

# His Workmanship: Westside

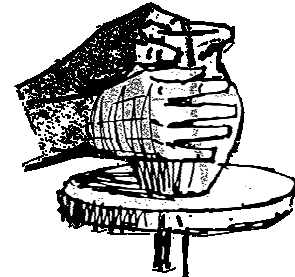
*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."*

—Ephesians 2:10

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Isaiah 64:8

## Correcting Misconceptions about Humility, by Sewell Hall

Once it is established that Jesus was the ultimate example of humility, several misconceptions are laid to rest.

**Humility is not weakness.** Even the enemies of Jesus testified to His power. It was demonstrated over Satan, over nature, and over every force that opposed Him. Yet in the exercise of His power He was humble, acknowledging that the works He did were the works of His Father, Jn 5:19. Humble people who recognize their own weakness and allow the power of God to work in them are the only ones who are truly strong. The Lord said to Paul, *"My strength is made perfect in weakness,"* 2 Cor 12:9, causing Paul to respond, *"When I am weak, then I am strong,"* 2 Cor 12:10.

**Humility does not preclude leadership.** Jesus was *"meek and lowly,"* Mt 11:29, but this did not prevent His exercising leadership. He is the great Shepherd of the flock, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Some people, citing humility as their reason, refuse to accept the responsibilities of leadership, especially as elders. The fact is that elders must be humble. They are to be sober-minded, 1 Tim 3:2, and this is defined as not thinking more highly of oneself than one should, Rm 12:3. An elder should not be a novice, *"lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same con-*

*demnation as the devil,"* 1 Tim 3:6. Rather than hindering leadership, humility defines the style of leadership that pleases God. Christ-like shepherds are not lords over those entrusted to them but examples to the flock, 1 Pet 5:3.

**Humility does not forbid rebuking sin.** Jesus was just as humble when He drove out the money-changers from the temple, Mt 21, and rebuked the Pharisees, Mt 23, as when He blessed little children, Mt 19. In each case He was expressing the will of God, not His own will, in His words and actions. Humility will affect our manner of dealing with sinners and those in error. *"A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition,"* 2 Tim 2:24-25. Rebuking that is done from a spirit of self-righteousness and pride will never be effective in accomplishing God's purpose. But reproof given in humility can be very persuasive. *"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted... For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work..."* Gal 6:1, 3-4. Wisdom rests with the humble, Pr 11:2.

**Humility is not inconsistent with personal initiative.** The church needs

the input of every spiritually-minded Christian in planning and executing its work. *"Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose,"* says a hymn. Yet some who have useful ideas fail to offer them, feeling that to do so would be inconsistent with humility. Of course, if one demands that his way be accepted and becomes angry if his suggestion is not taken, he does lack humility. Humility demands that *"each esteem others better than himself,"* Phil 2:3, but it does not forbid our offering our wisdom on a subject for whatever it may be worth in the opinion of our brethren.

**Humility does not require that we think of ourselves disdainfully, speak of ourselves disparagingly, or grovel in the presence of others.** This is what many people think of as humility. However, this is the opposite of humility. Such a person is thinking too much of himself, thinks too often of himself, however negative his thinking may be. When someone is constantly thinking: *"How inferior I am, how worthless I am, how useless I am, how poorly do I compare to others,"* he is thinking of himself all the time. Pride is his problem; he is too self-absorbed to be comfortable among those whom he considers superior to himself. Humility is not the cause of such negative thinking; it is

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**“For You will save the humble people, but will bring down haughty looks,” Psalm 18:27, from p. 1**

actually the solution: humility is not thinking of self at all. A Christian can rejoice in the superiority of his brethren. Furthermore, he can hold up his head in the presence of all men, not because he himself is worthy, but because he is a child of the God of heaven, redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. Jesus did not grovel before any man, yet He was not lacking in humility when He said to a Roman governor, “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above,” Jn 19:11. A humble person knows himself, knows God, and knows his relationship to God—and all his confidence is in God.

True humility replaces self-seeking with seeking first the kingdom of God Mt 6:33, self-will with doing the will of God, Mt 7:21, self-reliance with reliance upon God, 2 Cor 3:5, self-confidence with confidence in God, 2 Tim 1:12, and self-exaltation with exaltation by God, 1 Cor 4:3-6. These were the qualities that made Jesus humble and the qualities He seeks in us. May we bring ourselves to say truly, even as we sing: “Lord, Thy love at last has conquered—none of self, and all of Thee.”

