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Exodus 25:9, “According to all that I shew thee, [after] the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make [it].”

We use patterns to make something. A pattern is a guideline or overlay that we can literally place upon something and make it. If one purchases a pattern to make a shirt, you lay the pattern over the cloth and cut it out. By following all instructions and using the same material, the shirt you make will look just like the one on the packaging.

If you deviate at all from the pattern, it will not be the same. If you decide on short sleeves though the pattern calls for long sleeves, it cannot be like the one on the front of the package. To make the shirt just like the pattern you need to follow all the instructions completely.

The LORD had a pattern that the Israelites were to use for building the tabernacle. They were not to change or alter the materials. It was understood that something different was unacceptable to the LORD because He told them how to make it.

A few verses later in Exodus 25:40 regarding the tabernacle and the furniture therein, we are told, “And look that thou make [them] after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.” They were to definitely make them according to the pattern.

The word “pattern” is only in thirteen verses of the Bible. We can easily see how important it is to follow the pattern the LORD has laid out for us. Four times in I Chronicles 28 “pattern” is used in describing the temple that Solomon was going to build.

Where did this pattern come from? I Chronicles 28:12, “And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things.” The pattern was given to him by the spirit. The LORD revealed these things to him.

The LORD made David know and understand the pattern in writing by the LORD’s hand upon him. II Chronicles 28:19, “All [this, said David], the LORD made me understand in writing by [his] hand upon me, [even] all the works of this pattern.” The LORD told in writing and made David understand the pattern for the house of God.

We too today have a pattern that we are to follow in serving the LORD. Our pattern for worship and service to the LORD is laid out in the New Testament. If you want to know that you are following the LORD in the way He desires, search the pattern—the Bible.

It’s not enough to call upon the LORD. We must do His will. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” Search the pattern—the word of God. Make sure you are indeed doing the LORD’s will.

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Ellie Riffle, Linda Terry, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.**

Ken Davis had a moderate stroke last week and spent five days in the hospital. He is now resting at home. **Ken** and **Erin** moved a couple of weeks ago to South Carolina. Keep them in prayer for their health and for their transition.

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II Timothy 2:7-8, “⁷*In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine [shewing] uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, ⁸Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.*”

We have just written about following the pattern of the Bible. This must be done to have the true church and follow the LORD the way He wants us to.

Not only do we have a pattern that we follow, but we ourselves become a pattern to others. Paul wrote to Timothy to show himself in all things a pattern of good works. In the above verse, Paul lists things that we need to be doing properly to show forth this pattern.

Many people will never look at the Bible, but the very same people might see us. In us they should see a pattern that they can use as a guide to help lead them to salvation.

No doubt, in the making of physical patterns for clothing, there is a master pattern by which all the other patterns are made. The Bible is the master pattern. We then, in all things, show ourselves a pattern to others. Paul was referencing something like this when he said in I Corinthians 11:1, “*Be ye followers of me, even as I also [am] of Christ.*”
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Sunday, May 7, 2023		
Classes	16	Mark 8:12-38
Preaching	21	Jeremiah 6:16
Contribution	\$937.00	
Evening	—	Singing at LaRue County
Wednesday, May 10, 2023		
Classes	10	II Thessalonians 2:1-17

Bible Quiz

Jeremiah said stand in the way, and see, and ask for what?

Last Week’s Answer—Be a shadow over his head (Jonah 4:1)

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We have many friends and family who might not ever look at the Bible, but we can show them the pattern by our lives. Hopefully they will then have even more interest in the true pattern—the word of God.

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—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)