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LET ME SEE YOUR TONGUE

Mike King



One of the first things that a physician says to his patient is, “Let me see your tongue.” A spiritual adviser might often do the same (N. Adams). It has been said by another insightful person that “Speech is the index of the mind.”

Truly, how sweet the words of truth breathed from the lips of love. How repulsive those spoken from the lips of a self-serving individual!

The writer James is known for coverage of the subject of the tongue. In the very first chapter, he warned his readers to “*lay aside all filth*” (Jas. 1:21) which he made sure to include the sins of the tongue. He addressed the subject once again in his third chapter. Note the words of *Harry S. Cushman*:

I do not ask
The crowds may throng the temple,
The standing room be priced
I only ask that as I voice the message,
They may see Christ!

I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant
Or music such as wealth alone can buy.
I only ask that as I voice the message,
He may be nigh!

I do not ask
That men may sound my praises
Or headlines spread my name abroad,
I only pray that as I voice the message.
Hearts may find God!

I do not ask
For earthly place or laurel,
Or of this world's distinctions any part,
I only ask when I have voiced the message,
My Savior's heart!

Most of us are aware of the negative uses of the tongue and the consequences promised for such usage. It can devour (Isa. 30:27), like a scourge (Job 5:21), a sword (Ps. 57:4), it is false (Ps. 120:3) and needs to be kept from evil (Ps. 34:13).

So much warmer thoughts can be entertained by reading about the beauty of the tongue when used correctly. It can be used wisely (Pr. 12:18), as a singing tongue (Ps. 126:2), to the wise it is health (Prov. 12:18), wholesome, a tree of life (Prov. 15:4) and powerful (Prov. 18:21).

There is never a sermon that I preach or a trip to be made for a series of lessons, but what I am keenly made aware of the gravity of every word to be spoken. I just hope they may see Christ!



PRAYER LIST

Catelyn Smithey, daughter of *Chris* and *Callie Smithey* fell last Thurs. and broke her collar bone.

Eleta Grimmett, will see a pulmonologist and cardiologist this week for testing. She is very weak at this time. Please pray for her.

Roger Clayton is still having a difficult time following his back surgery.

Johnny Garrett, grandfather of *Austin Garrett* was unable to have surgery last Thurs. for lung cancer due to having bronchitis in his other lung.

Gloria Jones, will see a gastroenterologist on May 2nd for continued care and testing.

Tauso Branch, has a fracture in her left leg and torn meniscus. She is having a difficult time dealing with the pain and being confined to bed.

Continual Prayer

Larry Averett, Jack & Melinda Dunlap, Andrea Spears, John Tierney, Mable Erwin, Avery Anna White, Ruby Gaines, Larry Hester, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

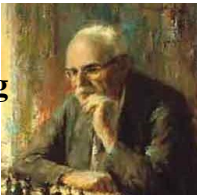
Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

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

"I BELIEVE"
...that if you are headed in the wrong direction, remember God allows U-turns




HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- May 03. Anderson Parks
- May 04. Ruston Adams
- May 04. Brandi McCullough
- May 06. Lonnie Weaver
- May 07. Randy Wall
- May 07. Ashlee Weaver
- May 11. Viva Dillard
- May 12. Eric Dunn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- May 02. Will & Sallye Bowlin



THANK YOU

New Albany Church of Christ,

Thanks for all the cards, food, and visits . I had to start getting attention some way. I did a better job than I meant to. You are a pretty fair bunch of people.

Bill DePriest



CHURCH PICNIC

A 'Church Picnic' has been planned for Sat., May 12th, at the Walls' lake. You may come anytime during the afternoon to fish, play games or just visit. The meal will be served around 6:00pm. A more definite time will be announced later. This is always such a treat for the church family here at New Albany. We appreciate so much *Randy, Christy, Erin* and *Thomas* opening up their home place for everyone to enjoy. Please sign the list in the foyer as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

A Men's Breakfast is planned for Sat., May 5th at 7:00a.m. All men are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship.



