

Let's Visit

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Compliments of Jesus

The general character of Jesus was such that he was a man of few words. If you were to ask him the time, He was not one of those who would tell you how to make a watch. Jesus also was not one who used flattery or exaggeration.

Though the complimentary things Jesus said were few, they were not superficial. Now, let's be honest. All of us appreciate a compliment provided it is sincere. In fact, we actually cannot get enough of them. I don't mean the kind of compliment we usually refer to as a "left-handed" compliment. You know the kind. Someone says to you, "That's been a good old suit. If those ever come back in style, I'm going to get me one." But you see, when Jesus gave someone a compliment, it had nothing to do with their clothing or style. It had to do with their heart and their character.

When Jesus first met Nathaniel, he said of him, *"behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile"* (John 1:47). There might have been a lot of other things Jesus could have said. He might have said that some were Israelites only in appearance. Perhaps he could have said some were Israelites according to the flesh. Some were only nominal Israelites. They offered sacrifices of repentance yet were not willing to change themselves. They came to the temple to worship but it was a hollow ritual. There were many who praised in public and were ungodly in private. Yet, when Jesus saw Nathaniel, he saw a man in whom there was nothing false. He saw a man who had no desire to deceive others. The fact that Jesus could see into his heart caused Nathaniel to marvel and he confessed his faith in Jesus as the son of God. It was then that Jesus told him that bigger and better things were coming (John 1:50).

Another that Jesus had high praise for was John the Baptist. There was a time that John found his faith weak. He was in prison because he had condemned the unholy marriage of Herod to Herodias. John sent his disciples to Jesus to ask if Jesus was the one or if they should look for another. John had been sent to prepare the way for Jesus. It was John who introduced Andrew to Jesus. Jesus told them that those who went out to see John saw a prophet and much more than a prophet. He said this about John, *"Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist."* (Luke 7:28)

We could also mention Mary and the dinner in the home of Simon the Pharisee. She washed Jesus' feet with her tears and anointed them with expensive ointment. When she was criticized, Jesus told them to leave her alone because she had done what she could.

Yet, the words I want to hear the Master speak to me are in that story of the judgment in Matthew 25. The man with 2 talents and the man with 5 talents were both told, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:23). When life is over and I stand before God in judgment, I want to hear those words. Yet, for us to hear those words, we must live God's kind of life. How are we doing with that?

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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

"Pentecost – What Just Happened Here?"

Our text comes from Acts 2:12. Sometimes we get so caught up in the "miracles" of Pentecost that we miss the really important thing that took place.

FOR THE PANTRY....

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The Work Of The Preacher

Somewhere between the call of God and in the heart of the hospital there exists a specialist in everything and variously called a preacher or a minister. He is a hero to his wife, a stranger to his children, a fine boy to his mother and an easy touch to the down and outer. He is a name on the mailing list of hundreds of agencies and organizations and an example to the flock.

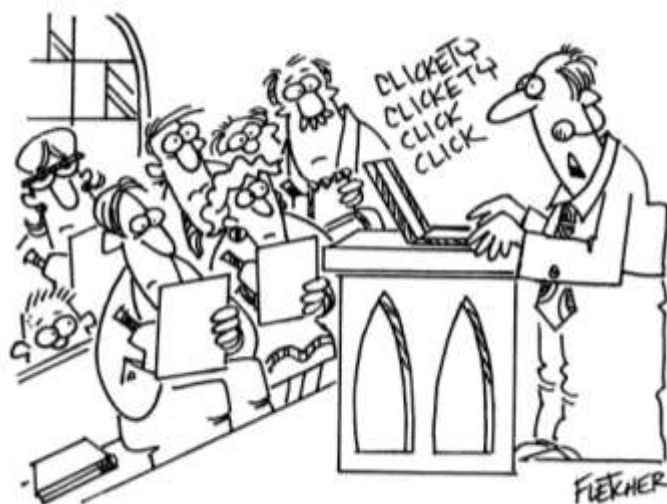
To some he is a fuddy-duddy, to some he is a stuffed shirt, to some he is a character who never enjoys life by "living it up". To some he is a guy who has nothing to do but preach two thirty minute sermons a week. To others he is a person in whose presence you must not cuss, drink or smoke. To some he is a dear friend.

