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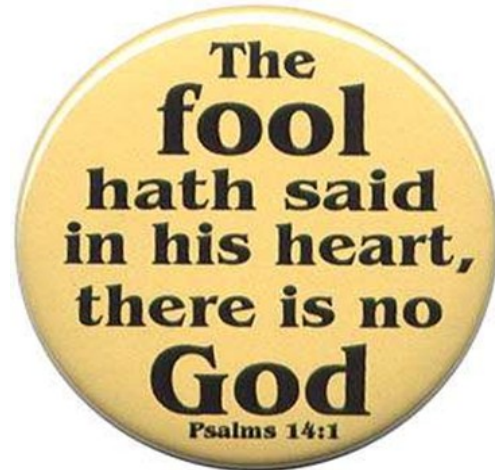
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PLAYING THE ROLE OF A FOOL

Mike King



The Lord included in His “Sermon on the Mount” a warning that causes one to ponder. He taught His followers to not call anyone a fool or he would be in danger of hell fire (Matt. 5:22). Why such a severe penalty for simply calling someone a fool?

The usual definition of “fool” is “one deficient in intellect or judgment.” We run into to those quite regularly! When we look at what the Word says about the subject; more sense can be made of it. *“The fool hath said in his heart, ‘There is no God’”* (Ps. 14:1). Solomon with “wisdom” gave a lengthy discourse in his Proverbs on the matter. *“Fools despise wisdom”* (1:7); *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.”* (12:15); *“Folly of fools is deceit...Fools make a mock at sin”* (14:8-9); *“A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident”* (14:16). *“A fool is soon made angry”* (14:17). *“The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool does not do so.”* (15:7); *“The mouth of fools feeds on foolishness”* (15:14).

Isaiah addressed this matter in his prophecies concerning the church and the behavior of New Testament Christians (725 B.C.). *“And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the way faring men, though fools, shall not err therein”* (Is. 35:8).

The Pharisees were chastised by the Lord and called “fools” because they criticized and judged the hearts of men by what they observed outwardly (Lk. 11:37-40). The rich man, who built bigger barns to amass worldly goods but was not “rich” toward God, was called a fool by the Lord and told that his soul would be required of him the very same night (Lk. 12:20). Some were charged as being fools because they were “slow of heart to believe all that the prophets [had] spoken” (Lk. 24:25).

Finally, we can conclude that the real fool is the one who denies God and resists His Word. We may feel too refined to be considered a fool, but a careful examination of our personal life may reveal more than what we would like to acknowledge about ourselves. Submit to God and His Word!

We'll See You After School!

When I was in third grade, I had two boys threaten to beat me up after school one day. They were the Ciccarelli twins - tough guys (it still sends a cold chill down my spine even when I type their name!) I couldn't understand it. Why did these boys want to beat up a charming, precious little third-grader (according to my mother)? It didn't make sense to me; I barely knew them. But one thing I knew was that they were going to be waiting for me after school.



And sure enough, after school there they stood waiting. However, I had all day to think about their threat and I took action. I rounded up all my friends, and we all walked home from school together. In fact, we walked right past the Ciccarelli brothers, and they didn't say a word.

Now, to the point of this story. Why is it that a third-grader may know how to deal with bullying and opposition better than grown Christians? What do I mean? Well, when the Devil begins to pick on some Christians, and make their lives difficult, what's one of the first things that some Christians do? They stop attending church services. They withdraw from everyone. Instead of drawing on the strength of their brothers and sisters in Christ, they choose to face their enemy all alone.

As a third-grader, I knew that I was going to get 'beat up' if I was found all by myself. So I surrounded myself with friends, and avoided the beating. Seems there's a lesson in there for us.

~ Steve Higginbotham via ~ Montrose church of Christ bulletin

The Lord's "Baseball Game"

Bob and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate whose name was Love.

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because Love never fails.

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love.



The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked, because Godly Wisdom never swings at what Satan throws. The bases were loaded.

The lord then turned to Bob and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Bob said, "He sure doesn't look like much!" Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen. But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; then it continued over the fence for a home run! The lord's team won.

The Lord then asked Bob if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but could not win the game. Bob answered that he did not know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, faith and wisdom will get you on base, but only My Grace can get you home."

AREA EVENTS

- The **Fulton Church of Christ** invites you to attend their VBS July 14-17. Sunday night will be at 6:00pm and Mon.-Wed. at 7:00pm.
- The **Tiplersville Church of Christ** invites you to "Friends and Family Day" July 14th. Their Gospel Meeting with *Billy Smith* also begins July 14th and goes through the 17th.
- The **Pine Bluff Church of Christ** invites you to their Gospel Meeting July 21-24, with *Cecil May* as the guest speaker.
- The **Potts Camp Church of Christ** invites you to a Gospel Meeting July 28th-31st. There will be a different speaker for each service. Monday the 29th will be New Albany night. Check the bulletin board for mote details.

