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Unspotted Minds

Kitchens of today are full of technological marvels. Microwaves will heat food in seconds. Refrigerators make and dispense ice. Coffee makers begin brewing before one awakens, and the advances continue.

One handy device found in many kitchens is the garbage disposal. Garbage can simply be tossed in, and in a few moments it is pulverized, then washed away.

The human mind does not work in the same manner. When sinful images enter, many of them will remain there our entire lives. No matter how much we would like to forget some thoughts, we cannot. Sights and sounds can quickly bring them to our remembrance.

You certainly would not pile trash in your kitchen sink if you knew much of it would linger there the remainder of your life. Why do it with your mind?

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There are so many ways we can soil our minds— music, movies, television, magazines, and the Internet which is all about us on computers, tablets, and our cell phones. Even though we live in the world, we need to do all we can to keep ourselves pure. We are told in James 1:27, “*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*”

—Marty Edwards ❖

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In times past, Indians often named their children according to some characteristic their children had or their parents wanted them to obtain. Such names might be, Timid One, Swift Foot, Raven Hair, so forth— a name that spoke something about its owner. The names would often indicate honorable and desirable traits such as strength, speed, and honesty.

If Christians were named today according to their characteristics, I wonder what would my name be? Would it be something like, Hard Worker, Faithful One, Bible Teacher, or would I more aptly be named, Complaining One, Rare Attender, False Tongue, or Hot Head?

Live in such a way that you would be pleased with the name given to you. Proverbs 22:1, “*A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.*” Ecclesiastes 7:1, “*A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one’s birth.*”

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton and Shirley Parson. Linda Terry** was able to be with us this past Sunday evening following cataract surgery on one eye. It was a very successful surgery. She has surgery on the other eye pending. We are glad that **Jean Coffey** was able to be able to drive herself to services this past Sunday.

—Ruby and I are in Arkansas visiting with her parents for a few days. Thanks to **Jerry Edwards** and **Larry Compton** for teaching and preaching today.

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What Caused Rome to Fall?

The fall of the great Roman Empire was attributed by Gibbon, the famous historian, to five failures upon the part of both citizens and government of that empire. As you ponder these, measure them alongside our own nation's conduct.

1. The rapid increase of divorce, with the undermining of the sanctity of the home, which is the basis of society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public money in a frivolous and reckless way.
3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more brutal, hence, more and more exciting.
4. The building of gigantic armaments, when the real enemy was within— the decadence of the people.
5. The decay of religion— faith fading into mere form. Losing touch with life, and becoming indifferent to guidance.

Think carefully about these five causes for the fall of a great nation. Perhaps it is much later than we think. Solomon said in Proverbs 14:34, *“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”*

—Tommy Exum
Wingate bulletin, Nashville, TN

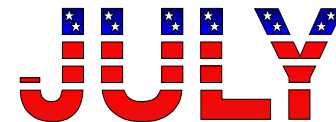
Sunday, June 28, 2015		
Classes	24	I Corinthians 10:10-15
Preaching	28	Revelation 11
Contribution	\$753.00	
Evening	14	Psalms 79:1-80:19
Wednesday, July 1, 2015		
Classes	20	Ezekiel 2:1-10

Visitors— Jun 28 (AM) John Lay (Hiseville, KY); Faye Edwards (Lonoke, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was in the hand sent to Ezekiel?

Last Week's Answer— A whirlwind (Ezekiel 1:4)



Birthdays

Christopher Duncan — July 7
Mitch Duncan — July 27

—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)