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## THE CURSE OF RUDENESS

Mike King

**RUDENESS IS  
A WEAK MAN'S  
IMITATION OF  
STRENGTH**

Have you recently encountered a rude driver, perhaps a rude sales clerk or someone from whom you sought help?

It is a fact that our “society is getting ruder and cruder.” This is a quote from the latest edition of AARP’s *Modern Maturity Magazine*. Similar articles have appeared in recent *Reader’s Digest*, *U.S. News and World Report* and various other newspapers. It has become a matter of great concern to our great nation. It seems our fuse is shorter these days. We are living in a very fast-paced world and we grow impatient when others do not move as fast as we do. We are impatient with those different from self.

One article says, “We aren’t talking about which fork to use, we are talking about a world where the healthy, fit person takes a seat and leaves the slower-moving adult or handicapped person to stand or fend for himself.” The *Reader’s Digest* article says, “Rude people are taking over. You run into them more and more often, in more and more places.” This article made me aware of just how important it is that we mentor kindness and appropriateness in the home and in the church for our younger generation.

What is the cause of this rudeness? One survey asked: Are today’s children being taught common courtesy and manners? Thirty percent said no; 64% said some, but not enough. It hasn’t been that long ago that respect was shown to those in authority, our elderly, our parents, and to each other. Respect is a taught trait. T.V. shows such as *Beavis and Butthead* and *The Simpsons* are teaching our youth lessons in rudeness, bad language, and disrespect in general.

God’s laws are not being followed today by our nation, resulting in its downfall. What is the remedy? Obviously, if everyone would return to the Bible and heed its instructions, that would be a beginning. Our Lord taught, “*Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them...*” (Mt. 7:12). Paul said to “*be kind one to another*” (Eph. 4:32). Though written to the Ephesian brethren, it is very applicable today. The Christian graces in 2 Pet. 1:5-11 would have us to “*add ...temperance (self-control), patience, brotherly kindness and love.*”

Parents must assume the responsibility to teach and train our children to love and respect all mankind, no matter what their differences. Please do not allow them to watch television shows and play video games that foster disrespect or harm for others. Let us each as Christians set an example before others in respect, patience, kindness, humility and love. Who knows, hopefully, we can have an impact on the rude world in which we live (Mt. 5:13-16).

## Dying By Degrees

By Mike Riley

In an experimental laboratory, a frog was placed in a container of water. The water was heated at the rate of 0.036 of a degree per second. The frog did not notice the change. When the water finally reached 140 degrees, the frog died. But, he had not been aware of any change in temperature. The frog died by degrees.

In the above story, by an unknown author, a spiritual principle is taught that we as Christians should give heed to. Like a lot of church members, the poor frog never did realize he was dying. He could have jumped out at any time if he had known the danger. Members of the Lord's church can (and often do) stray far from God, but they never reach this unfaithful state in one night. It takes place by degrees. A Christian begins to miss services occasionally and then a little more often, then soon he or she is completely out of duty and lost. Even then, they sometimes do not realize they are dead while they yet live (cf. 1 Timothy 5:6). Maybe others still attend services, but their lives lack that inner devotion and fervor they once had. How did they get into such a condition? Little by little they omitted prayer, Bible study, meditation, and personal consecration until finally there remains only a shell of a once faithful Christian.

The Devil doesn't lure us into committing sin overnight, but tempts us by degrees. Therefore, let us listen intently to the Hebrew writer's warning to, *"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you and evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened though the deceitfulness of sin"* (Hebrews 3:12-13). Living a life of faithfulness can overcome any temptation the devil throws at us (1 Corinthians 10:13).

### ALWAYS THERE

Hello God, I called tonight To talk a little while...	I thank you God, for being home And listening to my call,
I need a friend who'll listen To my anxiety and trial...	For giving me such good advice When I stumble and fall.
You see, I can't quite make it Through a day just on my own...	Your number God, is the only one
I need your love to guide me, So I'll never feel alone.	That answers every time. I never get a busy signal, Never had to pay a dime.
I want to ask you please to keep, My family safe and sound. Come and fill their lives with confidence	So thank you, God, for listening To my troubles and my sorrow. Good night, God, I love You too, And I'll call again tomorrow!
For whatever fate they're bound.	
Give me faith, dear God, to face Each hour throughout the day, And not to worry over things I can't change in any way.	

~ Author Unknown ~

### Know the Scriptures?

Unscramble the words to correctly quote the scripture (KJV). Underlined words are placed in their correct space. Do you know where it is written in the Bible?

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To season every heaven and there  
time a purpose under the thing is a  
every to.

"\_\_\_\_\_ thing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
time \_\_\_\_\_ under  
\_\_\_\_\_."

