



Direct From Dave

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Galatians 6:1-10 (NIV)

**THIS YEAR
I WILL**

- DO ALL THE GOOD I CAN -

This year I will...Do No Harm! That was the message and theme of last week's message. This week we will be focusing on the second of what John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, called Three Simple Rules. We are looking at them as resolutions, promises and commitments. The first was "Do No Harm." Sunday we will be exploring "This Year I will...Do All the Good I Can."

How often do you do good? When should we stop doing good? Do we just do good to people we know? These will be some of the questions we will explore on Sunday. I'm reminded of a little story about a girl who had tried and tried to learn how to tie her shoes. She finally succeeded after many failures. As her mother was celebrating her success the little girl began to cry. The mother encouraged her, calling her by name and telling her how proud she was of her. The mother then asked, "Why are you crying?" The little girl through tears then replied, "Because now I'll have to do this every day!"

What? Doing good every day? Yes!!! Do we do good just on Sundays, or every day? How do we do all the good we can on a daily basis? Why it could be a full time job to be doing good every day. Shouldn't doing good be a natural part of who we are as Christians? Galatians 6:9 says, "Let us not become weary in doing good..." You know we can get tired of doing good. Sometimes, I must confess, I try to do good, and then get no response from the person for whom I did good, and get a bit miffed. I did good to them, so why can't they at least acknowledge it? For example, I hold up traffic letting a car cut in front of me. The car behind me is honking, obviously upset that I've stopped. I motion for the guy that is trying to cut in to come on into the lane. The person pulls in front, and doesn't even wave or acknowledge anything. Well, that kind of annoys me. However, then I question myself; am I doing good just so people will notice that I'm doing good, or should I be doing good even if no one else sees what I'm doing? Am I doing it just to get a "thank you" response? Hmmm.....

It is also easy to do good to the people that are good to us. It is much more difficult to do good to those that are not good to us. Scripture says, Galatians 6:10 "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..." It says ALL people. Yes people we know, people we don't know, and people that don't do good to us. We need to be doing all the good we can as much as we can as often as we can.

Doing good should come natural to us as Christians. Let me intentionally rephrase that. Doing good should come 'supernatural' to us as Christians. We are supernatural, spiritual beings, living in a natural world.

Two of these simple 'rules are "Do No Harm," and "Do All the Good I Can." These are powerful promises that can change you and others in 2019.

Pastor Dave

P.S. Reminder: If you haven't already done so, please remember to pick up your 2019 "giving" envelopes in the hallway across from the Multi-purpose Room.

PARABLES OF JESUS

Learn more during Pastor Dave's Wednesday Night Bible Study. All are welcome.

Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. Room A202-203
Childcare is available.

UMCOR Disaster Training coming to PHUMC

Saturday, January 26, 2019 UMCOR will be hosting a 101 Basic Training for Emergency Disaster here at PHMC from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Basic Disaster Training is an introduction for all people interested in the unique and important role the faith community plays in disaster readiness and response in the United States. Participants learn about disasters, traditional responses to a disaster and how the faith-based response is different, how to prepare for a disaster, and how to get involved after disaster strikes. This course is a pre-requisite for those interested in being a part of the Emergency Response Team in times of disaster. An ERT training is scheduled in March. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Rose Bentley to register for this event at 727-785-7487 ext. 2600.



WEDNESDAY MORNING

I would like to invite you to grow in your prayer life and enter into prayer as the Body of Christ. We are holding weekly prayer time in the Chapel for the purpose of coming together in one accord to pray for our church, our community, our nation and our world. There will be a time of devotion, corporate prayer and silent prayer. Please join us every Wednesday morning at 7:30am in the Chapel.

For More information, please contact Rev. Cathy in the church office, 727-785-7487 or email chart@phumc.net.

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