car! You could have taken that vacation. You could have saved more for retirement. Look at all the fun you could have had with the money you wasted on God.”***

Sure, you’ve heard him say thing like, ***“Look at your neighbors. Some are heading to the beach. Some are***

sleeping in. Some are sitting on their porches. What are you doing? You’re heading to church. You are so dumb!”

Consider his temptation of Eve in the Garden. He didn’t launch into an attack on God’s existence. He didn’t bring up lustful temptations. He simply reminded Eve that it was almost time for lunch. Distraction is often a more effective technique than denial.

The message of the Bible is that Jesus came, lived among us, and died on a cross that we might truly know God. To know Him and follow Him is to be saved from the bondage of the empty promises of Satan. The whole purpose of Satan’s vain promise is to enslave us. God’s promise through Jesus is to set us free. Jesus said, ***“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*** (John 8:32)

Each year during our **Fall Share-A-Thon**, Satan will be whispering to many of us, ***“if you support GoMix you are going to be hungry.”*** No, Satan, I am on my way to a feast! The most satisfying lives are firmly anchored in and pointed at the glory of God. His tactic didn’t work against our Lord, but it is often very effective with us. ***“All this can be yours.”*** Perhaps that is one of the reasons so many reject Christ while blindly following a creature they deny even exists.

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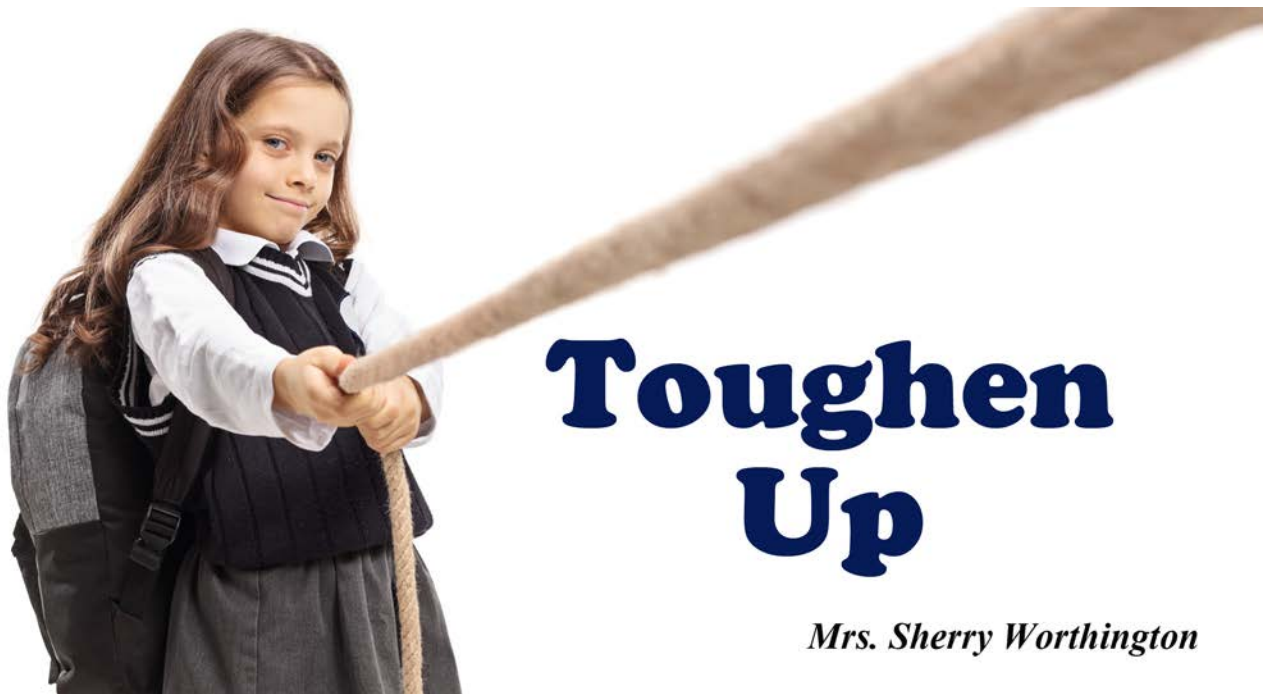
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Toughen Up

