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A Letter of Christ – Known and Read by All

2 Cor 3:1-3

2 Cor 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place…

2:17 (NIV) … we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, letters of commendation to you or from you? (2) You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; (3) being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

1. Paul's commendation: what is at stake?
2. Principles of commendation in the N.T. and @ Hillview
3. You… a letter… read by all.

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… He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God

2 Cor. 1:21

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Crafty serpent…

… another Jesus

… a different spirit

… a different gospel

… false apostles

… deceitful workers

… as Satan – angels of light

2 Cor 11

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I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well. Rom 16:1-2

Now a Jew named Apollos… an eloquent man… mighty in the Scriptures… Priscilla and Aquila… explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him.

Acts 18:24-28

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Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid, for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am. So let no one despise him. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

1 Cor 16:10-11

To “commend to a work” is for the local church to set apart a qualified person to a ministry to which the local church and its elders are convinced the Lord has called him… the saints commit themselves to support the person in prayer and to hold him accountable for his involvement in the ministry… becomes a representative of the commending church in his mission field…. the local church may support the person financially as well. When a person is commended to the Lord’s work full time, there is no contractual arrangement between the person and the assembly. Such service is based upon faith, the faith of the individual and of the commending assembly.



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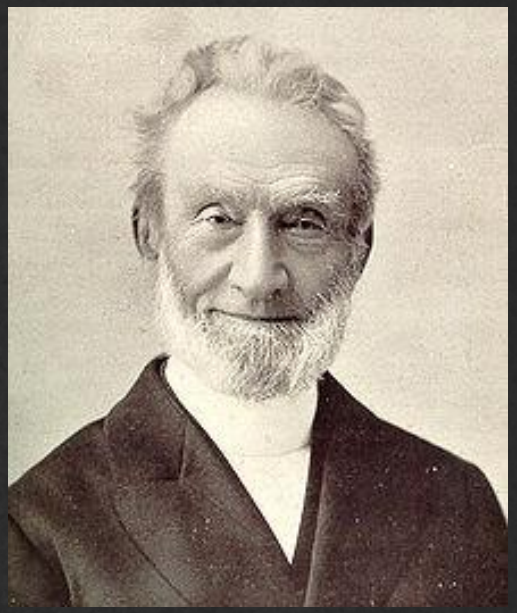

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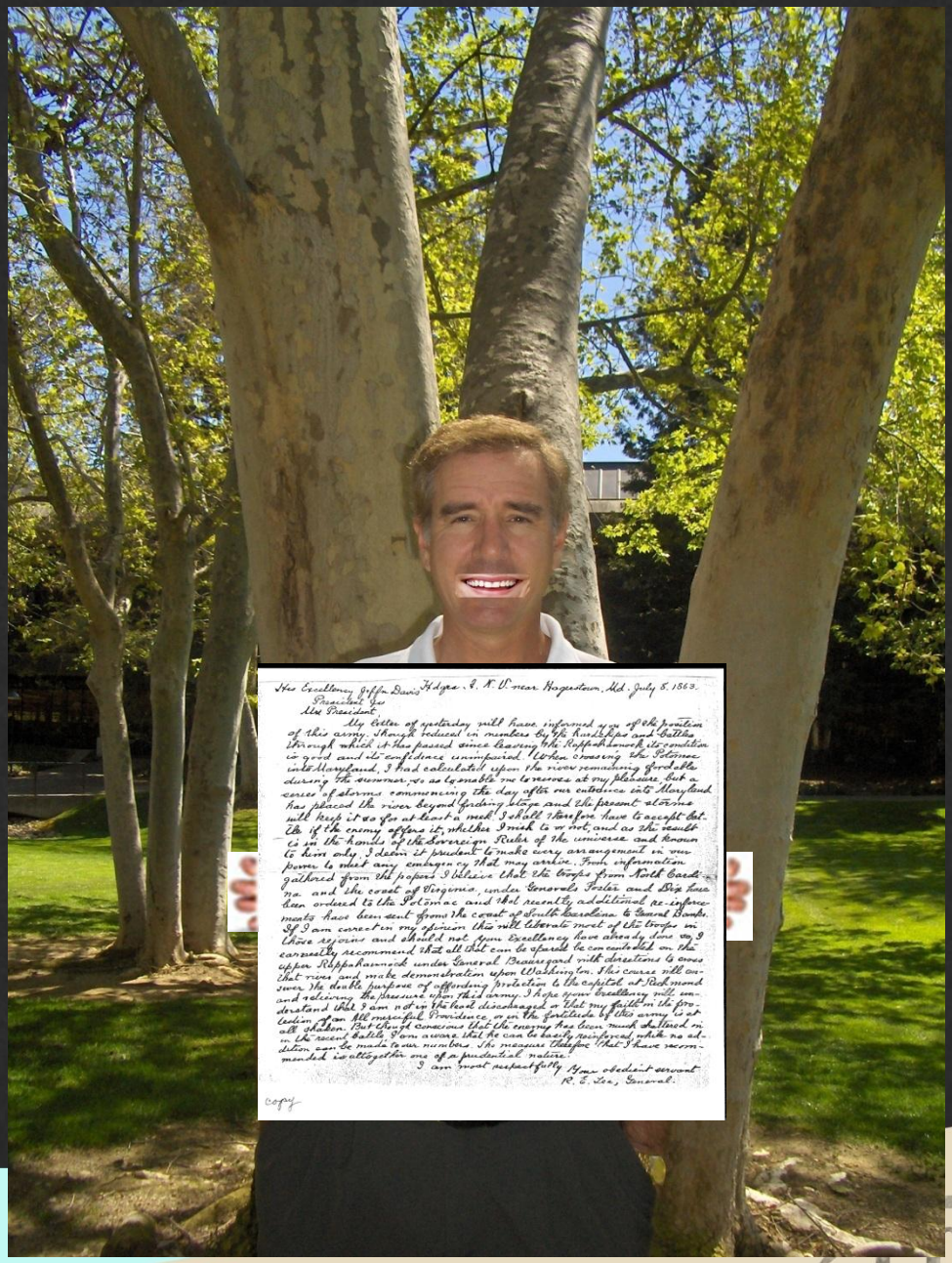

