

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.

1. Do No Harm: To do no harm means that I will be on guard so that all my actions and even my silence will not add injury to another of God's children or to any part of God's creation. As did John Wesley and those in the early Methodist movement before me, I too, will determine every day that my life will always be invested in the effort to bring healing instead of hurt; wholeness instead of division; and harmony with the ways of Jesus rather than with the ways of the world. When I commit myself to this way, I must see each person as a child of God—a recipient of love unearned, unlimited, and undeserved just like myself. And it is this vision of every other person as the object of God's love and deep awareness that I too live in that loving Presence that can hold me accountable to my commitment to do no harm.

Perhaps the greatest consequence of all is that we are formed and transformed to live more and more as Jesus lived. And this personal transformation leads to transformation of the world around us as well. As two people in a long and successful marriage begin to think, act and even look like each other, so those who practice this simple rule begin to think, act, and perhaps even look like Jesus. It is a gigantic step toward living the holy life that brings healing and goodness to all it touches. This simple step will change your life in good and wonderful ways.

This simple rule sounds easy, 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 of life.

Prayer Leaders Next Sunday, February 17
Swords: Mark Grubaugh Fork Chapel: Nan Williams

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February 10, 2019

Epiphany 5th Sunday

The Service for the Lord's Day

Welcome, Celebrations and Concerns

Opening Prayer

Hymn Sing

*Apostles' Creed No. 88i

Our Church in Prayer

+Carolyn Copelan, Prayer Leader

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

+Pew Bible, NT p. 176

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:

+ Zandy Cook

Scripture: Acts 10:30-48

+Pew Bible, NT p. 129

Sermon "Voice Out of the Congregation" +Dr. Gavalas

*Hymn 341: "I Sought the Lord"

*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."

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. 7:00p.m.

Have you ever wondered why God resists the proud and powerful and gives grace to the humble? Have you ever had times when you knew something was blocking you from the grace of God but couldn't or wouldn't figure it out? Could it be pride? Come this Wednesday night to learn Biblical answers to why humility and not pride opens the floodgate of God's grace in your life.

Swords Stain Glass Window Repair Fund

Good news! Not only have we matched the anonymous gift of \$2,500, we have exceeded the match by \$600. That means we now have \$5,600 toward the \$18,000 cost of repairing our Stained Glass Window. We thank each of you for your generous response. We also thank the anonymous donor for the generous gift that challenged us to step out in faith.