

each month we meet at 10:00am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.

this phrase has several issues. First, you won't find it in the Bible anywhere. Secondly, the "God won't give you..." part implies that it was God who caused your tragedy which gives a false impression of God's character. Finally, it's just not even a true statement. God will sometimes lead you to do things that you can't handle without Him to help you grow in your faith and remind you that things that seem impossible for us are never impossible with God.

Another popular phrase that gets thrown around a lot is "**Money is the root of all evil**". We found that this one is actually a misquote of **1 Timothy 6:10**. When we looked at the actual verse we found that Paul actually said it was the **LOVE** of money (meaning our attitude toward money), not the actual money itself. We also found, by putting it in the context of the surrounding verses, that Paul was actually warning that our attitude toward money can lead us into temptation to do foolish or ungodly things that can cause us to wander from our faith.

The problem with using this phrase is that it implies that Christians should live in poverty or just barely getting by without much money. But, if Christians didn't have much money, how could they help others or build the Kingdom of God? We mentioned many wealthy Godly people in the Bible as well as current Christian Pastors who have a lot of money. Also, Jesus came so that we may have life more abundant, not to have a life in poverty.

The third phrase we discussed is one we hear all the time "**Jesus says, Don't Judge**". When we looked at **Matthew 7:1** it did really seem that is exactly what Jesus meant.

But, when we looked at the verse in the context of the surrounding verses as well as who he was talking about it was easy to see that Jesus was actually saying that we should not judge hypocritically. He was saying that before judging others for their sin, we should examine ourselves and our sin so that we will then see better how to help them with their sin. He was really talking about the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.

The problem with this phrase is that it causes us to believe we shouldn't speak out against what we know is wrong or not stand up for what we believe. Looking at other verses about judging, we found that there is clearly a correct or righteous way to judge others just as there is an incorrect or hypocritical way to judge others.

We finished up by agreeing there are many, many more misleading phrases that can easily deceive us if we don't actually read and study the Bible for ourselves instead of just listening to other people. We also said that it's always important whenever reading the Bible to make sure we look at the context of what is being said, who is saying it and why,

who they are saying it too, where they are, and the time period or culture they saying it in. We also said we should pray to the Holy Spirit for understanding.

Upcoming Events!

Summer Camp is almost here!

There's still time to sign-up for summer camp at <http://livingwordonline.com/event/summer-camp/> High School is June 5-8 and Jr. High is June 12-15. Each camp is \$199.

Camp is a time to have a truly divine experience with God that you will remember for many years to come. Veteran camp leaders will be personally discipling the kids in small groups, creating an atmosphere of discovery and fun, delivering in-depth teachings and providing an amazing praise and worship experience. Of course, all of the camp fun is included as well.

Michelle is on the radio!

Listen for Michelle's new Uplifting & Encouraging Christian Talk Show live every Tuesday night from 7:00-8:00pm only at www.centralcityradio.com/king-fm

or listen to previous shows anytime at www.centralcityradio.com/walking-in-grace

For those on Facebook, look for her page: walking in grace for inspirational messages through the week.

Personal Care Items Drive:

1 Youth is now continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bins.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

18:15-17, John 7:24

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller
1 Youth Ministry