

# Shadrach Youth Ministry

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## A Word from Pastor Schultze...

### The BIG TEN

Do I need to keep the Ten Commandments? You have heard it said by many: “We don’t need to keep the Ten, we’re saved by grace.” Let’s get some light on this.

There were 613 commandments or laws the Jews had to keep. Yes, by God’s grace, we as Christians don’t have to keep all these commandments anymore – but for the BIG TEN! The BIG TEN must still be our quickening principles, and without our keeping them, we forfeit our salvation. Let’s start with the apostles, and then go to Jesus.

One of the TEN says, “*Thou shalt not kill.*” Alright, can we kill someone and get to heaven? John says, not so: “*Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him*” (1 John 3:15). So, we know that if we murder or hate a brother, by our violating the sixth commandment, we will not make it to heaven.

Next, go to Paul. How many of the TEN can you fish out of this text below, that if we break them, we shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven?

*“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God”* (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

Paul’s list of the BIG TEN here include the seventh commandment on adultery; the first on idolatry; the eighth on stealing; and the tenth on covetousness. And then Paul adds a few more, doesn’t he? Indeed, you cannot make it to heaven without keeping the TEN. Again, if we break them, we shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. Is that clear?

But, here’s more: you cannot follow Jesus unless you keep the TEN. In Matthew 19, we have the story of the rich young ruler, where Jesus puts it all together, i.e., as you cannot make heaven without the Ten, neither can you be a follower of Jesus without them. The young ruler asked what he had to do to inherit eternal life. What did Jesus do? He said, “Keep the commandments!”, Being Jewish through and through, of course this young man asked, “Which ones?”, meaning which one of the 613? Jesus pointed to the TEN and picked out a few of them He knew the young man had kept. Then He pointed the him to the ones he had not kept: the 1<sup>st</sup>, the one on idolatry, and the 10<sup>th</sup>, the one on covetousness. These commandments revealed that wealth had become an idol to him and that he coveted it more than Jesus. Jesus demanded that he comply to these commandments by saying: sell all you have, give it to the poor, and then come and follow me.

Shadrach youth, neither can you go to heaven nor follow Jesus without keeping the BIG TEN. Our reaction to the Ten reveals whether we have a spirit of obedience or disobedience and an attitude of total or just partial surrender to God.



#### Dear Missionary on a mission,

Praise the Lord for missionaries who go on missions! It reminds me of Velma whose theme in glory now is to sing of Jesus and His Love! How then eternity must seem short to catch up singing and praising Him for what we did not perceive while being on earth!

I thank the Lord for the good reports I heard following the last retreat in Kokomo; surely our prayers and efforts that went into assembling ourselves together were worth it. I thank you for all your prayers for Jenn and I at this interesting time in our lives, and I wish to update you on how the Lord has been helping.

As some of you know, I spent over 8 weeks at a therapeutic fasting institute in Cleveland, OH under the care of world-leading fasting doctor – Dr. D. J. Scott. Under his supervision, I conducted a 39 day water-only fast. This time was a great blessing to me both spiritually and physically. One of the great blessings was the privilege of bearing the name of Christ to the other patients and primarily to those in the same room as me. This confined environment is a

great opportunity for us to share the miracles that Christ has wrought in our lives and the truth of His Word. I say “us” because you too find yourselves in a confined environment where you have a captive audience whether it be at work or at school. I really felt like a missionary to that place, especially after my roommate, James, gave his life to Christ.

But it wasn’t just James I was there for. The Lord also had me there for Dr. Scott and the two Amish ladies who looked after me. Dr. Scott is the kind of Christian who would feel very at home at a Shadrach retreat. I sensed a loneliness in him. Sadly, he lost his lifelong companion at this time last year. I thank the Lord for the prayer and fellowship I was able to have with him and the biblical basis for all his medical beliefs. Dr. Scott is in his eighties. I pray that he can come to a retreat and meet you – that would be such an encouragement to him.