Where is it found? \_\_\_\_\_



### YOUTH NEWS YOUTH NEWS

- There will be a youth devo Sunday night April 28th following services. *Phil & Paige Young* will be hosting.
- VBS will be held June 10-14.



**PRAYER LIST**

**Judy Ward**, sister of *Paul Ormon* is in the Baptist Hospital in Collierville suffering with chronic pain. She also suffers from MS.

**Dan Wood**, co-worker of *Richard Adams* is having kidney failure.

**Gloria Jones**, is having pain in her legs again.

**Tauso Branch** is at home recovering but remains very weak.



\*We express our deepest sympathy to *Jodie Clayton* and family in the death of his brother-in-law *Will McLellan*. Funeral services were held Sat. April 20th, in Olive Branch, MS.

\*We express our deepest sympathy to *Sue Stroud* in the death of her brother, *Stephen Burke*. Funeral services will be held Wed. in Pleasant Valley, NY.

**Continual Prayer :**

**Eleta Grimmatt, Pat Reed, Margie Barkley, Linda Griggs, Wendell Cary, Melissa Reed, Darrell Crow, Marie Beard, Rivers Robertson, Noah Judd, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Jack Dunlap, Diane Sloan, 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:**

**Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb**

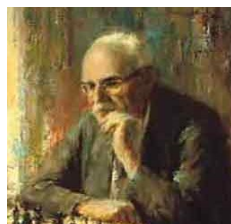
**Military List:**

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

**God is like:**

**ALLSTATE**

**You're in good hands with Him.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



April 26. .... Austin Garrett  
April 29. .... Lana Todd  
April 30. .... Jamie Crow  
May 03. .... Anderson Parks

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

April 28. .... Larry & Linda Ashmore  
April 28. .... John Michael & Brooke Mann  
April 29. .... Harold & Deloris Crowe  
May 02. .... Will & Sallye Bowlin



**BIRTHS**



Congratulations to *Ricky and Abby Jones* on the birth of a son, *William Boone Jones*, born Tues. April 16th. Little *Will* weighed 6lbs. 7oz and was 19 & 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are *Keith and Susan White* and great-grandmother *Wadie Lepard*.



We are happy to announce the birth of *Madelyn Elizabeth Ashmore* daughter of *John and Brandi Ashmore* of Huntsville, AL. *Madelyn* was born Mon. April 22nd, weighing 7lbs 12oz and was 20 inches. Proud grandparents are *Larry and Linda Ashmore* and great-grandparents *Victor and Alice Ashmore* and *Harold Russell*. Mother and baby are doing well.

**REJOICE**

We are happy to announce that *Ab McCullough* was baptized into Christ Friday, April 19, at the Central Academy Church of Christ by his father, *Jason McCullough*. We are proud of *Ab's* decision to become a Christian. Please encourage this young man as he begins his new life in Christ.

**CHURCH PICNIC**

The annual congregational picnic is scheduled for Sat. May 18th at the home of Randy and Christy Wall. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend. A time will be announced later. Mark this date on your calendar!



**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 Jennings .....534-6671  
Troy Robertson .....534-3491

**DEACONS**

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

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Alvin Parks  
A.M. Prayer.... Dan Drummond  
Closing Prayer....Ronnie Griggs  
P.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
Closing.....Bobby Marques  
Wed 5/1.....Steve Todd  
Wed.5/1.....Harold Russell  
Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall  
Greeter.....B.& A Pounders

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School..... 115  
Sunday A.M.....144  
Sunday P.M .....107  
Wednesday.....119  
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**PANTRY ITEM**

Tea Bags

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**Sing With the Spirit & The Understanding**

How well do we consider the words we sing and the lives we live when we “speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs”? Can you change this list to the proper titles and lines of songs we sing?

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. I Surrender Some                               | 13. When the Saints Go Sneaking In   |
| 2. There Shall be Sprinkles of Blessings          | 14. Let Me Have My Own Way, Lord     |
| 3. If Someone Hurt Me Today                       | 15. Sweet Minute of Prayer           |
| 4. Oh, How I Like Jesus                           | 16. My Need Looks up to Thee         |
| 5. He’s Quite a Bit to Me                         | 17. Oh the Things You May Do         |
| 6. I Love to Talk About Telling the Story         | 18. To The Play                      |
| 7. Take His Life and Let Me Be                    | 19. Take Time to Be Worldly          |
| 8. It is My Secret What God Can Do                | 20. Here We Are But Playing Pilgrims |
| 9. There is Scattered Cloudiness in My Soul Today | 21. I Need Something Every Hour      |
| 10. Onward, Christian Spectators                  | 22. Sitting on the Premises          |
| 11. Where He Leads Me I will Consider Going       | 23. I’m Going My Way                 |
| 12. Just As I Pretend to Be                       | 24. Let My Beauty Be Seen            |
|   | 25. Ring Out the Gossip              |