Mrs. Sherry Worthington

Another dream I have for my children is that they will be tough. I don't mean calloused or crabby, but I mean strong. Many people have strong muscles, and there is no shortage of those who would like to tell you so. I am not impressed with physical strength, but I am impressed with inner strength. What makes a person strong on the inside?

They possess an inner strength that keeps going. The kind of toughness that will keep them from quitting. When everyone else is giving up, they refuse to. When people tell them it can't be done, they refuse to believe it. Do you realize that in 1983 professionals told my husband that a Christian radio station would not survive in this area? He felt the Lord leading him to try, and he did not give up. After fifteen years, GoMix Radio was established. God blessed, and twenty-five years later, we now have a network of eleven stations.

Another kind of inner strength is required not to crumble at every

crisis. You would be surprised at things some people consider a crisis. A man at a restaurant got upset and left because he had to pay for extra cheese. What do you say to that? I think he needs to have a real problem. I wonder how his family feels. I feel sorry for the children. If that man gets so upset over something so trivial, how will he react with his children when they spill the milk? I admire someone who can keep his head in a crisis. Many times, there are major crises in our lives. We have to learn to handle them in a way that pleases the Lord. I have had to handle small crises and large crises. The thing to remember is to teach our children to handle the small ones so they can handle the big ones that come along. In our personal lives as well as the ministry, there have been many crises that have occurred in our lives. Since we went through the smaller ones in our lives, we were able to handle the larger ones because we did it together.

It takes a strong person to be willing to do what needs to be done. Have

you ever met anyone who can wear a suit and tie and conduct business, but can just as well roll up his sleeves and clean the toilet? We have had many workers like that in our ministry. Joe Patton was like that. He was the engineer who worked for the ministry keeping the transmitters running and in good repair. He has a lot of letters after his name. Joe was willing to pick up a vacuum and empty the trash cans without even being asked, yet he was very good at doing his high-tech responsibilities as well. He did not wait for someone else to do it. He did not have the attitude, *"It is not my job."* His attitude was, *"How can I help?"* He is no longer able to work, and we miss him greatly.

So what makes a person strong? Were they born that way? I don't think so. Were they raised that way? Could be. I know it has to help. How do you raise tough children? I am not talking about telling a child not to cry when he is hurt or when he is sad. There are appropriate times to cry, but you do

want to raise children who will not whine at every turn and crumble at every problem. We could start by not giving them their every whim. Start saying no to the “*I wants.*”

I believe one experience that made our children strong was when money was tight. It is always tight, but it was extremely tight during their first few years of school. They had peanut butter and jelly sandwiches every day for lunch for a few years. We had lots of hot dogs at supper time, too. When our situation improved, they did not want peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for a while. Mind you, steak was never in the budget, but we no longer ate hot dogs and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches every day. The children are grown and married now. Did this make them stronger? I believe they know they can make it in tough times. There is no crisis God can't handle. They saw the Lord provide for us when we did not know how He would do it. They know God will take care of them.

How can we teach our children not to be quitters? Let them see you stick things out when the going gets tough. When our children have chores to do, do we let them get by if it is not done correctly? How many times do we just do the chore because it is far less trouble than making them do it right? I remember distinctly a time when my mother called me back into the kitchen after doing dishes because I had not cleaned the sink and the counters. She called me back to finish several times that night, in fact. It did not matter that my favorite show was on or if I was doing my homework. She was

teaching me not to quit until the job was done right. You say that is a small thing. I believe that is how we instill values in our children. It would have been easier for her to have done it herself. I am sure I had an attitude by the time I finished. But you know what? I cleaned it right next time. If we wait until our children are teenagers to teach these lessons, it will be much more difficult.