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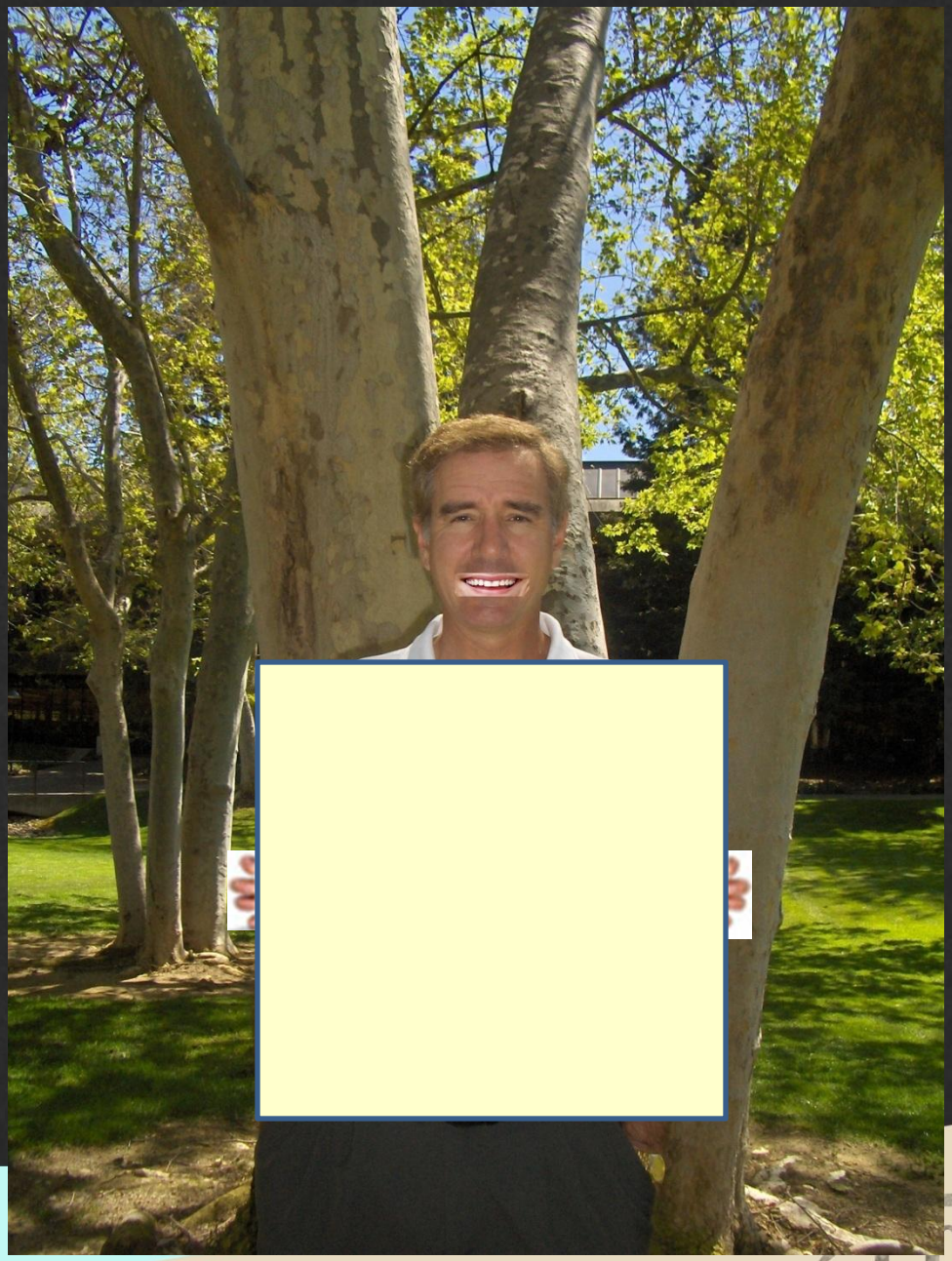

