

Tidings From Timothy

Local evangelism: Things slow down somewhat in the winter. I like winter as a season but it does put a damper on church work. For that reason, we should give ourselves to more study and meditation during the winter season.

For January I had about 20 visits. Bible Correspondence Courses have picked up some with 4 now active. Brethren, let us get to work and promote Christ and his kingdom in 2006!

Speaking of that, if you want to be a more effective worker for the Lord, Tennessee Bible College is offering a **Leadership Day** on February 25th in Cookeville, TN. Also, they are offering a college credit course for a limited time on Wednesdays at the Rock Valley congregation.

3rd Sunday Fellowship and Singing: Don't forget our special song service next Sunday at 2pm. After that, sing with us again at 6pm and then stay for our fellowship meal if you like. We will have some special activities to honor our older married couples after the meal and we will have activities for the young ones too.

In Honor of our Widows and Widowers: There are some flowers that Connie has purchased which you can pick up after Morning Services this Sunday. Hope you all have a happy Valentines Day.

In Need of Prayer

Your prayers are requested for Floyd Smith, who lives on White St. and is having trouble breathing. Edith Page, Tonya Anderson's grandmother, is now out of the local hospital. Kenneth Billingsley is now to have his medical procedure in March.

Birthdays

Lavanna Billingsley	13 th
Eldrane Proffitt	13 th
Tyler McHenry	14 th
Eddie Rose Bartley	16 th
Kaitlyn Lyon	17 th
Ruby Biggerstaff	18 th
Marshall Isenberg	18 th



UGLINESS AND SOUNDNESS (cont. from last week)

I do not suppose that any one would admit to being ugly, but that does not mean that such is not the case. Paul told Timothy, "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 1:13). Again in I Timothy 1:10, Paul warns of things contrary to sound doctrine. Sound doctrine is healthy teaching. But, one cannot present healthful teaching with an ugly attitude. Using harsh and caustic words is not proof of one's soundness in the faith. In fact, it's the opposite.

Sound doctrine includes Christian courtesy. "Finally, he ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing" (I Peter 3:8). Pleading for unity does not allow for ugliness in doing so. One must be able to discuss differences with compassion, courtesy, pity and love. The purpose of discussing differences is to save souls, not just win an argument.

Recently some in discussing differences with others said they were stupid." If this is not a violation of Matthew 5:22, it is surely getting close to it. "But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall he in danger of the judgment: and that whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall he in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall he in danger of hell fire." If one has the truth, it is not necessary to use words showing contempt for another. It is contrary to the Scripture and denotes a self righteous attitude.

Peter says one is not to "Render evil for evil, or railing for railing." I remember brother Nichols trying to help some brethren heal the division in a congregation. One man and his wife kept calling some other brethren liars. After repeated appeals to get them to cease from such harsh and unchristian language, brother Nichols said, "Do you realize what you are doing? You are guilty of railing and the Bible condemns such."

When one resorts to railing or speaking with contempt of another, it shows a flaw in one's character or else the weakness of one's position. A good example of this is found in John 9. Christ had healed the blind man. The Pharisees were questioning the blind man about his healing. The man had his sight so the Pharisees were on the spot. They could not deny the miracle. They first tried to get around the problem by accusing Christ of violating the Sabbath. But, then, they were confronted with the problem of a sinner performing a miracle. They intimidated the man's parents, but they could not shake the blind man's testimony. They kept pressing him and he said, "I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? Will ye also be His disciples" (John 9:27). That was more than they could take. They had no answer and the man who was healed refused to budge in his testimony. What could they do? "Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art His disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is" (John 9:28-29). The word "reviled" is the same word found in I Peter 2:23. When Christ was reviled, He reviled not again. Christ had the truth. One does not need ugly words to uphold truth. The truth will stand on its own. Abusive language does not prove that one is sound in the faith. Let us teach the truth but not drive people away with ugly words

What Must I do to be saved?

- **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.

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Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; ⁹And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him-Hebrews 5:8-9

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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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