



EASILY TRIPPED

By: Martin Drummond

He who thinks he stands should take heed, lest he fall.

This rendition of a King James Version teaching in I Corinthians 10:12 warns us against becoming prideful.

If we think we're too socially or emotionally or physically strong to be knocked down, then we are ripe for being knocked down.

As long as the Devil has any freedom to act and influence people against us, there will always be somebody stronger or tougher than us and who will be led our way to knock us down.

This is why we need to stand in the strength of our faith, not the strength of our flesh.

Actually, we need to constantly remind ourselves of this need.

Why? Because we so easily are lured into thinking we're on our feet because nobody can knock us down.

Wrong.

It just hasn't happened yet.

If we're not holding onto the Lord, we're going down when the pushin' and shovin' starts.

Even when the pushin' and shovin' is emotional or spiritual rather than physical.

Gideon offers a perfect example of this in today's reading from the One-Year Bible.

In Judges 8:22-27, Gideon makes a terrible mistake just days after the glorious victory over the Midianites where he and 300 Israelites saw the Lord defeat a huge army in their behalf. In the verses preceding the above passage, Gideon and Israelite soldiers had scored additional victories with their swords.

It was a great time of success.

Then Gideon blew it.

He got cocky.

He thought he could change the rules of worship and not face consequences.

He told every victorious, Israelite soldier to donate a bit of gold from the plunder each took from dead Midianite soldiers.

And then he had a worship ephod (breastplate/vest) crafted and placed in a city of his own choosing.

God already had commanded that only Israel's high priest should wear the official, prayer ephod made during Israel's time in the wilderness and which was to be used at the tabernacle.

But Gideon, apparently full of himself, thought the rules didn't apply to him.

Though he had refused to become Israel's king, he apparently was tempted into setting himself up as a priest, even though he was not of the priestly line of Aaron.

It was a terrible example of presumption and disobedience.

It's no wonder that Israel's obedience to God vaporized the instant Gideon died. Terrible things for Gideon's family and for Israel resulted.

Let's learn from this sad lesson.

Let's worship God's way.

Let's serve according to how God has gifted us, not according to how we want to be praised publicly.

Let's follow scripture in its teachings regarding involvement with a church family, rather than freelancing in religion based on what we like.

Think going to church is inconvenient and annoying because you hear teaching there that gigs you? Gideon might have felt the same way and allowed that feeling to keep him away from tabernacle worship.

Look where it got him.

Don't make the same mistake.

Get plugged in at church in the way that God is calling.

If you don't, you just might fall for a lie that leads you — and your loved ones — into falling off a spiritual cliff.

God has called us to be good stewards. To prevent costly, long-term damage to our church parking lot, resealing of the 19,000-square-foot surface has become mandatory. The Lord has blessed us with a significantly discounted price from a professional service and we need to act quickly on the opportunity.

This work will have to be done on a special-offering basis and that's why we're asking you to please consider making a donation at \$50 per parking spot. If you can donate for more than one spot, please consider doing so. We all benefit from keeping our parking lot in good condition for the next seven years or so. Your donation now will save the congregation from having to spend **FAR** more a couple of years from now for a re-paving job.

Please indicate your donation amount in the memo line of your special offering check. If you add the amount to your regular offering check, please note this in the memo line on your check.



***We need
your picture!***

We want to see you!

Photos for the updated church directory will be taken over the next three Sundays. Please come to the church by 9:10 a.m. to have your picture taken this week. By responding promptly, we'll have less of a rush to complete the photography by May 15.

The directory will be much more valuable with your photo in it and we look forward to seeing you Sunday for Sunrise Cafe and your snapshot.



Reunión de
DAMAS

HOY a las 7pm

Hogar: Enid Versailles (11250 SW 197 Street #416)

Disertadora: Johanna Velásquez

Tema: Devocional de Libro: La Lección más difícil de la vida



Wednesday, May 11th at 11am in the church fellowship hall

Bring your mother's favorite dish and don't forget to invite a friend. For more information please see David & Linda Hiers.



Friday, May 13th at 7pm in the church fellowship hall

**We will be celebrating Mother's Day.
We'll have crafts, games, and a snack.
Invite your friends!**



Saturday, May 14th at 9am

Please make plans to be here for a few hours. There is much work to be done both indoors and outdoors. If you are here, regardless of your age or physical condition, we will find a job for you.

Please join us this Sunday at 9:10 a.m. in the **Sonrise Café**, located in the auditorium foyer. This is a good opportunity to fellowship with other believers, introduce visitors, or in general, get to know each other. Come a little early and mingle while enjoying coffee or juice and something to eat.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP 5:30PM TO 8:30PM

Our Youth Group is growing quickly!!

First we play games, then we eat, and then we sit down and listen to a great lesson & discuss the word.

If you know any teenagers tell them where we're at!!

Any adults that want to come and join in on the fun are more than welcome!!!

For more info please call Karen Rodriguez 305.213.8923

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MINISTRIES

May Order Deadline: May 15th

May Distribution Day: May 21st

****Note: There are certain boxes that are available for online ordering only.
Please check website for those items.*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Financial Peace University 6pm	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  Financial Peace University 6pm	9	10	11  11am	12	13  7pm	14  9am
15 Financial Peace University 6pm Angel Food order Deadline	16	17	18	19	20  Reunión de DAMAS	21 Angel Food Distribution
22 Board Meeting 5pm Financial Peace University 6pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Financial Peace University 6pm	30  memorial DAY	31				



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

4 th	Aida Garrido	19 th	Lora Rubino
5 th	Mario & Teresita Girón	20 th	Eddy Garrido
9 th	Kathy Henriquez	20 th	Bertha Martinez
15 th	Evan Chin	23 rd	Santiago León
15 th	Gina Radin	23 rd	Spencer Santiesteban
19 th	Jaime Rivera	24 th	Ryan Veloz



Serving Schedule

MAY 1

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Eppy Suarez

MAY 8

Marc Hargraves

COMMUNION SERVERS

Gene Kinnaird*
Chris Kinnaird
David Hiers
Mark Schoenfeldt

Eppy Suarez*
Pete Moolah
Danny Abdo
Jose Rodriguez

DONATION COUNTERS

David Medder
Bobby Veloz

Marilyn Redden
Eppy Suarez

**Will lead offering prayer*



Pauta de Servicio

1 DE MAYO

ORACION OFRENDA

Manuel Velásquez

8 DE MAYO

José Casas

ORACION SANTA CENA

Santiago León

Steve Chin

LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

Zaida Velásquez

Manuel Velasquez

SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Carlos Martin
Nelson Garrido
Pedro Madera
Marino Polanco

Santiago León
Marino Polanco
Sixto Rosa
Alfonso Henriquez



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Email us at sdchurch@bellsouth.net and we'll do our best to get you answers!



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