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Terms of Endearment

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The expression, “terms of endearment,” normally is making reference to words that we use to express our love and adoration for an individual like: sugar, honey, sweetheart, love, etc. They do, by the way, quite an adequate job at conveying the intended message.

There is a spiritual application that we can make in use of “terms of endearment.” Wikipedia defines “term” as “Any provision forming part of a contract.” Each term gives rise to a contractual obligation, breach of which can give rise to litigation.” On April 7, 1865, General U.S. Grant wrote a note to Robert E. Lee encouraging him to surrender and avoid “any further effusion of blood.” Lee answered with mutual interest in stopping the loss of lives, but he said, “I...ask the terms you will offer on the condition of its [Army of Northern Virginia] surrender.” Grant laid down the “terms” for surrender of April 9, 1865: “General; I propose to receive the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia on the following terms, to wit: Rolls of all officers and men to be made in duplicate, one copy to be given to an officer to be designated by me, the other to be retained by such officer or officers as you may designate. The officers to give their individual paroles not to take up arms against the Government of the United States until properly [exchanged] and each company or regimental commander to sign a like parole for the men of their commands. The arms, artillery, and public property to be parked, and stacked, and turned over to the officers appointed by me to receive them. This will not embrace the side-arms of the officers, nor their private horses or baggage. This done, each officer and man will be allowed to return to his home, not to be disturbed by the United States authorities so long as they observe their paroles, and the laws in force where they may reside. Very respectfully, U.S. Grant, Lt-Gen.”

Jesus, as our commanding general, has laid down the “terms” for a total and unconditional surrender of us to Him as a show of our “terms of endearment.” He said, “*If you love me, keep my commandments*” (Jn. 14:15). He later said, “*If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in His love...You are my friends if you do whatever I command you*” (Jn. 15:10, 14). These are the terms necessary for our surrender to Christ. If they are not honored, we are still at war with Him and peace being but a dream.

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF MARCH

Announcements: Brad Pounders
Sound Room: Shane Crotts
Usher: Brian Carpenter

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Greg Harrison
 Sun. P.M.: R. Jennings
 Wed.: Kennedy/Youth

Sunday Prayers:

Mar. 3
 A.M. Phil Young
 Terry Young
 P.M. Greg Clayton
 Harold Crowe

Mar. 10
 A.M. Lonnie Weaver
 Olen Clark
 P.M. Roger Clayton
 Mark Jennings

Mar. 17
 A.M. Bill Botts
 Jason Jennings
 P.M. Jerry Gibson
 Matt Jennings

Mar. 24
 A.M. Drew Drummond
 Richard Jennings
 P.M. Troy Robertson
 Bill Lyon

Mar. 31
 A.M. Perry Jones
 Paul Ormon
 P.M. Harold Russell
 Alvin Parks

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Richard Adams
 North Helper I: Ruston Adams
 North Helper II: Anderson Parks

South Head: Andy Clemmer
 South Helper I: Philip Young
 South Helper II: Dan Cobb

Scripture Reading:

Mar. 3—David Clayton
 Mar. 10—Dillon Clayton
 Mar. 17—Cody Clemmer
 Mar. 24—Daniel Drummond
 Mar. 31—Thomas Wall

Wednesday Prayers:

Mar. 6—Bill Frohn; Tyler Weaver
 Mar. 13—Terry Stubblefield; Bobby White
 Mar. 20—J.L. Eaton; Ronnie Griggs
 Mar. 27—Steve Todd; Bobby Marques
 Apr. 3—Gary Turner; Randy Wall

Greeters:

Mar. 3—Greg & Kim Clayton
 Mar. 10—Brad & April Pounders
 Mar. 17—Troy & Novene Robertson
 Mar. 24—Richard & Kathy Jennings
 Mar. 31—Bill & Nancy Frohn

Usher & Lock:

Mar. 3—Greg Clayton
 Mar. 10—Roger Clayton
 Mar. 17—Harold Russell
 Mar. 24—Randy Wall
 Mar. 31—Lonnie Weaver

Prepare Communion: Roger Clayton

Host Youth Devo: Parks/Smithey

What Happened to the Apostles?

The apostles were promised they would be persecuted, and some would have to drink the cup of death (Matt. 10:25; 20:23; Mk. 14:31, 36; Jn. 13:37; 15:20, 17:1); history and tradition also tell us that the apostles gave their lives for Christ.

