We're Good at Saying It

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian church

Matthew 23:1-3, "Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you obfor they say, and do not. '

problems that existed in the church would have disappeared by now. Since the early church was made up of people living in the flesh, and so are we, it shouldn't be a surprise that we still have the same problems. Jesus noticed one of the he had heard that people from different churches were comproblems in His day that still plagues the believers of today. It is the one where a person says but doesn't do what he says he will do.

tioned, and/or they are called a liar. But, when a person says bible no matter who is there to hear it; if they are unsaved time again, isn't that lying? If they don't want to do it why not just say, "I won't do it?" When a person comes to the

That is not a part time commitment, or a sometimes obedi- the conclusion that it is still about love. It is caring for, and ence. Yet, it seems that many take it that way and follow when it's convenient.

er. John 13:34 and 15:12. There is no question about that, in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the nor any way to misunderstand what he said. The sad truth is world." In all my years of ministry I don't know of very that there are many believers who don't show any, or very many people, except for preachers, who visit the sick and little, love for others. In John 13:35 he even said that this those who are unable to come to church. There are a few serve, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: would show the world that you are a believer, "By this shall who will go see someone but it is usually a small percent all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one of a congregation. A lot of folks will go if it is a relative, or You would think that in two thousand years so many to another." If we love someone we don't look for things to close friend, but not anyone else. Why? fuss about and look for differences, thinking we are better than them if they are not just like us.

ing to a revival that I preached. I told him that they sure did and that we had a great time in the Lord. Then I mentioned that in **<u>Revelation 22:17</u>** the Lord said, "And whosoever Most people will become angry if their word is ques- will, let him take the water of life freely." I will preach the that they will do something and then doesn't do it, time and God will show it to them from his word – He is the judge, that doesn't excuse our not doing what the Lord has told us not you or me.

Lord and says that he will follow the Lord and live for Him, far I have only mentioned one - love. I thought I would wives only. He meant it for all of his people who say that he is committing himself to obey Jesus the rest of his life. change to a new one, but on second thought I've come to they believe in and follow him.

about, the sick and helpless.

James 1:27 "Pure religion and undefiled before God Jesus told us in his word that we are to love one anoth- and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows

Some will say that they don't know what to say to someone. Is that a reason or an excuse? All a person has One preacher tried to rebuke me some years ago saying to do is to let the sick know that you care about them. That doesn't take a lot of fancy words, it just takes caring about others. Remember that the church is family. I have had home-bound folks say, "At least it looks like they could at least call and let me know that they care about me." I agree with that – if they cared then they would. People are busy with making a living and family, we all understand that, but to do. He did not say that caring, visiting, and helping the While there are many doctrines that Jesus taught, so widows and sick folks was the duty of preachers and their



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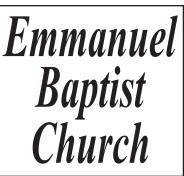
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