



# Kids Column



## **"Why Are You So Bitter?"**

**If someone asks us this question, and they are "right on the money," then we had better take a long, hard look at ourselves and our mental outlook. Whatever unpleasant experience we have had to endure, however we may have been mistreated, whatever disappointment we have had to cope with, there is no justification for being an unkind and bitter person.**

**Other people's treatment of me really has nothing to do with my personal attitude. The same goes for the abundance of blessings that others might enjoy but are missing in my life. No, my attitude – whether I will be bitter or not be bitter – that is a matter of choice.**

**I cannot control every single circumstance that exists in my little part of the world, but I am responsible for controlling my disposition or outlook. I choose the attitude that I will demonstrate.**

**Be honest with yourself. Are you bitter about something from the past or present? Are you still holding a grudge about something that happened long ago? Are you still bitter against your parents because they refused to let you participate in certain activities when you were growing up? If you are carrying bitterness in your heart for these or other petty matters, then you need to get over it!**

**Repent of your bitter spirit and lay it aside forever. Go to the one(s) against whom you have been so bitter, confess your wrong, and try, as much as possible, to make amends and be reconciled with them. Surely none of us wants to become a "bitter old man/woman."**

**The truth is, there is no place for a Christian of any age to be eaten up with bitterness. Which would you rather do: go through life as a bitter person, or go to heaven? That is a serious choice, is it not? The crown of life awaits those that love the Lord out of a pure heart (James 1:12; 4:8).**

**Such a heart has no room for bitterness in it.  
- via The Northside Anchor, Calhoun, GA**

**"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all." (1 Thess. 5:14)**

**How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these. (From George Washington Carver, American Botanist - 1864-1943)**

## **Gods Plan of Salvation**

**Hear-Romans 10:17, Believe John-8:24, Repent-Luke 13:3, Confess Romans-10:9-10, Baptism-Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful-Revelation 2:10**

# Seeking Truth

Everyone is welcome to attend.



## Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study  
10:00AM

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
6:00 PM



## “God Knows Why”

By: Jay Dixon

**We live in a judgmental society, while I do not believe this to be a new trend, the culture we live in offers greater opportunities to express judgement. Most judgement involves evaluating the motives of others. While some cases may be clear based on the evidence one has produced, others are not. We cannot read the hearts of others, and to suggest that we always know what people are thinking, what they meant by their words, or their actions, is just not possible. Judging one’s motives is something better left for God; He will surely sort these things out. He knows why we do the things we do, whether good or bad.**

**That is a very sobering thought but can be a great advantage to us personally.**

**Why am I showing kindness? Is it to just be kind or is there an ulterior motive?**

**Why am I sharing this piece of information with another about my friend? Is it my intention to help or is my true motive simply to start a fire by using a small spark?**

**God knows my motive. Keeping that in mind can greatly benefit us. Yes, we can deceive ourselves and others, however, God is never deceived.**

**“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.”  
Proverbs 15:3**