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In Memory

Tomorrow is Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor the memory of those who have preceded us in death. This is an admirable action, and one that should be continued, but often we wait until it's too late to express our love for someone. It's common to hear someone express remorse because they failed to tell a family member how much they loved them.



We should bestow this love and honor while our loved ones are still alive. Let's not wait until their death to give them flowers. Let's bestow "flowers" of loving words and actions while our loved ones are alive and can enjoy them.

—Marty Edwards

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

—Hebrews 9:27

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Who Knows My Sins?

Over the years I have run into brethren and acquaintances in very unexpected places. This has caused me to joke that I could not run off and commit any sins even if I wanted to, because somebody would surely be there to observe my misdeeds. Some people believe they can engage in sinful conduct without being discovered, and be content they are not receiving any unwelcome attention. They are mistaken.

1. **God Knows**— Jonah discovered that you cannot run far enough to escape God. Hebrews 4:13 reminds us, "*Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*" Peter, referring to the Gentile converts, said in Acts 15:8, "*And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness. . .*" Jesus' message to the church in Thyatira included the statement, "*. . . I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works*" (Revelation 2:23). Those, and many other passages, leave no doubt that although we may be able to hide our iniquities successfully from other people, God is aware of them, and will judge accordingly.

2. **The Sinner Knows**— It is a terrible price to pay for self-indulgence, that one should be constantly haunted by guilt. David came to realize this following his adultery with Bathsheba. David prayed for God's mercy (Psalm 51:1-4). In Psalm 51:10 David said, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*"

3. **Others May Know**— Things have a way of coming out after they are done. The most skillful and determined cover-up may fail. It is like Solomon warned about cursing the king and the rich even in one's private thoughts or bedroom. We are told in Ecclesiastes 10:20, "*Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.*" Just when you think you are home free, the sin is revealed.

—adapted from Van Ledbetter
DeQueen, Arkansas

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey. Vicki McDaniel** got a good report from the doctor this past Thursday. Her sinues are beginning to clear of the infection.

One side is totally clear and the other is close.



Little Things

The story is told of a giant tree in Colorado which fell to the ground after having stood majestically on a hill for over 400 years. A mere sapling when Columbus landed in San Salvador, over the centuries it had been struck by lightning 14 times, braved the great windstorms, and even defied an earthquake.



In the end, however, it was killed by some little beetles. Boring under the bark, they chewed away its mighty fibers until one day that lordly king of the forest came thundering down. So, too, apparently insignificant things often make substantial inroads into our spiritual lives, and if left unchecked may cause our downfall. The idle word spoken, the prayer time omitted, and the occasional fleshly pleasure all “spoil” the vineyard much more than we realize. If Satan gets an entering wedge on inconsistency, the leverage he then exerts is greatly increased.

—via Northside Church of Christ
Harrison, Arkansas❖

| Sunday, May 19, 2013 | | |
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| Classes | 17 | Acts 2:14-38 |
| Preaching | 29 | Ephesians 6:1-20 (The Christian Armor) |
| Contribution | \$500.00 | |
| Evening | 20 | Esther 3:1-15 |
| Wednesday, May 22, 2013 | | |
| Classes | 20 | Ruth 3:1-18 |

Visitors—
May 19 (AM) Alice & John Mark Thrasher (Glasgow, KY); Anthony Candella (Cave City, KY)
May 22 (Wed) Aiden Harrington (Scotts Hill, TN); Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

What happened to Boaz at midnight?

Last Week's Answer— Queen (Esther 2:17)

—Many will be traveling now that school is out. **Ben Edwards** will be visiting his grandparents in Mississippi until July. Keep all in thought and prayer as they travel.

—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)