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## *Mostly Personal...*

Loved Ones,

I have received so many kind and gracious notes and emails lately, most of them expressing appreciation for our commitment to solid Bible teaching here at Christian Life. Paul told Timothy that as the day of Christ's return grew nearer, the quality and standard for preaching would be lowered by those from both outside and inside the church. He described them as having "itching ears", meaning they would demand to hear a message that was man-centered and flesh-pleasing. In doing so, the demands of the Gospel would seem weakened, and the heart of Christianity would essentially become emasculated. With the help of God's Spirit, we are determined to never allow that to happen at Christian Life.

I want to say *thank you* to the Christian Life family for your strong, unwavering commitment to the infallible, invaluable, and authoritative Word of God.

I'm an old school fan of the Peanuts Comic strip. I recall a panel from the 80s in which Lucy was worried about the end of the world due to some particular cosmic catastrophe. Linus assured her that according to Scripture, the particular event she feared would never be allowed by God to happen. "That takes a load off my mind!" said Lucy. The sagacious response of Linus was classic – "Sound theology has a way of doing that."

Yes, Loved Ones, no matter what we are facing, *Sound Doctrine* has a way of putting everything in proper perspective! Stay faithful to His Word, and watch how wonderfully the Holy Spirit uses those words to establish His Kingdom throughout all the earth!"

One more thing...

Let me remind you that next Sunday is Associate Pastor's Day. It's a day set aside to give you opportunity to express appreciation to our Associate Pastors for their labor of love in our church family and throughout the community.

Please take time to write a note, send a card, and bring a love offering to these guys in order to let them know that we realize they are God's special gifts to us.

Here are the names of our associates in case you don't remember them all:

Glenn and Jessica Burchett  
Justin and Angela Smith  
Tommy and Jeanne Reeves  
Frank and Linda Trezoglou

Come prepared to make next Sunday a special day for them!

I love you,

*Pastor Stephen*