

### John Wesley's 3 General Rules for Christian Discipleship

**8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8**

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, had three simple rules that he lived by. Do no harm, Do good, stay in love with God. All three are based on Micah 6:8 quoted above. We will consider each of these rules over the next three weeks as a way of strengthening your own discipleship and walk as a United Methodist Christian. Last week we looked at **Rule 1: Do no harm**. This week, we look at...

**Rule 2. Do Good:** The words of Jesus and Wesley suggest that doing good is a universal command. That is, doing good is not limited to those like me or those who like me. Doing good is directed at everyone, even those who do not fit my category of "worthy" to receive any good that I or others can direct their way. This command is also universal in that no one is exempt from it.

John Wesley described the universal scope of our doing good this way: ***"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."***

Doing good, like doing no harm, is a proactive way of living. I do not need to wait to be asked to do some good deed or provide some needed help. I do not need to wait until circumstances cry out for aid to relieve suffering or correct some horrible injustice. I can decide that my way of living will come down on the side of doing good to all in every circumstance and in every way I can. I can decide that I will choose a way of living that nourishes goodness and strengthens community.

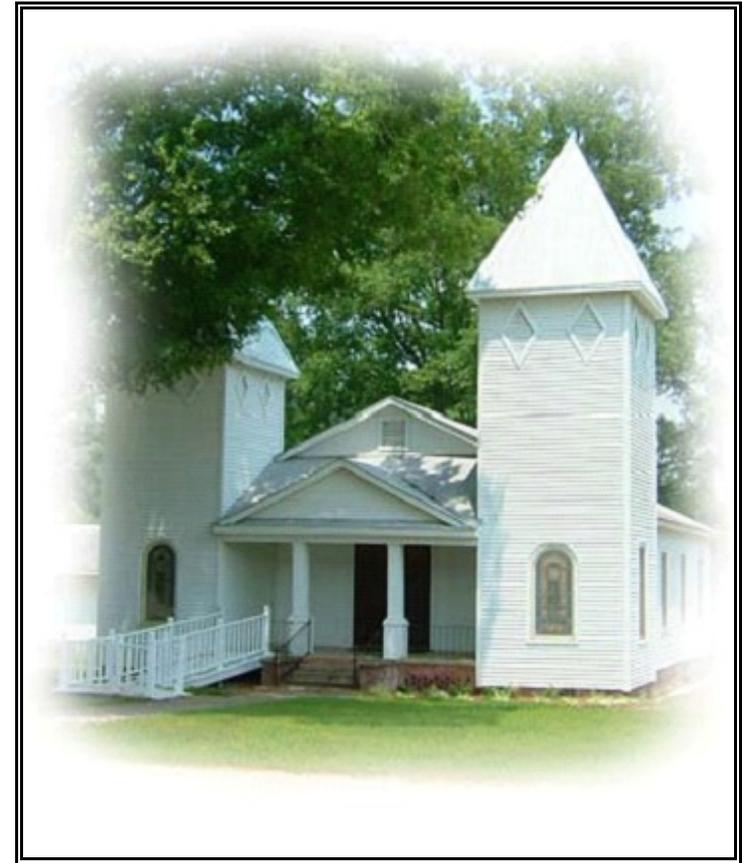
The rules are simple, but the way is not easy. Only those with great courage will attempt it, and only those with great faith will be able to walk this exciting and demanding way

**Prayer Leaders Next Sunday, February 17**  
**Swords: Ginger Gardner Fork Chapel: Zandy Cook**

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February 17, 2019

Epiphany 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday

The Service for the Lord's Day

Welcome, Celebrations and Concerns

Opening Prayer

Hymn Sing

\*Apostles' Creed No. 88i

Our Church in Prayer

Prayer Leaders: Swords: Mark Grubaugh  
Fork Chapel: Nan Williams

**Scripture:** Luke 6:16-26 - Jesus announces blessings and woes.

**Pew Bible pages:** Swords p. 785; Fork Chapel, NT p. 64

Please pray for the Church throughout the world: (personal prayers):  
Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all who call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in holiness of life. Strengthen Sue, our bishop, Brian, our District Superintendent, Tony, our pastor and all your church in the service of Christ that we may be witnesses to your compassion. **God of love grant our prayer.**

Please pray for those who are suffering: (personal prayers):  
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bless those who care for them. We especially pray for those we name before you O God (Pause) We remember those who have died in Christ, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. **God of love grant our prayer.**

Please pray for ourselves and our ministries: (personal prayers):  
Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. **God of love grant our prayer.**

Please commend yourself to God's care and faithfulness: (personal prayers):  
Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints on earth and in heaven, we commend ourselves and all people to God's unfailing love. **To you, O Lord, to you!**

Please examine your soul. Ask God for forgiveness: (personal confession):  
Let us confess together praying:

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Pastor's Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance and Pardon

The Peace

The Offering with the Doxology

Special Music at Fork Chapel

+ Zandy Cook

**Scripture:** Genesis 28:13-15

+Pew Bible, NT p. 129

Sermon

"God's Promises"

+Lay Servant, Ron Hess

\*Hymn 374: "Standing on the Promises"

\*Charge and Blessing

Dismissal Chorus

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide up hold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again."

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**Welcome to All Who Worship with Us Today**

*We welcome you to worship today. No matter who you are, or what your lifestyle may be, whether you are high on the "hog" or low down in the pits, we welcome you with open hands, open hearts, and open minds. We invite you to join with us in church membership. If you desire to join with us, please meet the pastor at the altar during the last hymn.*

**Unshakeable Hope - Small Group Study - Wednesday. 7:00 p.m.**

Which side do you come down on? Pride or humility? Why is it that pride is easier for us than humility? And going a step further, why is that God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble? Some tough questions! If you want some helpful answers to these questions, then come Wednesday night. Our study this week will focus on God's promise in his Word that he gives grace to those who come to him in humility and acknowledge their need before him.

**Welcome Lay Servant Ron Hess**

We welcome Lay Servant Ron Hess to our pulpit today. Ron is a member of the Swords congregation. His service today enables the pastor to attend a church retreat in Pennsylvania with Eric Sterling. Keep both Ron and your pastor in your prayers.