

I'll Keep On Till They Quit

There once was an older man who went out jogging. He was running around a track that circled the high school football field while the team was conducting their practice. When the football players began running their sprints up and down the field, the man said to himself, "I'll just keep running until they quit." So they ran. And he ran. And they kept on running. So he kept on running. Finally, in total exhaustion the man had to stop. When he stopped, an equally exhausted football player walked over to him and said, "Boy, I'm glad you finally stopped, mister. Our coach told us that we had to keep running wind sprints as long as the old guy was jogging!"

It seems to me that we can sometimes find ourselves in a similar kind of situation when it comes to anger and conflict. We have a disagreement with someone and get into an argument. Voices get raised. Neither side wants to be the first to give in, to stop speaking in anger. Everyone has the attitude, "I'll just keep on till they quit." So the other party stays mad. So we stay mad. And on we go, eventually finding ourselves emotionally and even physically exhausted by the ongoing animosity.

Let me challenge you to do something very difficult. The next time you get in an argument, be the first to give in. Be the first to stop the yelling and the name-calling. Be the first to say, "I'm sorry." It's the quickest way to stop the vicious cycle.

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

Alan Smith via church of Christ Massillon, OH

Dare to be Different

I remember a book we used in 4-H some years ago titled, "Dare to be Different." What a challenge this is to Christians today. Dare to speak out for the Lord; dare to do what is right when society says sin is okay; dare to grow in knowledge of God's Word - and live by it; dare to invite others to attend worship; dare to care about others and about the church of Jesus Christ. One thing is sure, we can't live like the world and make it to heaven. The world travels the wide road, but it's the wrong road (Matt 7:13,14). Dare to be different!

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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You Won't Recognize a Thing

Shortly after World War II, a vice-president of General Motors made a business trip to England. Vauxhall, a subsidiary of General Motors, offered him a car and driver.

"Where do you want to go, governor," the driver asked. "I'd very much like to see the parish at Standerstead in the city of Croydon where my folks came from," came the answer. Thinking the man meant his parents, the driver asked, "When did your folks leave England?" The answer came back, "In 1635." The driver thought for a minute and then replied, "You won't recognize a thing."

If you read the biblical account of the only church mentioned in the New Testament and view the religious spectacle today, that is a very appropriate statement—"You won't recognize a thing" as you see the different forms and faces of religion. You might even wonder how could Bible readers ever develop the churches of today? There is not a slight resemblance to the New Testament church.

Would Jesus Himself recognize His church today? He promised to return to receive His bride forever. Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2).

There can be but one church that has remained in virgin purity—the church that bears His name and follows faithful the pattern laid out in the New Testament by inspiration.

Since Jesus is coming for but one bride, would it not behoove an honest and sincere person to be sure to be in it? How to be in it? Simply read the directions given in the New Testament and when you obey Christ, He will add you to it. (Acts 2:28-47).

Those to Serve

(B) Jeffrey Burks FV) Vernon Houts

(O) Jack Wall (A) Kyle Stifflemire

1st prayer Judd Wall 2nd prayer Doug Pruett

Announcements: Calvin Burks Singing: Mike Mallett

Prayer list: Mildred Lovell, Darrell Debo, Naomi Wall, Gene Payne, , Lloyd Crownover, Pray for our nation, our Troops and Law Enforcement

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STILL STANDING!

Despised and torn to pieces,
By infidels decried,
The thunderbolts of hatred,
The haughty cynic's pride
All these have railed against it,
In this and other lands;
Yet dynasties have fallen,
And still the Bible stands!

Author Unknown

Happy Birthday

To

Jeffrey Burks, February 7th

Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?
THOMAS JEFFERSON

Dates to Remember

Jan 31st Fellowship Meal

Feb 7th Mission Sunday

Feb 14th Valentine's Day

Feb 15th President's Day

If there are any teachers that are needing a break or those that would like the opportunity to teach a bible class please contact one of the men of the congregation.