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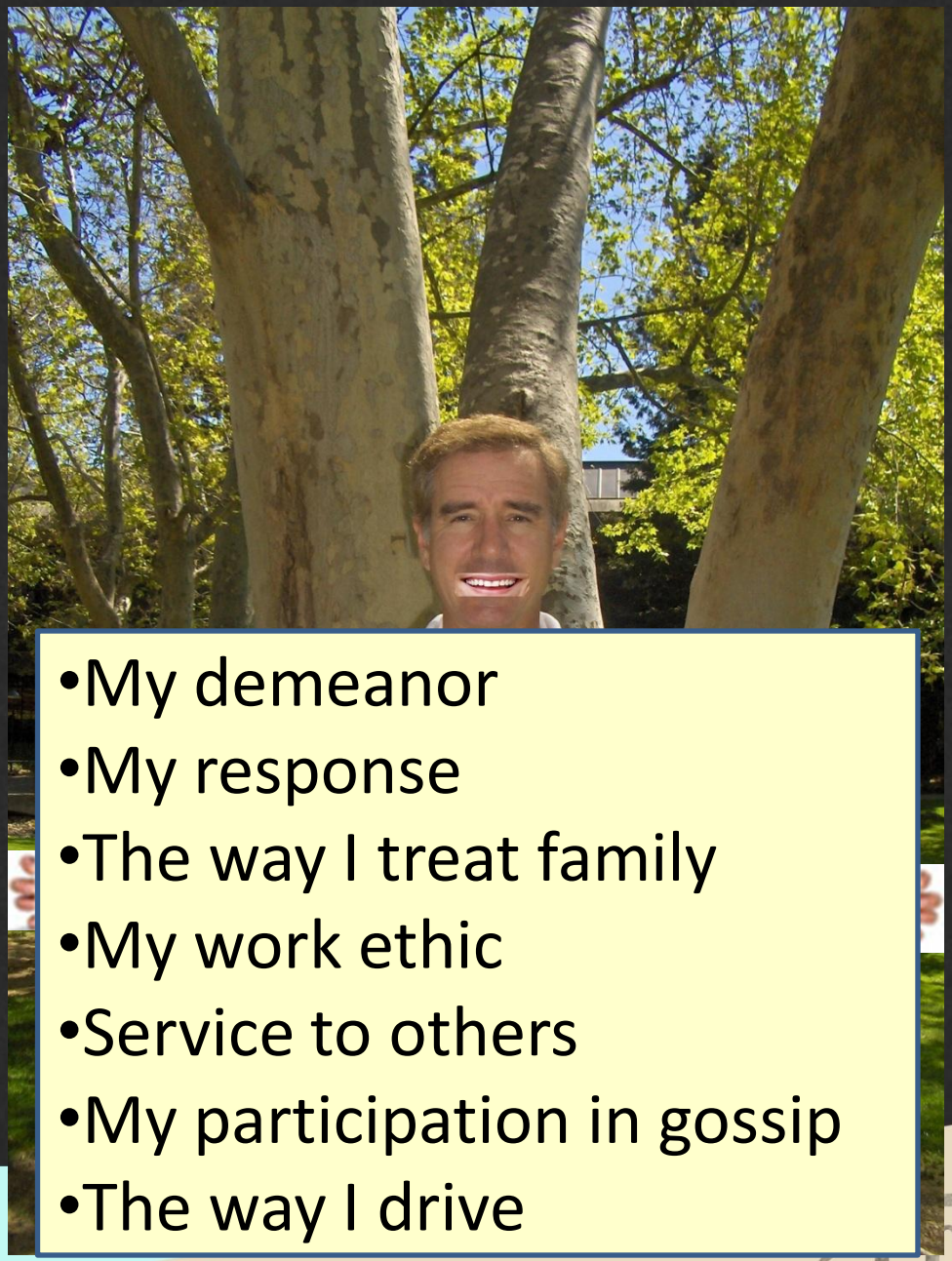

- My demeanor
- My response
- The way I treat family
- My work ethic
- Service to others
- My participation in gossip
- The way I drive

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