The Mayonnaise Jar and Coffee



When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar...and the coffee. A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large, empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor next picked up a box of pebbles and poured it into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—God, family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passion—things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, he continued, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your wife/husband out to dinner. Maybe even play another 18. There is always time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

YOUTH NEWS



- We want to congratulate our young men for the excellent job they did conducting the evening worship service this past Sunday. We are so proud of all of them!
- Our young people were recognized this past Sunday for their many accomplishments this year in Bible Bowls and Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes.
- We will have a list of all our seniors and their accomplishments in the next few weeks. They will be recognized on Sunday, May 20th.
- There is a Teen Retreat at Maywood Christian Camp Memorial Day weekend. If you are interested in going please let *Sarah Walker* know so transportation can be arranged. There will be a group leaving after graduation on Friday night, May 25th.

Spiritual Inventory

1. Can I give a scriptural reason for what I do and teach religiously? (1 Pet.3:15; 4:11)
2. Do I worship in spirit and in truth? (Jn.4:24)
3. Do I wear any religious name that cannot be found in the Bible? (Acts 11:26, 1 Pet 4:16)
4. Is the church that I am a member of mentioned in God's Word? (Rom. 16:16; Matt. 16:18)
5. Have I refused to obey the simple commands of Christ? (Lk. 6:46; Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16)
6. If claiming to be a Christian, do I engage in worldly practices? (2 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 12:1-2)
7. Do I absent myself from the assembly of the church? (Heb. 10:25)
8. Am I growing spiritually? (2 Pet. 3:18)
9. Do I truly love the brethren and even my enemies? (Matt. 5:43-48)

Johnny Ramsey ~ deceased

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....121
 Sunday A M.....152
 Sunday P.M126
 Wednesday111
 Contribution\$3,629.50
 Budget..... \$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Jason Jennings
 A.M. Prayer..... Greg Harrison
 Closing Prayer.....J.L. Eaton
 P.M. Prayer .. Dan Drummond
 ClosingMatt Jennings
 Wed 5/9.....Brad Pounders
 Wed. 5/9.....Ruston Adams
 Usher & Lock..... L. Weaver
 Greeter.....B & A Pounders



PANTRY ITEM

Rice

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson 534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts..... 316-2422
 Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
 Roger Clayton..... 534-5240
 Andy Clemmer 816-5887
 Harold Russell 534-4648
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

MINISTER

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 Office 534-4649

MONTH: APRIL 2012

SOUND

ROOM Chris Smithey

LEAD

SINGING

SUN AM: Dalton Beard

SUN PM: Greg Harrison

WED: Richard Jennings

LORD'S

SUPPER

N Head: Bill Frohn

N Help I: Perry Jones

N Help II: Anderson Parks

S Head: Harold Russell

S Help I: Lonnie Weaver

S Help II: Tyler Weaver

SUNDAY

PRAYERS

A.M.

Opening

Closing

1ST Greg Harrison

2ND Richard Jennings

3RD Gary Turner

4TH Phil Young

5TH

J.L. Eaton

Ronnie Griggs

Paul Ormon

Mark Jennings

SCRIPTURE

READING

Jason Jennings

Drew Drummond

Clay Ormon

Alvin Parks

SUNDAY

PRAYERS

PM

Opening

Closing

1ST Dan Drummond

2ND Jerry Gibson

3RD J. McCullough

4TH Troy Robertson

5TH

Matt Jennings

Carl Smith

Burrell Walton

Bobby White

USHER & LOCK

Lonnie Weaver

Bill Botts

Greg Clayton

Roger Clayton

WED

PRAYERS

Opening

Closing

1ST Mike King

2ND Brad Pounders

3RD Phillip Young

4TH Richard Adams

5TH Dalton Beard

Bill Botts

Ruston Adams

Bobby Marques

Bill Lyon

Steve Todd

GREETERS

B & A Pounders

H & D Crowe

R & K Jennings

T & N Robertson

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