



LET'S VISIT

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YES. . . BUT. . .

Do you want to ruin someone's reputation, backbite with the tongue or slow the progress of the church? If that is your desire, here is a choice word to add to your vocabulary. This little word "but" has done much evil in its day, and sadly it is destined to do much more. In the mouth of the person who has a desire to harm others, this little word is a choice weapon. Let's see some ways it is used and then perhaps we will know how to keep from being hurt by its subtle use.

Let's say that the conversation is about a certain congregation of the Lord's people. The conversation may have come to this by accident, or it may have been directed to this subject. Nothing can be said that is actually wrong. The work of the group speaks for itself. However, if someone wants to start some thinking in the wrong direction, they might say, "I know they seem to be getting along fine, the offering is good, and the attendance is good, but there is something wrong over there. You mark my word, it will come out sooner or later. I can't say what it is, but I know there is something wrong." My friends, anyone ought to be able to see the design of this kind of low down talk. Unfortunately, there are souls that are so trusting that they fail to understand that there are many who have the disease that calls forth such statements. If they happen to be good people, it only bothers them for a short while until they learn better. If they happen to know the weakness of the person, they mark it down as another sign of a growing insanity. If they are like the person making the statement, then they join in with this kind of destructive conversation.

Yet, conversations are not always about congregations when such methods are used. They

may turn in the direction of some individual in the Lord's family. It may be the preacher, one of the bible class teachers, or one of the leaders in the congregation. Whoever it is, this person is out to do them harm. The words might sound something like this "I know he (she) seems to be a good person, but he (she) has you fooled. He (she) has you under his (her) thumb. Some day you will get your eyes open". Such statements are designed to cause a person to believe that they are not being treated right, to think they are being used. Of course, the one wanting to use them is now on the job, but this is concealed for the moment to a few unsuspecting souls. Also, if you get a person thinking that someone thinks he has them under their thumb, they will assert their independence. A great deal of grief will be the result, but the trouble maker will have done his or her job.

Sadly, people do not always work alone in matters such as this. They may have several that they use in such situations. Sometimes we find a husband and wife team. I have known men who had their wives do most of the dirty work in this kind of thing while they tried to make a very humble and soft-hearted appearance. Such people must always be watched.

The Lord said "evil men would wax worse and worse." The church has always had to be on guard.

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - 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



What Is Involved In Salvation?

For The Pantry. . .

October 4 – Mr. Clean or Fabuloso



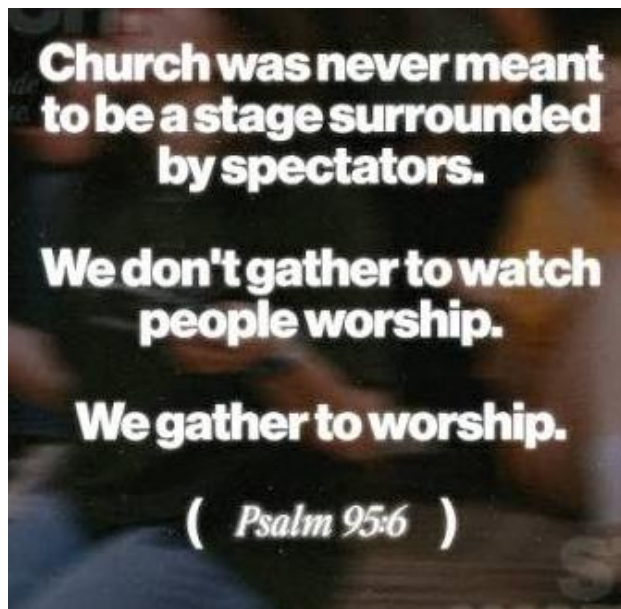
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The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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against people such as this. Each time the church failed it has suffered. It is often those who are attempting to be very humble and "love everybody" that have done the most harm to the church. When you hear someone who is always saying, "yes. . . but. . ." be careful what you say around him or her

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On The Lighter Side. . .



"...AND COULD YOU HELP MY TEACHER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?"

Are You Starving Too?

A party of engineers became lost in the African forest. Their supply of food was exhausted. They found berries that satisfied their appetites. They ate them for several days, but became weaker and weaker.

One after another, they began to die. When help came, there was only one left to tell the sad story. They berries they had eaten were analyzed and found to be absolutely worthless as food. Their appetites had been satisfied, but they were starving to death.

Many people are like those engineers when it comes to spiritual life. They feast on the world's dainties and spoil their appetites for the true "break of heaven." With one thing or another, they satisfy themselves on a food which lets them starve for lack of spiritual value.

-Just A Moment



MAKE YOUR PLANS TO BE HERE!

December 6, 2026

We will be having a covered dish luncheon following the morning worship.



**Wednesday
FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

Those who were present had an enjoyable time of fellowship together this past Wednesday as we shared our meal and then spent the time in singing. Our next Wednesday night fellowship meal is scheduled for October 28, 2026.

If you don't want to come and share the meal, **PLEASE** plan to come and join us for the singing.

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There will be a men's business meeting today, **October 4, 2026** in the church offices immediately following the morning worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) **Leslie Adams** (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Norma Cortez** (Manny Ortiz mother) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Pat & William Ford** (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Doug "Goob" Milford** (cousin of Amanda Molloy) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **Harold Wiggins** (Stephen Wiggins father) **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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Communion Preparation - October
Isaiah & Amanda Molloy

Please Take Note...

This is a request for your help and cooperation. When the services are over, please take note of the area around you. We are asking for you to help us by making sure you take your bulletin and order of worship with you, put the song book back in the rack and help us keep the auditorium neat and tidy. Your help will be sincerely appreciated.



Across The Preacher's Desk

According to the teachings of Jesus, every person is going through one of two gates. Either they are choosing to enter the narrow gate and the narrow way or they are choosing the broad way which leads through the broad gate.

Of course, these two ideas represent two ways of life. One is the way of good while the other is the way of evil. The thought taught by Jesus in Matthew 7 is that more people will follow the easy, popular way of life than the one prescribed in the scriptures.

This teaching is harmonious with another of the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 22:14. Here he says, "For many shall be called, but few chosen." That indicates that there will be only a few people who are interested in the Lord's way enough to follow it and be saved. Jesus makes his call this way, "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in there at. Because straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it."

Jesus is warning people to be very careful how they live. Too many people, who may think they are on the narrow path, might be surprised to find themselves on the broad way. Jesus wants everyone saved, but he must have the cooperation of every person who wants to be saved, before he can confirm them before the great judgment bar at the end of all things.

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

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
Will you?**