

Let's Visit

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A Little Bird Told Me

Have you ever wondered how people find out things? Those statements we made and things we did which we thought would never be known suddenly become public knowledge, and what we thought was a secret is published abroad. I remember when I was a youngster, I couldn't get away with anything. My mother would find out something I had done and I would wonder how she found out. She always said, "a little bird told me". I must admit, I had my doubts about the validity of that statement until one day I read it in the Bible. *"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."* (Ecclesiastes 10:20)

In reality, most people talk too much about too many things. Usually we talk most about those things that we know the least about. If you will notice the conversation of others, it often centers around self. Sometimes the conversation will wander to someone else, but often only for the fleeting moment it takes to cut him or her down to size, thinking it will build up our own ego. If we knew that what we say would be told to those of whom we talk, most of us would say a lot less. I doubt that any of us have said many things about anyone that they do not know that we said it. Just because a person does not attack us for our mean disposition and acid tongue does not mean that they are unaware of what has been said. A little group is seen huddled together talking in a very low voice. Someone approaches and they scatter like birds before the hunter, vowing that the things that were said must be kept secret. Be assured, they won't be. There is a leak somewhere. In fact, some folks idea of keeping a secret is making sure you only tell it to

one person at a time. You will often find the leak at the very place you did not expect. You will be shocked at first, but it will be a valuable lesson to you. Then you will appreciate the verse cited at the beginning of this article.

Why do people often make unkind statements about others? It is because of a lack of respect for Jesus. Did you know that Jesus said, *"in as much as ye did it unto these my brethren, ye did it to me."*? You can't say hard and harsh things about the followers of Christ, about the church, about your brothers and sisters in Christ without including Jesus in the very statement made. By such actions we help no one. We do not help ourselves or the church. On the contrary, we do great harm to ourselves, to the church, to the person talked about and to the Lord. "Behold we put bits in the horses mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature and is set on fire of Hell." (James 3:3-6). Nothing does more harm

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"Do They Like me "

Our text comes from Romans 12:9-21. We want to be liked, but everyone is not going to like us. We must come to grips with that and realize that what counts is the God love us.

Food Preparation List

It has been several years since we updated the list of those willing to prepare food when someone is sick, has returned from the hospital or we have the need to feed a family here at the building prior to or after a memorial service.

Because it has been so long since that list was updated, we would ask that those who are willing to prepare food for others under these circumstances please see Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien or Norma Perkins. Give them your phone number(s) and e-mail address if applicable and let them know you would be willing to participate in this and help to prepare food. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

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For The Pantry. . . Pasta Sauce

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than a tongue out of control.

Yes, the birds talk. What we say about others will get to them. Most people who have had "catty" and mean things said about them usually find out what was said, the name and address of the person who said it, and the reason it was said. Very embarrassing indeed. What a price to pay for a moments gratification of a sensual nature.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mark your calendar for March 27, 2022

Please put forth every effort to attend the Bible Class Hour at 9:45 on that date.

Brother Trent Davidson from High Plains Children's Home will be our guest that day.

He will be making a presentation during the 9:45 Bible Class Hour on the work at High Plains Children's Home, which is a work that we support financially on a monthly basis.

Please plan to be here to find out more about this work that we are supporting.

On The Lighter Side. . .



"This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed."

Each One Bring One!
52 in '22
Invite Someone Each Week!

Miscellaneous

Save the Date!

May 22, 2022

Our Next Covered Dish Luncheon!

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for June, July & August

We will also have a "Special Celebration"



Make your plans to be here and bring a guest!

CHRISTIANS DON'T TELL LIES THEY JUST GO TO CHURCH AND SING THEM

AW TOZER

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One morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready to go to church. To which he replied, "I'm not going". She asked, "And why not?" He told her, "A lot of those people there don't really like me, some of them don't speak to me and I'm not going." To which she said, "You're 54 years old and you're the preacher so get up and get ready to go!"



Those To Remember In Prayer

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted and Joyce Holt, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims,

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Donna Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece) Gil Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's nephew) back surgery Gayle Foster (Cancer) Dalton Hendrix (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick) Julia Keffer (Bobbi Holder's mother) Laurie King (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer : Bruce Ligon (friend of Tim and Norma Perkins) Liam Martinez (11 months old) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Katilyn Tate (Roxie Bostick's daughter-in-law) Jared and Natalie Bostick (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) Marc Tate (Jana O'Brien's brother) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother) Tina Vaughn - cancer (Sue Hagler's Daughter) Stephen Williams, recovering from surgery.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw Jeremiah Soape and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

Experience is what causes a person to make new mistakes instead of the same old ones.



The Children's Home of Lubbock 'BIG HEART CAMPAIGN'

Remember we are collecting toilet paper for the Children's Home of Lubbock.

As of today we have collected 453 rolls toward our goal of 1,000 rolls.

Thank you for your generosity!



Across The Preacher's Desk

My mother always was one who enjoyed doing “crafty” things. When we were cleaning out her house, we found numerous half-finished projects. Things like purses being made from lunch boxes, wooden trays to be painted, pictures she was going to decoupage and, well, you get the idea. If we are honest, all of us have a number of “unfinished projects” of our own. It seems we “run out of time”.

Perhaps one of the saddest of our “unfinished projects” are the things we were going to do in the service of the Lord. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount said, “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven”. (Matthew 5:16) Sadly, for most of us, the passage should read “our good intentions” rather than our good works. We tend to be more like what Paul wrote in Romans 7:19, “For I do not do the good I want” (ESV).

In all of our lives, there are good things and deeds of kindness we intended to do that we have failed to do. Let's realize that we seldom accomplish all the good things we plan to do. It's not that we are bad people, it's not that we don't care, it's just that somehow we run out of time and we leave things unfinished. So, we need to resolve to do better tomorrow than we did today and we need to be loving and understanding toward others who have failed in the same way we have.

it's something to think about. . . .tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
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52 in '22!**