

2 Peter 2:10-22 (ESV)

BE ALERT...

2 Peter 2 ¹⁰...and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones,¹¹ whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. ¹²But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, ¹³suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing.

They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. ¹⁴They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!¹⁵ Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, ¹⁶but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

¹⁷These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. ¹⁸For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. ¹⁹They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

²⁰For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. ²¹For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²²What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

FALSE TEACHERS...

- Indulge in _____ Passions
- _____ Godly Authority

TRUE SHEPHERDS...

- Pursue _____
- _____ Obey Godly Authority

MARKS of FALSE TEACHERS...

- Bold, Willful, and Ignorant, they _____ the Glorious Ones (vv.10-13)
 - o *LIKE* Irrational Creatures of Instinct
- Greedy for Gain, Reveling in Deceptions, and Insatiable for Sin, they have _____ the Right Way (vv.13-16)
 - o *LIKE* Following the Way of Balaam
- Being Slaves of Corruption, they _____ Empty Promises of Freedom (vv.17-19)
 - o *LIKE* Waterless Springs and Mists Driven by a Storm
- Having once Escaped the World's Corruption, they Do Not _____ in the Knowledge and Way of the Lord (vv.20-22)
 - o *LIKE* a Dog Returning to its Vomit and a Washed Pig to its Mud

MARKS of TRUE SHEPHERDS...

*"Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; **not for shameful gain**, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but **being examples to the flock.**"*

- 1 Peter 5:2-3



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude/Welcome

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

"Amazing Grace / Chains are Gone"

Announcements and Pastoral Prayer

"O Come to the Altar"

"No Longer Slaves"

Bless and Send the Children

Sermon – 2 Peter 2:10-22

Communion

"In Jesus' Name"

"Death was Arrested"

WELCOME BOXES FOR OUR GUESTS - If you're a guest with us today, we're so glad you're here! **Please be sure to pick up a Welcome Box at our welcome desk before you leave today!**

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR INSIGHT PREGNANCY SERVICES – January was Sanctity of Human Life Month, but now **February is the month to bring back your FILLED Baby Bottles** to NWG Campus to support Insight!

UNSHAKABLE FOUNDATIONS CONFERENCE (April 15, 9am-3pm @ BR Campus) – Guest speaker Elizabeth Urbanowicz of Foundation Worldview will lead us through 5 Key Sessions on how to teach our children to engage culture from a biblical worldview: *1. Raising a Generation to Discern and Follow Truth 2. Training Kids to Think Biblically in a Deceptive World 3. Preparing Kids to Stand Firm in Their Faith by Recognizing Competing Worldviews 4. Equipping Kids to Navigate False Ideas 5. Helping Kids Confront Cultural Issues with Truth and Love.* To register or find out more information, go to www.tfefc.org/ufc23

PROVERBS MEN'S GROUPS – Proverbs Men's Small Groups meet **every other Friday, one at 6 AM and another at 7 AM!** Both groups are the same content, just different times for different schedules. We meet right in the Family Room at NWG Campus. Be sure to bring your Proverbs ESV Scripture Journal with you. If you don't have one yet, you can pick yours up in the Family Room this Sunday, our gift to you! Our next meeting is **THIS Friday, February 24.**

SCREENING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Paul Cole** (BR Campus) has met with the Screening Committee and is seeking input on whether he should seek affirmation as an elder at Trinity Fellowship. Please review the biblical qualifications from I Tim. 3, Titus 1 and I Pt. 5 with Paul in mind (Half sheet listing these in detail is available upon request). Paul invites your comments and/or concerns as this is an important part of the screening process. You can give him your feedback personally or via email (paul.cole@beverlinmfg.com) or call or text him at 616-295-4047. He will meet again with the Screening Committee on March 12.

The Screening Committee has met with **Dillon Gatehouse** (BR Campus) and is presenting him to the congregation for your consideration and affirmation as director of Student Ministries. The Screening Committee asks the congregation to review the Biblical qualifications (I Tim. 3 and Acts 6:1-6) for deacon with Dillon in mind and to discuss your affirmations, questions, or concerns with Dillon personally. (Half sheet listing Biblical qualifications is available upon request). Dillon welcomes your feedback. He will meet with the committee a second time, on March 12, to prayerfully decide how to proceed. If approved, Dillon will be affirmed by the Oversight Elders.