How do you teach your child to do what needs to be done? My



husband's father taught him this lesson on a simple walk down the street. They were walking along, and some trash was on the sidewalk. His father told him to pick it up. My husband was young, and you can guess what he said. “*I didn't put it there.*” His father told him it is everyone's job to keep our country clean and beautiful. My husband never walked by a piece of paper again without picking it up. What if everyone was taught this and lived it? Can you imagine how beautiful our world would be? Can you imagine how much money would be saved? This simple lesson, among

others, taught him no job is too simple for him to do.

Many people want to make things easier for their children. Why? I am sure there are ways we want to do a better job raising our children, but we need to be sure to build their character at the same time. Character is what makes them strong. At the academy, we study 66 character traits, and it would take far too long to go over them all. We need to seek to build character in our children. Will that ensure your child is strong? It is still your child's choice whether or not to internalize what you have taught him. I know of several couples who had multiple children. Some are strong, and some are not. It is still their choice. We need to give them every possible advantage.

Our world is not getting better. I am not trying to be a pessimist, but I am stating a fact. Our children are the future. If we don't make them tough and teach them to think, they have no future. We must prepare them for the road ahead. We must teach them to rely on God and His precepts. There may come a time when we will not be able to go to church in the open. What will they do? Will they be able to handle it? Will they stand for what is right, or will they take the easier path? Physical strength can be important. But without inner strength, our children will not survive. We must teach them to be tough with many small life lessons along the way.



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Preparing for Church

Prayers for our pastors can only be as effective as our willingness to benefit spiritually from their ministries. The main goal of ministry in each of our individual lives is for our salvation and spiritual growth. One of the most important contributors to the success of those goals is in our response to God's Word as we hear it delivered by our spiritual overseers.

How should we approach each church service to gain the most spiritual benefit for ourselves? Is advance preparation necessary? I have found that when I am prepared for the service, I benefit more greatly. In addition to praying for my pastor as he plans the sermon, there are other preparations that I have found beneficial.

We must approach any service expectantly. Ask the Lord to teach you something new about Himself, to meet a spiritual need, or to give you some insight that you had not recognized before. And then listen carefully for Him to answer.

Approach the service attentively. Pray that Satan would not distract you from hearing what God has for you. Tune out the children talking and playing, the candy wrapper crinkling, the phone ringing, and the thoughts of dinner or afternoon activities. Satan would love to use those distractions to keep you from hearing what God has especially chosen for you to hear. He seems to time distractions for the most vital parts of the service.

We must also approach any service openly. If we are not willing to judge our lives under God's all-seeing eye, seek forgiveness, and make appropriate changes, our time for spiritual growth at church is wasted. We must be transparent and open to change. Use the invitation time at the end of the service to solidify any decisions that the message has prompted in your life. As we surrender to the message we hear from God, we will be more effective Christians.

During those times that I leave church feeling like I did not hear anything from God, I realize that I had been neglectful in praying for Him to speak to me. Sometimes when we are tired or distracted, we forget to pray for the service. It is during those times that we experience less benefit from attending. Each person present is responsible to seek to hear God's message for him through the church service.

We have many reasons for attending church. The Bible commands us to be faithful to church. We may have responsibilities that we need to fulfill. Perhaps we attend to see friends that we haven't seen all week. Some attend because they have no other choice. Whatever the reason that you are attending, don't just attend. Be there! Don't just hear the pastor's words, but listen to what your Heavenly Father is telling you. Ponder that!



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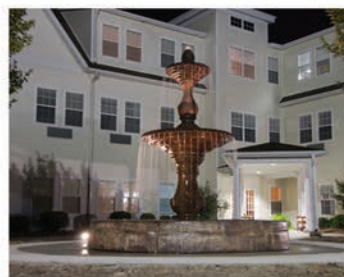
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