**Dr. Gay Lifestyle Harmful**, from p. 4 electronic messaging board. In 2007, when Church once again responded to the center’s invitation to attend an LGBTQ-themed event, instead of addressing his concerns, the center’s president at the time, Paul Levy, posted excerpts of Church’s complaint—with no names attached—on his own personal blog. Despite the blog’s attracting a volume of readers who univocally vilified the urologist as a “bigot” for his “ignorant and hateful beliefs,” Levy felt compelled to point out in a response to one comment that Church’s “personal beliefs are not transmitted to patients and do not affect his treatment of patients who come to see him. I felt I should respect his statement, and, indeed, we have received no complaints that would indicate otherwise.”

Church began to experience intense heat from the medical center after he volunteered in May 2011 to appear in a BIDMC video entitled *Making it Better* that was to highlight the center’s “culture of inclusion” by focusing on LGBTQ staff. “I would be delighted to offer a view from the ‘other side’ and expound on the significant health risks posed by homosexuality and its high risk behaviors... [This] seems especially appropriate for a health-care institution,” he emailed organizers. Two months later, Church found himself being investigated by the head of his department, Chief of Surgery Dr. Eliot Chaikof, on “harassment” charges because of his offer to appear in the center’s LGBTQ promo video. Church was told he had “crossed a line” and was either facing suspension or having his staff privileges entirely revoked. He was given the option to resign. But Church refused to play their game, insisting he was innocent of all charges and that any action taken against him was unwarranted. At that time he brought in the pro-family legal group Liberty Counsel for his defense.

**Reprimanded.** In September 2011 a Peer Review Committee of four academic physicians—specifically put together to examine Church’s conduct—met to discuss the doctor’s case. Church was allowed to attend the second of two meetings where he outlined his position. “This ‘investigation’ is not about patient care or my clinical interactions with patients or colleagues. I have had a multitude of patients over the years who would identify themselves as gay, lesbian, and even transgender. My interactions with them have always been nonjudgmental, compassionate, and professional,” he told the committee. “This investigation is also not about whether you agree with my worldview or convictions. What it is about is a fundamental freedom of expression of dissenting ideologies, and even more than that, it is about an illogical, inappropriate policy decision on the part of the medical institu-

tion that flies in the face of our greater mission of promoting healthy behaviors and lifestyles.” Later that month, Church followed up with a letter to his department head thanking him for the opportunity to explain his concerns to “respected colleagues in medicine” instead of “non-physician administrators” unaware of medical facts. “After all, our primary mission is the promotion of healthy behaviors and lifestyle choices, and to combat risks to public health, not endorse them. Truly caring for the well-being of individuals requires telling them the truth about their choices. The hospital does this on less controversial issues, such as smoking and diet,” he wrote. But instead of siding with Church’s evidence-based concerns, the committee reprimanded him for violating the center’s policy against “harassment and discrimination in the workplace” and for sending what it called “inappropriate content” through the center’s internal electronic messaging board. “Your opposition to diversity training and to BIDMC’s support for the annual Gay Pride Week events has been expressed in offensive terms and, at times, in a discourteous manner,” the committee stated in its November 2011 letter to Church. The committee attempted to muzzle Church, warning him that if he did not immediately cease communicating in the workplace his “opinion about sexual orientation, homosexuality or other protected status” his staff privileges would be revoked.

In April 2012, Church requested that BIDMC’s communications department not send him further notices regarding LGBTQ activities. His request was ignored. Between 2013-14 Church continued to receive an ever-increasing number of emails and notices affirmative of the LGBTQ lifestyle. To one such communication received in 2013 he responded: “Celebrating sexual perversions is highly inappropriate, especially in the context of a medical center that should be aware of the negative health  
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**God makes my heart clean in 2015** “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” —Ps 51:10

**Dr: Gay Practice a Danger**, from p. 3 consequences of high risk behaviors. It also ignores and dishonors the religious convictions and moral objections that many members of the hospital community share who are opposed to these behaviors.”

To another in 2014 he simply responded: “Leviticus 18:22.” To another that same year: “Romans 1:26-28.”

**Expelled.** These last three responses convinced the medical center to take action this year and expel Dr. Church, despite colleagues and various pro-family organizations writing letters of support to the center on the doctor’s behalf. Church said that his case proves that what the LGBTQ movement wants is not simply “coexistence” with the rest of society, but total affirmation without a single voice of dissent of what the movement not only believes, but also what it practices in the bedroom. “The medical center, peculiarly, seems more than willing to do that,” he said. “What’s happening here at the BID MC is that [top officials] have decided that it is an admirable thing to be promoting the activities of this group. And anyone who criticizes that viewpoint is obviously a troublemaker, a bigot, and a person who cannot be tolerated, no matter how sound and how reasonable that other point of view is.”

