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HE CAME AS A WITNESS: John 1:6-8

Pastor Bill Butler

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*Everyone is invited to partake of the fellowship
and meal following the service.*

CREATION MOMENT: SEEKING RULES

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

The debate has raged for years. Some have said that as we grow up, we are seeking rules by which life is lived. Others have said that rules are bad and cause young people to rebel.

An eight-year national study of 2,000 adolescents should help settle the debate. Researchers studied the influence of family, community and peer values among teenagers. Teens were selected from urban, suburban and rural settings.



They concluded that teens are “desperately” – their word – looking for the rules by which life is lived. They found that family and community values play a more important part of teens’ lives than peer values. If parents are offering consistent values, teens will adopt those values before they will accept peer values. Researchers

found that in urban areas there generally is a conflict between the values set by parents and those set by other elements in the community such as schools. Teens often responded to this disharmony by rejecting all rules and making up their own. Street gangs would be one of the most extreme examples of this reaction.

The Bible strongly encourages parents, and especially fathers, to teach their children. This research shows that young people are looking for that instruction from their parents. At the same time, young people need to see that the society their parents have created consistently follows the same values.

Prayer:

Lord, I thank You that my holiness is Your gift through the forgiveness of my sins, for my life fails to perfectly reflect Your values. As You have forgiven me, grant me Your Holy Spirit so that my life may more consistently reflect Your truth and power. Amen.

Upcoming Schedule:

Mon, Jan. 28 – 5:30-7:00 pm **The Pastor Is In @ Burger Boy**
Pastor Bill will be available for prayer, scripture study,
counsel, etc.

Wed, Jan. 30 – 6:00 pm **Music Practice** at MCC
6:30 pm **Fellowship Meal & Family Fun Night**
Hot dogs, popcorn and a movie! Look for an email to
sign up for the meal.

Sun, Feb. 3 – 10:00am **Sunday Service**

Announcements:

CLARUS CONFERENCE: *One-Anothering the Word* is being held
March 8-10th at Desert Springs Church.
Please contact Pastor Bill if you are interested in attending.

CBC partners with these local outreaches:

- **East Mountain Care Net Pregnancy Center** (505-281-5408)
- **Camp Oro Quay** (505-281-5474)
- **EMCC Helps Ministry** - contact Pastor Bill

