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Familiarity with the Devil's Devices by Mike King

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”. 1 Peter 5:8

It is necessary in marriage, friendships, and relationship with God to have an understanding of their nature. We need to know the devil's nature in order not to fall prey to his tactics. He is dedicated to the spiritual downfall of the human family. It is his nature to be evil and to cause us to do evil things. He can be blamed for every sin from Adam to the present. God has revealed the devil's nature to us so we can beware.

HE IS DECEPTIVE – His tactics are often disguised. We must be watchful for *“the snare of the devil”* (1 Tim. 3:7). He uses enticements to create lust in his victims; a tremendous desire for his “wares” (Jas. 1:14) that cause us to become subjected to *“the wiles [stratagems] of the devil”* (Eph. 6:11). One of his basic techniques is to *“call evil good and good evil”* (Isa. 5:20). His intention is to encourage people to do wrong in spite of the terrible consequences that follow. He also discourages people from accomplishing good regardless of the blessings. So, we can see why Paul warned the Corinthian Christians to *“Be not deceived”* (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

HE IS DETERMINED – It is common to become weary and tired of doing the Lord's work, especially doing right when obstacles arise. The devil would like for us to give up, so he places obstacles in our path. He has

great determination and time is not a factor. The terrorists of the World Trade Center plotted and waited for years of training and readiness before pouncing. The devil has an extensive résumé showing his efforts in testing and tempting accountable people from the beginning. No one is exempt from his search for those *“whom he may devour”* (1 Pet. 5:8).

HE IS DEFEATABLE – Forbid that we roll over and subject ourselves to his devices. He may be deceptive and determined, but not all powerful! We can be successful in overcoming him. We have been given by God a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13). We must be willing to *“stand”* against the wicked one by putting on the *“whole armor of God”* (Eph. 6:11). We must be aware (2 Cor. 2:11) of how he ruins people and know what to expect (1 Jn. 2:15-17). We must stay on guard (Mt. 26:41) and *“watch and pray.”* We must resist and never give in for him to flee (Jas. 4:7).

Though the devil is strong, cunning, and experienced, we can be victorious for *“I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”* (Phil. 4:13).

Note: Mike King will begin his work with the New Albany congregation on September 12th.

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Are You a Camel

By Mark McWhorter

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," Galatians 6:2.

The camel is an interesting creature. Its name comes from the Hebrew word, Gamel, which means "carries a burden." Camels can carry loads equal to their own weight for short distances. The average camel weighs about 1200 pounds. So, you can understand that a camel can carry a very large burden.

Camels have been used for a very long time in the Biblical lands. In fact, they have been used for over 4000 years to transport goods through the deserts. They are able to travel long distances in very dry environments. They are able to carry large loads while traveling.

Sometimes our brothers and sisters in Christ have very difficult loads to carry. These are not loads of physical things. These are mental, emotional and spiritual loads. These are the difficult trials of life. It is our responsibility to help them with these loads.

The Bible sometimes depicts this world as a wasteland or desert. As a good spiritual camel, we will help each other carry these difficult and heavy loads through the desert. We will help each other make it to the good land, Heaven. We will not be too concerned about how long the journey will be. We will be willing to help transport the load.

Study your Bible. Learn how to be a strong spiritual camel. And if any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

This item is available on TheBible.net at:

<http://www.TheBible.net/modules.php?name=WC&op=read&vol=12&num=5>

YOUTH NEWS

- We are proud to announce that Dillon Clayton was baptized into Christ Sunday, September 5th, by his dad. We're proud of you Dillon!
- Area Wide Youth will meet at Hillcrest church of Christ Sunday, September 12th. The van will leave at 5:40.
- Jr. Bible Bowl will begin Saturday, September 25th, at the Verona church of Christ.
- Sr. Bible Bowl will begin Sunday, September 26th, at the East Main church of Christ. The youth will eat in Tupelo before the Bible Bowl.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Some people pursue happiness— others create it..."

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Susan White, daughter of Wadie Lepard, will have a heart ablation procedure done Thursday, September 9th, in Tupelo.

Bill DePriest, will see his cardiologist on September 16th.

Betty Adams, mother of Richard Adams, is scheduled to have knee surgery on September 14th.