Church said he has never discriminated against any group of people. He has only raised evidence-based concerns with his colleagues about certain sexual behaviors and practices known to be associated with high rates of infection and disease because of his care for people and for their health.

“The data comes from credible sources like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and shows that [skyrocket-

ing rates of sexually transmitted diseases] is primarily a result of men who have sex with men and those who engage in anal intercourse. The latest statistics that CDC has is that men who have sex with men account for two-thirds of new infection of HIV and that they are the only group where syphilis is on the increase... The point is that [homosexual practices and behaviors] are not harmless. There are considerable negative medical consequences [in engaging in these practices],” he said. Brian Camenker of the Boston-based MassResistance praised Dr. Church for being willing to risk his whole medical career over his conviction that certain sexual practices are unhealthy and dangerous to those who engage in them. “He has a lot to lose, but he’s not going to back down from telling the truth,” he told LifeSiteNews. “When a hospital tells somebody that you can’t tell the truth about serious health issues because it might hurt someone’s feelings or that it’s not politically correct, that’s terribly frightening... Health driven by ideology puts people at risk because we’re no longer talking about what is truly healthy, we’re talking about pushing a position that could be totally contrary to good health practices.” Church said that he is appealing the center’s decision, but has little hope of justice, even knowing that legal counsel will be allowed to accompany him into any future hearing if his appeal is granted. He is thinking about taking the BIDMC to court. “Medical institutions should be sounding a clarion call that these [LGBTQ] activities are potentially dangerous to your health. They certainly should not be affirming and endorsing these behaviors and acting like a propaganda tool,” he said. God wisely condemned homosexuality to protect us from physical, emotional, societal, and spiritual harm.

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**CHRONIC CONDITIONS**

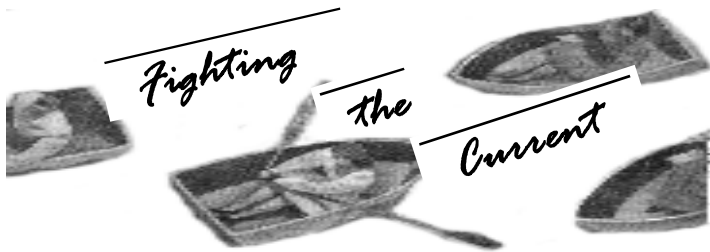
- Logan Corray; Addison Tope; Christian Harrod; Rocco Jr.; Pat Wilkes**—asthma
- Autumn Hadders**—epilepsy; celiac disease
- Jonathan Hadders**—RA
- Kirk Johnson**—MS
- Menards**—Lloyd diabetes, Alzheimers; Virginia, blindness from mac degeneration; high bp
- Cheryl Reames**—fibromyalgia; diverticulitis
- Judy Sartin**—rotator cuff injury; spinal stenosis
- Judy and Mike Strand**—hepatitis trtment
- Lynda Szymanski**—COPD, lung weakness

## Discipleship Here At Home

**PRAY FOR healing, protection, help**

- **Judy Strand**—fell and broke arm, surgery last wk; at home for weekly evaluations re: liver implant
  - **Marie Sangellino**—thyroid cancer post-surgery recovery at home
  - **Frankie Sangellino**—cyst on left kidney benign
  - **Patricia Ward**—infection
  - **Danny Dodd**, formerly of Westside—home after full brain radiation in Denver, 275 Country Meadow Rd, Ignacio, CO 81137
  - **Kaylee Chavez**—age 10, cancer; improving, in Memphis for treatment, but furloughs from hospital
  - **Bill Dennis**—home recovery following rehab
  - **Aubrie and Aaron Andrews**, friends of **Boyd**—Aaron lost leg in motorcycle accident; pray they will be receptive to the gospel
  - **Sandra Perry**—diabetes complications; back on oxygen
  - **Larry Campbell**’s FL partner **Terry Hargadine**’s wife **Michelle**—cancerous lymph nodes removed, latest scan shows improvement; picc line inserted for chemo
  - **Kayla Knighten, Christine Adams**’s daughter—needs our prayers; **Judy Strand** requests prayer for her son **Joe**
  - **Sylvia Chapman, Brett**’s grandmother—third stage pancreatic cancer; Brett’s grandmother **Sue**, and Aunt **Bonnie Doss**—cancer returned
  - **Brittany Tope**’s mother—breast cancer, improving; grandmother—on dialysis
  - **Ed**’s son **Rodney Schulz**—pray he receives gospel
- Rejoice Levi Cox** put on his Lord in baptism last Thursday. He will join himself with this church to serve. **Sheryle McNeill**’s daughter **Tiffany** began a Bible study in John last week—thank you for your prayers and thank our good Lord for His work.
- Travel** Gintchins in Bulgaria until Aug.

