

“STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS SENTENCES”

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OCTOBER 4 (Proper 22)

Mark 10:6 *“But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female.”* In recent years our country, along with most all the Christian nations of Europe, has lost its way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God Who created us. We always go off the tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world is from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual: things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator’s instructions for life.

Witness: Love your neighbor as yourself and share God’s plan of salvation through Jesus with him/her.

OCTOBER 11 (Proper 23)

Hebrews 3:18-19 *“And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.”* Unbelief leads to disobedience – that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord’s way and the Lord’s plan. And when we fall into sin it’s because we are not trusting the Lord’s goodness and provision.

Witness: The writer of Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time to be silent and a time to speak. When it is time to speak, tell about God’s love.

OCTOBER 18 (Proper 24)

Mark 10:29-30 *“I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.* This is Jesus’ encouragement for every faithful disciple – let it encourage you today.

Witness: Do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord. *Romans 1:16*

OCTOBER 25 (Reformation)

Romans 3:20 *“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.”* The Law of God is good – it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because they only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

Witness: Everyone calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? *Romans 10:13-14*