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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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II Corinthians 1:5
“For just as the sufferings of
Christ are ours in
abundance, so also our
comfort is abundant through
Christ.”

“Sometimes crying or laughing are the only options left, and laughing feels better right now.”

Veronica Roth

“If we couldn’t laugh, we’d all go insane.”

Robert Frost

“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.”

Victor Borge

Is Spanking The Same As Beating?

Last week Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson was indicted for child abuse. Prosecutors claim that Peterson whipped his 4-year-old son with a switch, which caused bleeding wounds on the child’s legs and private areas. Pictures of the injuries quickly moved around the Internet, and the response was instant and highly charged. On one side of the debate were those who equated any type of spanking with child abuse. On the other side were those who felt that any spanking is justified as long as the child eventually behaved. But isn’t the truth somewhere in the middle?

I assume that most people reading

this were spanked to some degree as a child. And those who did the spanking probably had “spare the rod, spoil the child” in their mind while they did it. (Did you know that that phrase is not in the Bible? Proverbs 13:24 states, “He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.”) Spanking occurs around the world and in every state in the union. Do all parents spank? No. Do some parents spank some of their children and not others? Yes. That alone shows the thoughtfulness behind proper spanking: It is done to train a child to (1) respect others, (2) avoid danger, and (3) stop doing bad things. Blood is not drawn, bruises

are not seen, and sexual parts are never touched. Spanking is not the only type of discipline a parent uses, and it is generally used less as the child ages. Parents who believe in spanking would never imagine spanking a child to the point of permanent injury.

Child abuse is just that—child abuse. It damages, humiliates, and alienates the child. Proper spanking teaches, humbles, and trains a child. Good parents know when it’s justified.

“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him” (Prov. 22:15).

James Hayes

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Common Addictions

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I Corinthians 6:12: "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything."

Paul's statement brings to mind God's warning to Cain: "And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it" (Gen. 4:7). The Corinthians had become mastered by sin. Many were adulterers; others were homosexuals and idolaters; and it seems like some were food gluttons and users of prostitutes. So Paul not only acknowledged his own goal of not being mastered by fleshly desire, but he concluded the passage with

a command: "...therefore glorify God in your body" (I Cor. 6:20).

Jesus is our only Master (Lord), and He said that we cannot serve both Him *and* something else (Matt. 5:24). But many have allowed created things to be their master. Alcohol addiction has destroyed families; gambling addiction has led to financial ruin; and drug addiction has cost people their lives. But what about the more socially acceptable addictions that rule the minds of the afflicted?

(1) *Technology*. A friend once told me of an ice storm that swept through western Kentucky and destroyed the cell phone tow-

ers. The teenagers in the town were experiencing text messaging withdrawals that were similar to drug addiction withdrawals. That's unhealthy. Many adults have also become obsessed with cell phone use and video games.

(2) *Sports entertainment*. Professional sports are played 363 days in America. Sports-addicted fans often neglect faith and family in order to get their sports fix.

(3) *Attention*. Some spend their days and nights craving social recognition.

Don't be mastered by anything. Instead, serve the Master.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Our sympathy is extended to Janet Tabor on the loss of her son-in-law, Dwight Lewis. Visitation is from 3-6 today at Spring Hill Funeral Home in Madison, TN. Visitation Monday 10-11, with the funeral at 11.
- Sympathy also extended to Maime Hamilton on the loss of her brother, Jimmy Simpson. Services were last Tuesday.

Church Cookout, Saturday October 4 At Noon Sign Up To Rotate Cleaning The Building On Back Wall

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School
Read: JL Shelton
Pray: Brown

Morning Worship
Wait on the Table: Baker
Serve: Demonbreum, L. Newell, Reed
Pray: Billingsley