Continual Prayer List

Bill Lyon, Udell Wilson, Arkie Grimmett, Blake Ables, Glen Hill, Bill King, Donna Weeden, Adam & Monica Lindsey, Sylvia Plunk, J.D. Stroud, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Marie Wells, Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen, Anna Davis, J.A. Thornton

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force-California, Tiffany Erwin- Army-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 09.....Jerry Gibson
September 10.....Nicki Weaver
September 14.....Barbara Jackson
September 16.....Lessie Bryant
September 17.....Dalton Beard

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 15.....Jerry & Eleta Grimmett
September 16.....Chris & Callie Smithy
September 17.....Steve & Lana Todd
September 24.....Lonnie & Nicki Weaver

REJOICE!

We're happy to announce that Dillon Clayton was baptized into Christ Sunday morning, Sept. 5th, by his dad. Dillon is the son of Greg and Kim Clayton. Please welcome and encourage our new brother in Christ. We are very proud of him.

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

There will be a fellowship meal following services this coming Sunday night, September 12th. We will use this time to welcome the King's to New Albany. Please make plans to attend and help welcome Mike and Sheila. Please bring your favorite finger foods and deserts. Adult II Class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up.

MEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN -FEST

Sunday night, October 10th is the date that has been set for the annual Men's Annual Chicken-Fest. This will be held at Phil Young's. Please mark this date on your calendar, and sign the list that is on the table in the foyer if you plan to attend.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

A ladies night out is planned for Tuesday, September 14th at the "Olive Garden" in Tupelo. If you are interested in going please sign the list that is on the table in the foyer. See Kathy Jennings for details.

AREA EVENTS

The **Ashland Church of Christ** invites you to their **Fall Gospel Singing**, Saturday, September 18th from 5:00PM till 7:00PM. (Refreshments will be served after the singing)

Pine Vale Children's Home in Corinth will have a **HUGE RUMMAGE SALE**, Thursday Sept. 30 from 8am-2pm on the campus of Pine Vale.

Visit our website @ <http://www.nacoc.org>

OUR RECORD

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| Sunday School | 95 |
| Sunday A.M | 115 |
| Sunday P.M. | 95 |
| Wednesday | 102 |
| Contribution..... | 2,745.00 |
| Budget | \$3,305.70 |

TO SERVE

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| Scripture | Dean Dillard |
| A.M. Prayer | Greg Clayton |
| Closing Prayer ... | Harold Crowe |
| P.M. Prayer..... | Gary Turner |
| Closing..... | Bill Lyon |
| Wed. 9/15..... | Harold Russell |
| Wed. 9/15..... | Phil Young |
| Usher & Lock | Randy Wall |
| Greeters..... | L & N Weaver |

PANTRY ITEM:
Canned vegetables

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| Sunday School..... | 9:30 |
| Morning Worship | 10:30 |
| Evening Worship..... | 6:00 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 |

Elders

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|------------------------|----------|
| Richard Jennings | 534-6671 |
| Troy Robertson..... | 534-3491 |

Deacons

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|---------------------|----------|
| Bill Botts | 316-2422 |
| Greg Clayton | 538-0791 |
| Roger Clayton | 534-5240 |
| Andy Clemmer | 816-5887 |
| Harold Russell..... | 534-4648 |
| Randy Wall..... | 316-9255 |

Minister

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Mike King..... | 904-705-4206 |
| (as of September 12th) | |
| Office..... | 534-4649 |

WHAT AM I?

BY: Dody Gibson

**Often you'll find my name in the Scriptures
Both in the New and in the Old
Seldom regarded with much disfavor
But too much of me is bad I'm told**

**I'm likened to an abundant supply
Prosperity and blessings to the extreme
As a popular pronoun I am used
A positive expression it would seem**

**A source of hard questions and dishonest answers
A favorite story comes to mind
But though I'm compared to deceptive words
I'm mostly known for the other kind**

**I'll tell you about the ones who make me
I owe my existence to the powers that be
A proverbial expression marks their diligent zeal
And they're mentioned four times in the NKJV**

**Once an angel told someone to eat me
The consequences were good and bad
Twice I came out of a rock
However in offerings my use was forbad**

**Our Savior enjoyed my substance once
No one discredits my claim to fame
Even a great prophet's need I met
Yes, even this poem contains my name**

(answer next week) www.bibleclassbooks.com/dody/02-06-puzzle.html

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