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For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

**12-8-14 Hate-filled Strife**

There can be no question that in the world, "hatred" is preached and practiced!

Christians should leave this behind, for Paul wrote in **Titus 3:3**:  
For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

There is a third word for "hatred" listed as a "work of the flesh" that disqualifies anyone from inheriting "the kingdom of God" (**Galatians 5:19-21**).

Only the hateful stir up strife:  
Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife. (**Proverbs 26:20-21**)

For the "love of God," we should "keep His commandments" (**1 John 5:3**).

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**12-9-14 Why Is There No More "Peace on Earth?"**

Angels announced at Jesus' birth:  
Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men! (**Luke 2:14**)

Why, then and now, is there not "peace on earth?" It is because there are not more men of goodwill! More preachers should preach Christ "because of goodwill" toward men (**Philippians 1:15**).

Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with



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goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.  
([Ephesians 6:5-7](#))

Peace on earth only happens in those who follow the Prince of Peace.

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**12-10-14 Let's Keep Jesus In Baptism**

Why are people "dirty" when there is so much water on earth? Are they clean because they simply SAY they are clean? Isn't it because they have not followed the principle of applying soap AND water?

Why are people still in their sins, even though they have SAID they were saved before they were washed in the blood of Jesus' death?

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ([Romans 6:3-4](#))

Cleansing from sins is applying Jesus' blood in baptism. Jesus' blood is the soap of the soul, and water baptism is where it is applied.

Let's Keep Jesus In Baptism!

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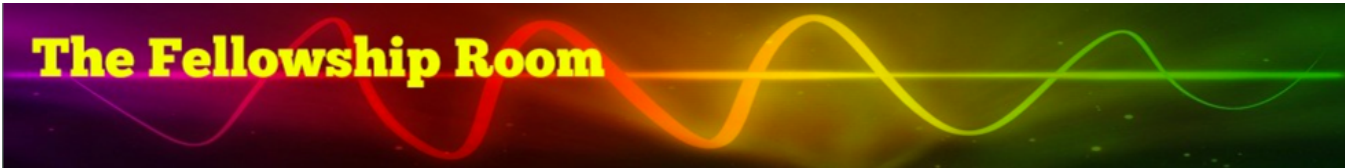
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**12-11-14 Follow Jesus At Age 12**

[Proverbs 21:17](#): He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

Pleasure derived from wickedness is a waste of time, effort, money, and souls.

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There is nothing at all wrong with real enjoyment and fun, but to “love” it means it has taken a place within the heart that crowds out the loves that should be greater: God, Jesus Christ, Word of God, husband or wife, children and family. Even a 12-year-old Jesus understood that He “must be about My Father’s business” ([Luke 2:49](#)). But today, twelve-year-olds are so occupied with ball games, social activities, iphones, ipads, texting on: Instagram, Facebook, Kik, Snapchat, and the like, they don’t know WHICH Father, or WHOSE BUSINESS they should be about!

Teach them to follow Jesus by age twelve!

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**12-12-14 There is NO “Season” Because Jesus Is “The Reason”**

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ([2 Timothy 4:1-2](#))

There is no “season” for preaching Jesus Christ, for Christians must “always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you” ([1 Peter 3:15](#)).

The Apostle Paul preached “the words of truth and reason” ([Acts 26:25](#)). Jesus IS “the reason” for this message in preaching! Jesus said: “blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” ([Luke 11:28](#))

Since Jesus IS “the reason,” then there is NO “season” for preaching Jesus Christ.

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