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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Proverbs 31:10-11
“An excellent wife, who can
find? For her worth is far
above jewels. The heart of
her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of
gain.”

*“Science may have found a cure for most evils;
but it has found no remedy for the worst of
them all—the apathy of human beings.”*

Helen Keller

*“Tolerance is a tremendous virtue, but the im-
mediate neighbors of tolerance are apathy and
weakness.”*

James Goldsmith

Experience Is Overrated

Someone once asked famed college basketball coach John Wooden if he'd rather have experienced players or talented players. Wooden, known for his emphasis on team goals and discipline, surprisingly answered, “I'd always rather have talented players.” In many areas of life, experience is overrated. We tend to think that someone who has “been there, done that” is to be trusted more than the novice. Some think that you can't really say anything about an activity until you've lived it. But that reasoning is flawed. Here are a few examples of what I mean:

Is it better to have the experience of a divorce or have no idea what that's like? Is it better to know how it feels

to take drugs or have no idea how it feels to get high? It is better to be buried in debt or have no idea what it's like to dig out of financial distress? There are lessons to learn from experience, but it is always better to avoid certain activities altogether.

Parents, teachers, and preachers are often ridiculed for giving lessons about things that they have never experienced. People say, “Hey, I appreciate that lesson, but you don't know what it's like. You wouldn't say that if you'd been where I've been.” But someone correctly noted, “Experience is the worst teacher; it gives the test before presenting the lesson.” I don't need to do drugs to know that I shouldn't do them. I

don't need to be married to know what ruins marriages. I don't need to file bankruptcy to know how to avoid crippling debt.

Having experience in good, honorable things is a blessing. Those who have lived years of faithful service to God should mentor younger Christians (Titus 2:3-8). But regardless if someone has “been there, done that” or not, the truth is the truth, and whoever teaches it and lives it should be honored.

James Hayes

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A contract is an agreement that at its core is based on mutual distrust. It is a document that states that you do not trust the other person's memory, character, or reputation. Since both parties are working from a position of distrust, the contract provides a recourse in case one party violates the agreement. A covenant, however, is different. It is based on mutual trust. Parties who are involved in a covenant relationship expect one another to fulfill all aspects of the relationship. There is no paranoia or skepticism in a covenant relationship.

Marriage is a covenant relationship that our society has turned into a contrac-

tual relationship. When Jesus was asked about divorce and the "certificate of divorce" that was prevalent in the old law, He did not speak of contracts; He discussed the original covenant relationship between God, man, and woman. "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female...So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate...Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way" (Matt. 19:4,6,8).

When a couple is making plans to get married, di-

vorice prevention is rarely discussed. When a couple has been married 25 years, divorce prevention is rarely discussed. "It'll never happen to us" is the philosophy that guides most marriages. But, unfortunately, "How did it happen?" is the question that couples ask after the affair or abandonment happens.

Remember this basic fact as you consider ways to divorce-proof your marriage: If something is lacking in your marriage—intimacy, communication, income—there is someone outside of the marriage willing to provide it. Meet your spouse's needs, and no one else will.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Good to see Addie Farmer back with us last Sunday.
- Please remember Nathan Goad, a young boy who has experienced life-threatening bouts with elevated blood sugar. His family is friends with the Roses.
- Jesse Wayne Head hasn't felt well lately.
- Steve Buchanan is able to be with us but is still recovering from his recent accident.

Trunk Or Treat Will Be This Wednesday Night After Service Please Change Into Costumes AFTER Class

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: L. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: C. Rose

Serve: M. Newell, Gupton, T. Walker

Pray: Billingsley