Tomorrow the U.S. Senate will vote on S. 1881, a bill to cut off funding for Planned Parenthood. Some 44 senators have signed on as sponsors. Please pray for the passage of S. 1881 and urge Sens Bennet and Gardner at 202-224-5941 to vote for the bill. Mention these points: • *PP may be using the banned partial birth abortion procedure to harvest and sell the body parts of aborted babies.* • *S.1881 would stop taxpayer funding and instead provide funds to entities that provide real health care for women, not abortion.* • *PP performs over 327,000 abortions per year while receiving over \$half a billion in taxpayer funding.* Vote for S. 1881. A 4th video of a Denver, CO, abortion clinic is at <http://cqcrcengage.com/sbalist/app/write-a-letter1&engagementId=122374>



## Exposing current thoughts & trends *homosexuality*

### Doctor Fired for Raising Gay Health Concerns *by Pete Baklinsky*

Urologist Dr. Paul Church, a respected doctor with a background in sexual-risk behaviors and a 65-year-old grandfather of six, was expelled from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) in Boston, MA, in March after he raised evidence-based health risk concerns over the center's decision to endorse and celebrate the homosexual lifestyle. He was fired on the grounds that he had violated BIDMC's "established standards of professional conduct" by using the center's electronic information system "to communicate your unsolicited views about homosexuality that were offensive to BIDMC staff."

Church had said the medical center was "so indoctrinated with a world-view" supportive of the LGBTQ agenda that it sees this movement as "beyond reproach," even to the extent of viewing someone as a bigot and culpable of misconduct charges for raising legitimate criticism about the center's promotion of this movement and its activities.

**Censored.** Dr. Church, a member of the Harvard Medical School faculty, has worked as a urologist at the center for nearly 30 years, conducting research on prostate and bladder cancer. He has also offered his medical talents to the poor on numerous occasions during volunteer missions to Mexico and Africa. Over 11 years ago Church began to experience censorship and suppression from BIDMC officials. Church and other like-minded colleagues repeatedly raised concern with officials over the center's decision not only to endorse the homosexual lifestyle by hosting an annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Achievement Award ceremony, but also to involve staff in LGBTQ events including participation in Boston's annual "Gay Pride Week."

"The evidence is irrefutable that behaviors common within the homosexual community are unhealthy and high risk for a host of serious medical consequences, including STD's, HIV and AIDS, anal cancer, hepatitis, parasitic intestinal infections, and psychiatric disorders," Church submitted to officials via the center's email system after receiving an LGBT-related email. "Life expectancy is significantly decreased as a result of HIV/AIDS, complications from the other health problems, and suicide. This alone should make it reprehensible to the medical community, who has an obligation to promote and model healthy behaviors and lifestyles." Church called it "altogether inappropriate" for BIDMC to "endorse, affirm, or encourage the behaviors 'celebrated' by Gay Pride Week... This action again jeopardizes the credibility of BIDMC as a healthcare institution and dishonors a large proportion of its community who continue to hold to the conviction that homosexuality is unnatural and immoral."

When Church realized his submissions were being systemically ignored by officials, he occasionally posted them on the center's internal

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### Assembly Schedule

#### Sunday

Bible classes	9:00 am
Morning assembly	10:00 am
Afternoon assembly	1:30 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible classes	7:30 pm
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#### Sunday morning

- **adult Bible class**, "*A Life-Changing Encounter with God's Word from the Gospel According to John*," Jonathan Hadders

- **Sermon**, "Do Not Be Overly Righteous, Wise, or Wicked," Jim Reingrover

**Sunday afternoon**, "Q & A: Lessons from Esau," Larry Campbell

#### Feeding on His Word Reading

Everyone is invited to an open Bible reading of Galatians, Ephesians, 1 & 2 Peter Saturday, August 8, 11 am, at the Howells', lunch to follow. See Joel Walker for schedule.