



Lewiston Church of Christ

February 7, 2021

Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Outreach – Mark Whittaker

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Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

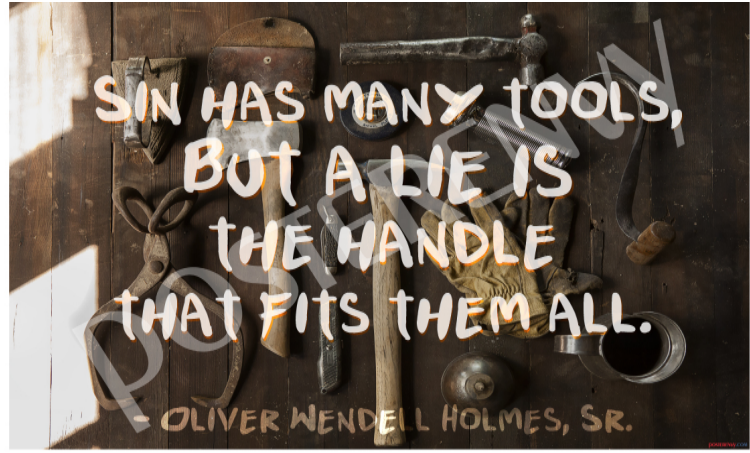
Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Secretary – Renee' Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes



To be perfectly honest...

Our biblical text last Sunday was **Revelation 21:6-8**. But we never made it to verse eight. So, here it is:

“But for the cowardly, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and sexually immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8)

As a boy, that phrase about “all liars” ending up in the lake of fire scared me. It even served to prevent me more than once from launching lies to get my way. But to be perfectly honest, truth-telling is still a tough challenge.

As a boy, I needed a taste of the fear of God to teach me the value of truth. I agree with the American author, John Ruskin, who said, “To make your children capable of honesty is the beginning of education.” (from, *Time and Tide by Weare and Tyne*, 1867).

Honesty is the virtue at the core of all virtue. Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809–1894) correctly said, “Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.”

A thief tells himself that someone else’s property belongs to him. It’s a lie. Idolatry is believing the lie that creatures or things deserve worship more than the Creator Himself. Adultery occurs in defiance of sacred vows made before God. It’s a lie. I could go on.

God desires our honesty first of all. It begins with repentance—the radical turn from lying to ourselves to facing the truth. Expressing his agony over a terrible sin, King David prayed, “Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being.” (Psalm 51:6).

To be perfectly honest, I still need the fear of God to keep me honest.

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