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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?

There are so many ways we can soil our minds— music, movies, television, magazines, etc. 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.*”

—Marty Edwards

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Allen Riffle, Lillian Riffle, Vicki McDaniel and Shirley Edwards.**

—**Ruby Edwards** is traveling to Arkansas. She is visiting with her parents for a few days and spoke yesterday at the Ladies Day at the Berryville Church of Christ in Berryville Arkansas. She plans to return Tuesday.

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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, July 1, 2012		
Classes	20	John 3:9-36
Preaching	29	Lessons from our Mission Trip
Contribution	\$652.00	
Evening	11	Singing
Wednesday, July 4, 2012		
Classes	6	Joshua 3:1-17

Jul 1 (AM) Marie Burd (Horse Cave, KY); Lurline Mires (Rex, KY); Curtis McDaniel & Tara Perkins (Uno, KY); Madison Gaddie (Munfordville); Kaile Bunnell (Munfordville); Cressy Jones (Bonnieville, KY)

Visitors—

Bible Quiz

What happened to the Jordan River when the priests bearing the ark touched the river?

Last Week's Answer— The seven thunders (Revelation 10:4)

—Thanks to all for the cards, visits, and most of all prayers, while I was having some medical issues. All seems pretty much back to normal now.
—Marty

—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)