

Tidings From Timothy

WHY? This is one of the earliest questions children learn to ask. It is a very good question. We will find out why this morning. Tonight, we have a change in plans from our normal routine. The youth service will be tonight at 6pm with fellowship following. Next week we will have a 4th Sunday night singing instead of the youth service.

In Need of Prayer: Buell Abney had heart surgery this week at St. Thomas. Be listening this morning for the latest on his recovery. Ronnie Branstetter is recovering from colon surgery in MC at Bowling Green. With your prayers and if all goes according to plan, he will get out in a couple more days and be back with us soon. Janice Williams is back from a stay at Norton's in Louisville. They have adjusted her meds and she is taking it day by day. Many others are in need of prayer and most of them are listed on our prayer list out front.

Pantry Item: Canned potatoes or potato soup.

www.mtgileadchurch.net : We are gradually making improvements to our website. I wanted to note this week that you can see the Prayer List on the home page on the right-hand side. This list will of course lag a little bit from the one updated weekly in the church bulletin. I would like to encourage you to access the website and view the list for a reminder of who to pray for on a continual basis.

Words, what we say, should never be taken lightly. We should never speak without considering the importance and strength of words. Words reveal much about the one speaking. Jesus said, *"...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh"* (Matt. 12:34). It is words, the preaching of the gospel, that God has chosen to save (I Cor. 1:21). Man cannot be saved without hearing the gospel (Rom. 10:14). *"Without faith it is impossible to please Him"* (Heb. 11:6). And faith is produced by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17).

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." We have heard this old saying many times. And, while there is a measure of truth in this statement, words do often hurt and cause much harm. Words have great power for good or for evil. They can be building blocks of a loving relationship or they can be used to cause destruction due to anger and resentment. For this reason the truly wise person will learn to discipline his tongue and be prudent in his speech. Words once spoken cannot be taken back. One may repent of harmful words, but the scar will still be there. Lincoln once stated that it is "better to be silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt." In the Proverbs we are told, *"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles"* (Prov. 21:23).

Words are powerful. Again, listen to the Proverbs. *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."* (Proverbs 18:21) *"The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble."* (Proverbs 12:13) Words are revealing. *"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."* (Matthew 12:35) Words can be destructive. *"Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee."* (Proverbs 4:24) *"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul. {8} The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly."* (Proverbs 18:7-8)

As we have seen, Jesus said that the heart is the ultimate source of words. If we wish to control our words we must control our heart. One cannot constantly feed his heart (mind) on wickedness and filth and expect his words to stay pure and clean and right in the sight of God. We should be as careful [of] what we put into our hearts as we are about what we put into our mouths! After all is said and done, we will have to give an account for what we have said. *"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. {37} For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."* (Matthew 12:36-37)

--Paul M. Wilmoth--

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- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

⇒ **Yes!** I want to learn more about the Holy Bible. Please enroll me in the eight lesson FREE Bible Correspondence Course (we even pay for the postage).

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: 1 Corinthians 10:15 - 18 ¹⁵I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. ¹⁸Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study...	9:30am
Morning Worship...	10:05am
Evening Worship...	6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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