YOUTH NEWS

- Please remember our youth who are attending Horizons this week at Freed-Hardeman.
- Next week several of our youth will be attending Maywood Christian Camp. Please remember them.
- This month's Youth Devo will be held Sun. night July 28th, following evening services. Lonnie & Nicki Weaver will be hosting.



PRAYER LIST

Nancy Petrowski, daughter of *Harold and Deloris Crow* was readmitted to the hospital this past week with pneumonia.



We extend our deepest sympathy to *Harold & Deloris Crowe* in the death of *Deloris'* brother, **Jimmy Bray**. *Mr. Bray* passed away Sunday July 7th, after a brief illness. Visitation will be Tuesday night, July 9th from 5:00-8:00 at Tutor Memorial Home in Pontotoc. Funeral services will be at 2:00pm Wed. July 10th, at the funeral home.

Continual Prayer :

Eulene Hooper, Eleta Grimmett, Troy Robertson, Frank Mills, Melissa Reed, Suzette Renix, Ken Joines, Jann Hicks, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Randy Dunnam, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Shane Crofts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 14..... Steve Hill
July 21..... Ione Wall
July 22..... Hunter Jennings
July 22..... Matt Jennings
July 22..... Jason McMillen
July 27..... Dixie White

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 14..... Perry & Gloria Jones
July 25..... Bobby & Sue Marques



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,
Thank all of you so much for your prayers and encouragement during my hospital stay, surgery, and return home. The visits at the hospital and at home, the cards, calls, and food are all so appreciated. Just knowing that there were so many prayers from so many friends was a great comfort.

Thank You to All, Troy & Novene Robertson

RESPONSE

Charles and Barbara Kimbrell responded to the invitation Sun. July 7th, asking forgiveness for wrongs in their lives and seeking to once again be a part of the New Albany congregation. We commend them on their decision to rededicate their lives to Christ. If you would like to send them a note of encouragement their address is: 600 McElroy Dr., Oxford, MS 38655

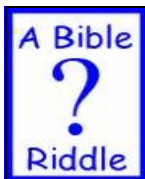
BRIDAL TEA



You are invited to a bridal shower in honor of *Victoria Botts* bride elect of *Andy Brown*, Sun. July 21st, from 1:30-3:00 at the fellowship building. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Calico Mushroom and Wal-Mart. *Victoria* and *Andy* are planning a fall wedding.

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Our 3rd Sunday night fellowship has been moved from July 21st to July 14th. Please bring finger foods and homemade ice cream!

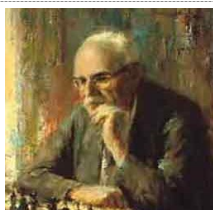


I am the book from which book comes the phrase: "By the skin of my teeth."

What book am I?

Good Thoughts

A smooth sea never made a skilled mariner.



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
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell 534-4648
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Matt Jennings
A.M. Prayer....Richard Jennings
Closing Prayer...Burrell Walton
P.M. Prayer.....Perry Jones
Closing.....Bobby Marques
Wed 7/17.....Gary Turner
Wed.7/17..... Tyler Weaver
Usher & Lock....Harold Russell
Greeter.....R & K Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 109
Sunday A.M.....134
Sunday P.M102
Wednesday110
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Budget.....\$3,817.55



PANTRY ITEM

Beef Stew

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. How did Elisha make iron float on water? _____ II Kings 6:6
2. Who sat on Idols? _____ Gen. 31:34
3. Which disciple did Jesus call "Satan"? _____ Matt. 16:23
4. Name the person struck blind by Saul. _____ Acts 13:8-11
5. Which king was so frightened that his knees knocked together?
_____ Daniel 5:6
6. Whose prayer was mistaken for drunkenness? _____
I Sam.1:12-13
7. In which church was there a woman so wicked that she was called
"Jezebel"? _____ Rev. 2:18,20
8. Name two people who walked on water? _____
Matt. 14:42,45
9. Where else in the Bible will you find Psalm 18? _____
10. What New Testament letter was addressed to a lady? _____
11. Why did God require the High Priest's robe to have tinkling bells
sewn on the bottom hem? _____ Ex. 28:35
12. How many prophets did Elijah challenge on Mt. Carmel? _____
I Kings 18:19

~ via minister@lavistachurchofchrist.org