

Good News By Vic Dove

Saddle Your Donkey

“So, Abraham arose early in the morning, and saddled his donkey.”
Genesis 22:3

I wonder if Abraham knew that saddling his donkey that morning would be the beginning of one of the greatest acts of obedience in the history of man. He would also travel over 50 miles to Mount Moriah, which is located near Jerusalem.

If you have read the story of Abraham's life, you know he was not always quick and sincere when it came to listening and obeying God. But, over the years he had learned some tough lessons about the importance of obedience to God. This time his obedience was prompt and complete.

Obeying God is often a struggle because it may mean giving up something we truly want. We should not

expect our obedience to be easy or to come naturally. But as we see and read, through those tough lessons concerning obedience, Abraham was building character. Let me explain.

Agreeing with the rules of the game is one thing. Playing by the rules is something else entirely. People of character have not only agreed to God's code of ethics and morality. They live it. They do what is right.

Our culture is driven by achievement and fulfillment; however, this is not how people of character are driven. Certainly people of character are not opposed to achieving goals, and they are not against personal achievement either. The difference is their priorities.

For people of character, personal obedience takes precedence over self-fulfillment. It is all a matter of priorities. I have never met anyone who is against character. It's just few people make it their priority. They

are quick to compromise their character if that is what it takes to win. Today, what a person is on the inside is not nearly as important as what they can do.

We live in a society that is totally committed to the outer person and neglects the inner person. The social problems in our little community, our state and even our nation are not rooted in our appearance. Most of our problems stem from a lack of character among our leaders and citizens. Our biggest deficit is not a budget deficit, it is a character deficit.

We live in a society that has for the most part... totally disregards discipline and self-control...they have no idea what the phrase ...short term sacrifices lead to long term benefits...means.

It is an old story. We would rather complain about the way things are than to saddle our donkey's and make sacrifices to change the way things are.

Shoulder to Shoulder, Bro. Vic

Douglas Residents Charged in Coffee County Drug Bust

By Carol A. Gasser Moore

COFFEE COUNTY, Georgia When a Coffee County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputy observed a gun and suspected drugs tossed out of the vehicle's window, he pursued the motor vehicle and arrested both people. Other arrests followed the day after the event.

A vehicle crash prompted the CCSO Deputies to identify the motor vehicle's two occupants. The occupants were identified as Chance Casem and Danae Hope.

The CCSO's Office has stated that a 4th Amendment waiver led to a search of Casem's Jacob's Circle, Douglas, residence. A large quantity of methamphetamine and a small quantity of suspected MDMA was located during the search.

Susie Jewell (61) also lived at the Jacob's Circle residence. According to the CCSO report, Jewel consented to a search of her property. As a result, CCSO Deputies located a small quantity of suspected methamphetamine.

Chance Casem was been charged as follows:

- Trafficking methamphetamine (1 count)
- Possession of MDMA (1 count)

Jewell has been charged with:

- Possession of methamphetamine

CCSO Detectives also went to a Lakeside Drive, Douglas, home in which Valerie Cox (43) lived. It is said that Cox attempted to flush suspected methamphetamine down a residence toilet. Because of Cox slamming the door in the officer's face and hearing the sound of the flushing toilet, the CCSO Detective had reason to believe that Cox was attempting to get rid of contraband. This fact prompted a search of the residence for illegal substances or contraband.

During the search, a CCSO Detective found the septic tank service port and discovered 14 grams of suspected methamphetamine, and 3 grams of suspected MDMA pills. Two digital scales were located in Cox's bedroom.

Cox had a Mirandized interview with the detective, during which she confessed to trying to dispose the drugs. Cox claimed that she got rid of the drugs because she did not want them around her, claiming she had lived in the residence only one day.

It is reported that the drugs were field tested and found positive.

Valerie Cox has been charged with:

- Possession of a controlled substance (1 count) MDMA
- Tampering with evidence

At the time of this writing, Cox remained in custody. Jewell has since been released.

Is a public official working for the citizens when...?

- official doesn't update government's website and keep current
- official commonly uses derogatory 'pet' names for anyone who does not hold identical views or anyone perceived as questioning or challenging
- official limits information available on a government's website
- official offers solution which isn't a full solution, just to appear 'helpful'
- official tells staff to ignore Open Records requests instead of responding to them, hoping that the person will not pursue the request
- official doesn't look for ways to be transparent, particularly with online information, limiting citizens right to know
- official calls citizen by name and labels a liar during public meeting?
- official tells citizens to take care of matters themselves, instead of enforcing ordinances?
- official creates community budget and minimizes board/council or citizens their right to know in advance and give input?
- official changes meetings to accommodate employee creating attendance problems for board/council and citizens.
- official constructs narrative for citizen by saying official held public meetings about which board/council never were informed.
- official pits people against each other to make one feel right and the other one wrong.
- official controls all the decision-making about everything including the responsibilities of a board/council.
- official claims truth is what's being said at the moment, instead of information in accordance with fact or reality
- official tells citizens to follow the law, but privately doesn't do it him/herself.



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