



In Which Chair Do You Sit?

A Study about Commitment

Welcome from the  
Kirkland church family!

“Born to belong to each other”



September 21, 2014



## Making Melody In Our hearts

### Ephesians 5:19

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and making melody in your heart to the Lord .

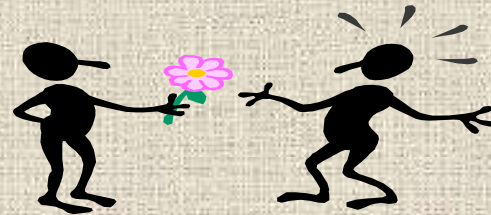
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Tonight: 5:00 p.m.



# ***GIVERS VS. TAKERS***

Are you a *giver*?



Or a taker?



**Sun. 10:30 am Jan 11, 2014**

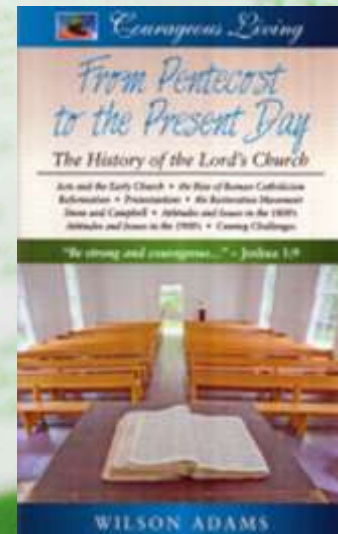
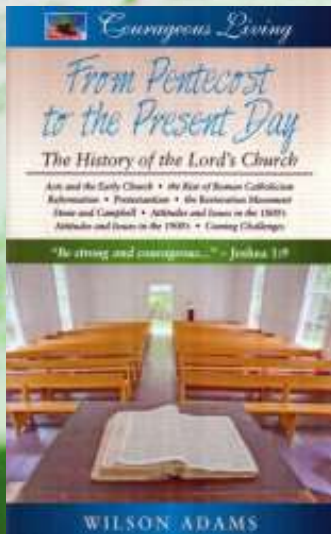
# Current Sunday AM Bible Study

## The History of the Lord's Church

**SUNDAYS**  
**9:30 AM**

**12/14 – 2/22**

**Please join us!**







## Current Wed pm Study

### *STUDYING THE BOOK OF EXODUS*

### THE BOOK OF REDEMPTION

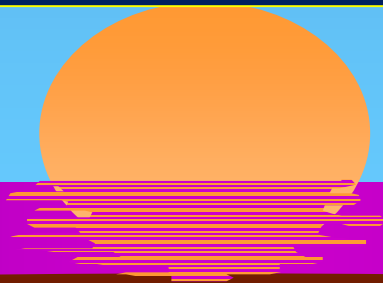
Wednesday nights – 7:00 p.m.  
Winter and Spring quarter



## One More Night with the Frogs!?



**Sun. 1/11 5:00 pm**





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CHAIR #1

**COMMITTED (Godly)**



**CHAIR #2**

**COMPROMISE**



**CHAIR #3**

**CONFLICT (Rebellion)!**





1<sup>st</sup> Generation  
2<sup>nd</sup> Generation  
3<sup>rd</sup> Generation

**Each Represents a Lessening  
of Commitment**



## Churches over time tend to drift from #1 to #3

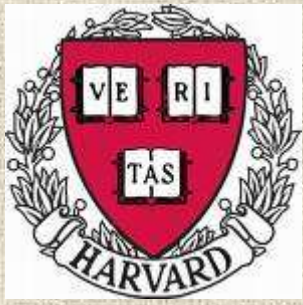
- First Stage – Fervent and focused
- Second Stage – Content to “hold their own.”
- Third Stage – More about social & convenience



# Governments over time tend to drift from #1 to #3

- First Stage – Fervent and focused, patriotic.
- Second Stage – Lukewarm.
- Third Stage – Often abandon the original principles.





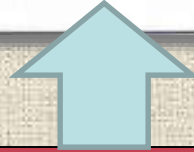
# Harvard University

- Established 1636
- Seminary for Puritan ministers.
- All students required daily chapel.
- Now it has rejected its original purpose.



# Where do you stand spiritually?





If we are in CHAIR #2,  
children almost always rebel!

**COMPROMISE**



# Joshua 24:14-15



**"Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." NASU**

# Joshua 24:31



**“Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.” NASU**

# Second Generation -- Chair #2



**Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel. NASU**



# Judges 2:7



**The people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel. NASU**

**Past Tense**

# Judges 2:10-13



“There arose another generation who **did not know the LORD**, nor yet the **work which He had done for Israel**. Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served Baal, and they forsook the LORD, the **God of their fathers**, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt . . .”

# CHAIR #3



10 All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who **did not know the LORD**, nor **yet the work which He had done for Israel**. Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals, 12 and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt . . .





Not much outside difference  
between Chair #1 and Chair #2

**THERE IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN CHAIR # 2 AND CHAIR #3!**



WHAT IS THE  
DIFFERENCE?



Prov 4:23



- Abraham – “Father of the Faithful!”  
(Altars)
  - Gen 12 – He obeyed and left Ur.
  - Gen 22 – Willing to sacrifice his son!
- Isaac – Faithful, known for his wells.
  - Gen 25:28 “Isaac loved Esau because he did eat of his venison.”





- Jacob— “The Surplanter”
  - Starts off as selfish schemer.
  - He wrestles with an angel.
  - Moved from Chair #3 to Chair #1!



- David – Heart of Commitment!
  - He sins but always comes back!
  - He always gets back to Chair #1!



- Solomon – Early on began to compromise.
  - Married foreign wives.
  - He cries too late: “Fear God” (Ecc 12:13)!





- Rehoboam – Rebellion!
  - Godless & headstrong.
  - Only saw the sin and compromise of his father, not the heart of David.



## Jesus: Rev 3:15-17

**“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.” NASU**



- CHAIR #1 – HOT
- CHAIR #2 – LUKEWARM
- CHAIR #3 – COLD!

**Better to be #3 than #2!**



What is the difference  
between #1 and #2?

- Testimony of their lives.
- Standard of authority.





## II Cor 10:12

**12 “When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.”**



What is the diff. Between #1  
and #2?

- Testimony of their lives.
- Standard of authority.
- Relationships.



## What Must We Do?

### Make sure we are in Chair #1!

- Recommit yourself to the salvation of children/grandchildren.
- When you see someone slipping, becoming *lukewarm*—admonish!