

**Announcements:**

1. Men's Breakfast this Saturday, January 27 at 9 AM at Shari's in San Bruno
  - no RSVP needed, all men encouraged to attend
2. Membership class Saturday, February 17 at 10 AM
  - sign up online or see Roger
3. Monthly Men's Group will begin on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and will continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month

**Small Group Discussion Questions****Sermon Date: January 21, 2024****Sermon: Sovereign Affection****Passage: 1 Timothy 3:14-15****Read 1 Timothy 3:14-15****Sermon Outline:**

4 Sovereign Desires of Christian Affection

1. The Desire for Fellowship, v. 14
2. The Desire for Flexibility, v. 15a
3. The Desire for Fruit, v. 15b
4. The Desire for Faithfulness, v. 15c

**Review Questions:**

1. Why does Paul write this letter rather than waiting to see Timothy?
2. Explain the meanings of the words "know", "ought", and "conduct".
3. What are we reminded of when Paul refers to God as "living"?
4. Who or what has God chosen to uphold His truth in the world?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Do you long for the biblical fellowship of other believers? Why or why not?
2. Do you truly see GCBA as family? How can you grow in this area? (Hint: It may help to evaluate your behavior toward your physical family.)
3. Is there a particular type of scenario in which you have a hard time trusting God's sovereign plan or believing He is working out something for your good? Explain.
4. What are some practical ways to hold onto our plans in such a way that we work hard to accomplish them while still allowing God to redirect or change those plans?
5. Do you hesitate to do what needs to be done in order to stimulate others to spiritual growth? If so, what is hindering you?
6. How does the simple fact that God is "living" motivate you in your relationship with Him?
7. What is an area you can grow in when it comes to upholding God's truth?
8. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?