- **James the son of Zebedee** (James the Great) felt Herod's sword in 44A.D., the first apostle to die (Acts 12).
- **Philip**, after preaching in upper Asia, was scourged, thrown in prison, and then crucified in 54 A.D. at Heliopolis in Phrygia.
- **Matthew**, after preaching in Parthia and in Ethiopia, was slain in A.D. 60 by a halberd at Nadabah, Ethiopia.
- **James the Less**, at 94 years, after being beaten and stoned by the Jews, "finally had his brains dashed out with a fuller's club."
- As to **Peter**, "Jerome saith that he was crucified, his head being down and his feet upward, himself so requiring, because he was (he said) unworthy to be crucified after the same form and manner as the Lord was."
- **Jude (Thaddeus)**, brother of James the Less, was crucified at Edessa, 72A.D.
- **Bartholomew**, after preaching in India, was "cruelly beaten and then crucified by the impatient idolaters."
- **Thomas'** ministry in Parthia and India was ended with a spear thrust.
- **Simon Zelotes** evangelized in Mauritania, Africa, and Britain before his crucifixion in 74 A.D.
- **Matthias** was stoned at Jerusalem and then beheaded.
- **Andrew's** service was in Asia; at Edessa he was baptized in suffering, being "crucified on a cross, the two ends of which were fixed transversely in the ground."
- The beloved **John**, at the command of anti-Christ Domitian, was exiled "in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:9). After being recalled from Patmos by Domitian's successor, Nerva, John died peacefully (cf. Jn. 21:22-23).
- After **Paul** had been stoned, left for dead, beaten with rods, jailed for years, he still aspired to "fill up...that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ" in his flesh (Col. 1:24). He is said to have been beheaded by Nero in Rome.

~ Hugo McCord, The Beatitudes



PRAYER LIST

Ali Sizemore, friend of *Bailey Adams* has been diagnosed with a lesion on her brain. She will be undergoing tests this week at LeBonheur.

Shirley Smedley, sister of *Troy Robertson* is in the intensive care unit of a Texas hospital, with pneumonia and on life support.

Nora Whitaker, sister of *Jerry Grimmett* is in the Tupelo Hospital with a clot in her lung.

John Anson, brother-in-law of *Terry Young* will undergo surgery Wed., in Oxford for an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

Carl Smith will be staying with his daughter while he recovers from colon surgery.

Linda Griggs has not been feeling well the past several weeks.

Continual Prayer :

Barry Yancey, Carol Anson, Bobbie Roden, Robert & Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Will Neely, Pat Reed, Darrell Crow, Ben Paist, Jack Dunlap, Melissa Reed, Diane Sloan, Randall Haney, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Belle Cross, Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 28. Brian Carpenter
March 05. Price Senter
March 06. Bill Lyon



BRIDAL SHOWER

A Bridal Shower/Tea for *Heather Robertson*, bride elect of *Tyler Boyd*, is scheduled for Sun. March 3rd, from 2:00-3:30pm at the fellowship building. *Heather* is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Belk's, Calico Mushroom, Southern Traditions, and Wal-Mart. The couple is planning an early June wedding.



SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to *Perrin and Jean Drummond* in the death of their son-in-law *Michael (Mike) Irwin* who passed away Friday, Feb. 22nd. He is survived by his wife *Lisa Drummond Irwin* and sons *Michael* and *Mason*. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 1:00pm at Memphis Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis. TN.

A GOOD DAY!

We would like to thank all who made our Friends and Family Day such a success. We were blessed with a lot of visitors, many who were visiting for the first time, as well as most all our members. We appreciate the three good lessons brought by *Mike King*, and to all the great cooks here at New Albany, thanks for preparing the wonderful meal.

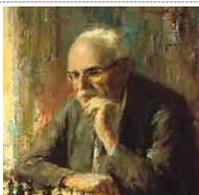
GOSPEL MEETING

Our gospel Meeting is scheduled for March 17th-20th with *David Lipe*, Director of the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies in Knoxville, TN, as our guest speaker. We will have a meal following the morning service on the 17th, with our evening services beginning at 7:00pm. There will be a meal provided each evening Mon-Wed. at 5:45, hosted by the adult classes. Everyone is invited.

God is like:

COKE

He's the real thing.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Mike King..... 507-0625
Home 534-6872
Office..... 534-4649

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
Harold Russell 534-4648
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....David Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young
Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....Greg Clayton
Closing.....Harold Crowe
Wed 3/6.....Bill Frohn
Wed.3/6.....Tyler Weaver
Usher & Lock.....Greg Clayton
Greeter.....G & K Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 152
Sunday A.M.223
Sunday P.M126
Wednesday.....107
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A Cure for Hiccups

A lady walked into a pharmacy and asked the pharmacist if he had a cure for the hiccups. The pharmacist said, "I sure do," and immediately and unexpectedly yelled, "Boo!" at the top of his lungs. This nearly scared the lady half to death! She looked at the pharmacist and asked, "Why in the world did you do that?" The pharmacist said, "Because a good scare will rid a person of hiccups." The lady then said, "But I don't have the hiccups. My husband does and he's out in the car!"

Oops! Now there's an illustration of how assumptions can be costly. However, the greatest costs regarding assumptions occur in the spiritual realm. How many people assume they are believing and practicing the things that please God? How many people believe things that they have never bothered to read and study for themselves? How many times do you think God will hear someone say in the day of judgment, "But I thought"?

The Bible says to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21).

~ Steve Higginbotham