When death hovers near he is the one whose ministry continues when the medics have done all they can do. He is the one who marries young lovers, prays with the sick and buries the dead and yet can't find time to fix his wife's broken chair. He is a promoter, a public relations director, a public orator, an errand boy, typist, file clerk, a writer, business executive, prophet, counselor, bookworm, diplomat, human being (believe it or not) singer, planner, pusher and puller.

Many nights are spent visiting and doing "little" things that need attention. He is concerned about the church and its progress, its failures, its faults and how he a preacher can do a better work in the task he is undertaking. The preacher has many headaches and heartaches and problems that do not concern the average member and which they never know. He wrestles many times for solutions to the problems of many who have come to him for help and advice and counsel. So the preacher is many in one. He is supposed to know what to do, what to say, when to say it and how to say it on all occasions. To understand the work of a preacher to appreciate him. He wants no pity. However, please be patient, understanding and helpful. Remember, he doesn't have a minister!

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On The Lighter Side....



**... and let's change the second point
of my sermon outline to "Plan Ahead
For Excellence."**

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***Never insult an alligator until after you have
crossed the river.***

***Worry is a dog chasing his tail. Remorse is when
he catches it. Despair is when he bites it off.***

Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON!

Sunday June 6th



Invite Your Friends!

Let's plan to have a wonderful time of worship and fellowship!

Our Goal – 53 In Attendance!

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"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." James 1:27

CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK. . .

The representative from The Children's Home of Lubbock will be here on Thursday of this week to pick up the toilet paper we have been collecting for them. As of "press time" we have 635 rolls of toilet paper. You are to be congratulated for your generosity and commitment to this good cause!

Remember the other good works we are doing. .

We send money each month to two children's homes:

High Plains Children's Home – Amarillo, TX.
Cherokee Children's Home – Cherokee, TX.

We send groceries to Sunny Glen in May and November of each year when their truck comes.

We send money each month to support the work of the television program, "IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY".

THOSE WITH ONGOING NEEDS:

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Ted and Joyce Holt, Betty Miller, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Melvin Williams

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Donna Boullion (Ted and Joyce Holt's niece)
Cody Butler (Debra Pate's grandson) Paul Cocklin (co-worker of Norma Perkins) Sharon Connot (friend of the Perkins') Peyton Cook (Betty Miller's great-granddaughter) B. B. Cox (recovering from Heart Surgery) Gracie Elam (6 month old baby recovering from heart surgery) Keeth Fontenot (Debra Pate's son) undergoing tests for s suspicious know on his neck Dalton Hendrix (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Jared and Natalie Tate (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother) Jo Windham (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Lucas Tate

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

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

9:45 a.m.

"Paul's Prison Epistles – Colossians"

Mid-Week Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening

"The One Word Bible Study"

Please come and join us in these weekly activities.



Across The Preacher's Desk

To my mind, "Sonnets From The Portuguese" is one of the most beautiful works to come from the pen of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. The most familiar passage from that great work reads, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." My favorite is a bit more obscure.

Hidden among the lines of the poem are these words, "The face of all the world is changed, I think, since first I heard the footsteps of thy soul". Of course, this poem was a love poem. It was written by a woman to the man of her choice. My friends, those words have a spiritual application to those who are followers of Jesus Christ.

You see, Jesus has the power to transform lives. There are many examples in the New Testament of those whose lives were never the same since they first heard the footsteps of Jesus in their soul. Think of the sinful woman dragged before Jesus early one morning, caught in adultery. What about the Jewish ruler, Nicodemus who came to see Jesus late one night? There was the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed. Then there were the two tax collectors, Matthew and Zacchaeus along with those nameless souls who were healed of their various infirmities.

When we truly come to know Jesus Christ, our lives will never be the same either. If our lives have not been transformed by Jesus, then maybe we have never made Him the Lord and Master of our lives. Perhaps it's time for us to fully surrender our stubborn will to His.

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

Invite Your Friends...

***To join us for Worship
and Pot Luck
June 6th!***