

The Joshua McClure Family

Prayer Letter
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1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Every Christian, young or old, should be an example of the believer:

In **Word** (the spoken word/ what we say) Col. 3:17 & Eph. 4:15, 25;

In **Conversation** (our behavior/attitudes/demeanor) Heb. 13:5 & 1 Pet. 1:15 & 2:12;

In **Charity** (our Love) 1 Cor. 13:4-8 & 1 Pet. 1:22;

In **Spirit** (our passions/desires/ambitions) Rom. 12:9-11 & Eph. 5:19 & Psalm 37:1-6;

In **Faith** (our trust/belief/unseen truth) Pro. 3:5 & Heb. 11:1-6;

In **Purity** (our cleanliness/chastity) James 4:8 & 1 John 3:3, 4:17-21 & Psalm 119:9-11. It has been very good studying this out and learning our example for a church.

Dear Family of God,

Happy New Year 2024. Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. I may say this each time but it is not just words as we do appreciate it. God is good. At the beginning of 2023 we started with the theme of "Our example & the example we are to be." This is taken from the key verse of 1 Timothy 4:12.

Paul's exhortation to Timothy is something we can all learn from and even apply to our lives. I have been teaching the church, especially the 3 men we have, that no matter your age this should never be an excuse as to why you cannot serve the Lord or obey His commands. Children are to obey their parents. That is the one rule for children. Then the book of Titus gives us each of the age brackets and their role that they play in the family of God. Many in today's life don't have loving, godly dads or moms to live the example to follow; however, this is no reason to perpetuate the rebellion or negligence of the previous generation. We must grow and learn. The Church is supposed to be this example to follow and yet still there is a perfect example in Scripture, our Heavenly Father.

Here is some of what we have studied in 2023.

Each of our men were able to share their testimony of salvation and how God has helped them grow, changing their sinful family legacies into one that will honor God. It does not happen over night but it is a journey that each of them shared over our New Year's Eve service. Our church was also able to be a blessing to some missionaries in Guam back in June after typhoon Mawar ravaged the islands. One of those missionaries was able to come visit and share their testimony during our New Year's Eve service. This encouraged our people to keep going and growing in the Lord.

My dad, **Terry McClure**, was able to start up some IBBI, **Independent Baptist Bible Institute**, classes to which we have **10 students** all learning bible doctrine. Please pray for this and the students involved as they grow. Keep praying for my dad's health, as well.

Finally, my wife and I also found out that we are now expecting **baby M&M #4 due in July of 2024**. Please be in prayer for this next pregnancy and the continued adjustments to both a growing family and a growing ministry. Thank you again for your prayers.

Gratefully in our Lord's service,
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