There are many other aspects of this experience that I would like to share with you, if the Lord would only give the words to express them. In the meantime, I continue to covet your prayers for full recovery. –Nicky

**Witnessing report:**

I went around with Sarah door-to-door, inviting people to come to tent revival meetings. It was interesting and a bit overwhelming in some ways. One person said they were Catholic and the rest didn't seem to go to church at all – nor did most seem interested. A few people sounded like they were interested, but then when the meetings came I didn't see them. It really opened my eyes to the prayer needs of this specific neighborhood. I knew from the beginning that it was a bit rough, but I wasn't really prepared for all that I saw. It was a really good experience.–Nichole



**Intoxicated with Babylon** by Steve Gallagher seemed like a huge red flag waving a sign of warning to me. It so defined and exposed the spirit of kosmos (the world, or worldliness) that is so prevalent in this nation and in this world. Certain aspects in our society such as television, magazines, and the overall media have so dulled God's voice in our lives that we readily accept the ideas of kosmos. The book really showed me that we are called to be spiritual "Daniels" in the midst of this Babylon of a world we are in. In the book, it spoke of Daniel when he was living in Babylon. It described Daniel as, "[Living] in Babylon without being

tainted by its spirit or seduced by its glamour (pg. 221)." This is how we are to be on a regular basis. We should be storing up treasures in heaven instead of indulging in the temporary pleasures of this world. I was also amazed about the chapter on the way psychology has influenced our world. The mentality behind psychology (and psychiatry) has caused people to blame their sin on others and to refuse to accept the responsibility to live a holy life. I am really thankful that we were assigned this particular book for our reading. It really made me examine my heart to see if there were areas in which I was compromising. Praise the Lord! –Lauren



**Nicky Farmer's Witnessing Report**

On the way home from Dr. Scott's clinic in Cleveland, we needed to pull off the interstate for a break, but didn't know which exit to take; the exits can be limited on the toll road. Providence

led us to a McDonald's, and as I walked in, I noticed a group of Goth-clad youth. One young man in particular caught my eye; as I looked over at him, he looked straight back at me – right in the eyes. I pondered the significance of this chance meeting of eyes and kept my spirit open to the chance that God was in it.

While my travelling companions ordered at the counter, I took a seat near this youth and his friends. Once again, he looked straight over at me. I know that God was calling me to witness. Noting the cashier handing Ruth Smith her change, I realized that my window of obedience was about to end. I also acknowledged to myself that I had no excuse before the Throne of God; He has given me the ability to witness to total strangers. I approached the table, greeted them and addressed the youth in question. His colleagues sniggered at the Name of Jesus but they'll never forget that encounter.

As we drove away, the joy of obedience came over me. What an encouragement it was! Surely it is a great privilege to be asked by the Lord to do something. I thank Him for the Grace to hear and to heed.



**Intoxicated Book Report:**

*"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4: 3-4).*

This book explained how this verse has been fulfilled in the past and how it is happening right now. Steve Gallagher wrote about the enticing spirit of the world and how it is working in the church.

It gave a call to holy living – using the Word of God as the standard and not other people or organizations. It's amazing to me how standards and clear doctrines of the Bible are pushed aside in the Christian's life for the world's more comfortable allowances ("a little bit of this won't hurt"). The distinction between Christians and the world is almost nonexistent.

This book was a call to prayer – for revival in the church – and action-changing your lifestyle to match what Scripture teaches. One of the specific areas that Gallagher went into was TV – which went along with the message that Pastor preached – and how people are watching more TV than ever before. He told how it has slowly infiltrated into Christian homes and now is a common thing. He wrote some thought-provoking things...like, are the people in the movie/ show married? is God's name revered? are there bad attitudes? etc. Christians cannot continue doing the things that they were doing/watching before coming to Christ.

The book also talked about reverencing God with holy living, not just doing what you want (once saved always saved, no matter that you are going against God's commands). –Nichole

**Assignments Due:** January 13  
**Now Available:** I Am Love by Reimar Schultze. Read Bro. Schultze's life story describing how God delivered them from Nazi Germany and how he learned to walk with God. This book would qualify as a Shadrach assignment.  
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2) Volunteer to put together (typing, stapling, etc) the new books and booklets  
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