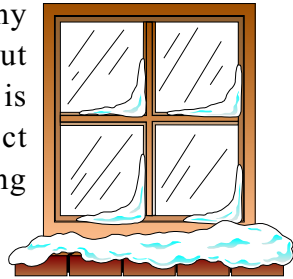


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Thus far we have not had any accumulating snows this winter, but we probably will. If 2013 is indicative of past years, then we can expect some inclement weather in the approaching weeks. This time of year typically brings our coldest and harshest weather.



At the very mention of inclement weather or an approaching snowstorm, we begin to prepare, even though the weather is still uncertain. We make sure there is enough food in the house, the vehicles are fueled and properly winterized, etc. We realize how foolish it would be to prepare after the snow and ice arrive.

Many people prepare with great care for something as uncertain as a snowstorm, but fail to prepare for that which is shrouded in certainty— death. It will be forever too late to prepare once our departure from this life transpires. Prepare now, before the “winter storm” of death arrives.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Just this past week I read an article that told about a rather small man who was in a barbershop making more than his share of unnecessary talk. He stated, “Show me a Scotchman and I will show you a fool!” A big man, about 6 feet, 5 inches tall, stood up and said, “I’m a Scotchman.” The little man replied, “Well, I’m a fool!”

If you are anything like this little man in the barbershop, or me, (and I think you probably are) you have made some rather foolish statements in your lifetime. I can vividly remember an incident in my past when my words got me in trouble. A friend and I went to watch a little league ball game one afternoon. We sat in the stands watching the little boy who was pitching serve up hit after hit. After a while, my friend and I, being the expert ball players we were, decided to critique this “want-to-be” pitcher.

After a rather lengthy and critical analysis that we thought we were having just among ourselves, a lady behind me tapped me on my shoulder and simply said, “That’s my son.” If there would have been a hole anywhere around, I would have crawled in it. Oh, how words can get us in trouble. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could somehow take back our words? Words that you wish you had never spoken— foolish words. But we can’t. In fact, the truth of the matter is that once we have spoken, there is very little that we can do to undo what has already been said.

The Bible is literally filled with admonitions concerning our speech. Note several of them: “*Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him*” (Proverbs 29:20). “*Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers*” (Ephesians 4:29).

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Allen Terry, Vicki McDaniel, Jean Coffey, and Audrey Terry. Lillian Riffle and Shirley Parson** have both been quite ill. Lillian had to be taken to the hospital as a precaution. **Jimmy**

Terry is quite ill with cancer. **Linda Terry** has had the flu and been quite sick since Christmas. **Elaine Reynolds** has been quite sick as well.

—**Tony Terry** has been invited to President Obama’s inauguration on January 20 as part of the security forces.

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“Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man” (Matthew 15:11). “If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain” (James 1:26). ³⁶But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matthew 12:36, 37).

Let’s be careful that we do not use our words to hurt, discourage, demean, or embitter a person, but rather let us use them to thank, praise, teach, edify, and encourage. Let’s work at bridling our tongue daily. Let’s work at being quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19). While none of us will ever be perfect in our speech, through the forgiveness that Christ offers, may we be able to say at the end of our lives, *“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer”* (Psalm 19:14).

—Steve Higginbotham
Glasgow, KY

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Sunday, December 30, 2012		
Classes	18	John 13:1-20
Preaching	19	II Peter 3:1-15
Contribution	\$644.00	
Evening	19	Ezra 10:1-44
Wednesday, January 2, 2013		
Classes	16	Judges 5:1-31

Visitors— Dec 30 (AM) Madison Gaddie (Munfordville);
Dec 30 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY);
Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

In the days of Shamgar and Jael, what was unoccupied?

Last Week’s Answer— Off his head and beard (Ezra 9:1)

—Tonight is our first-Sunday singing. Just a reminder that our Sunday evening services are at 4:00 p.m. for the duration of Standard time.

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)