

Always Saying the Right Thing

Have you ever meant to say something that didn't come out just the way you wanted it to? Being a preacher, it seems that I have a constant problem of "foot in mouth". I have heard other folks do the same thing. Sometimes a word of correction came off much harsher than we had intended.

I received this story from a friend of mine in Missouri (Raymond), which illustrates the problem. A bashful young man asked a friend for advice on what to talk about on a date. The friend said to flatter the girl. "Tell her when you see her face, time stands still." What the rattled young man said to his date was, "Your face would stop a clock."

How do you get into messes like that? More important, how do you get out again? Most of the time it is as simple as saying, "I'm sorry, that was not what I meant to say." Notice what Paul writes in Colossians 4:6: "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt..." I don't know about you, but I need an almost constant reminding of that principle. Why? Because I often don't do so well at accomplishing it. May our God guide you in all that you think and say!

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God's Word Does Not Return Void

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Has it ever occurred to you that if we wanted to judge the Lord's effectiveness as a teacher, we probably wouldn't want to look at His disciples around the time of His crucifixion...

Why not? Consider:

1. One of His disciples [Judas] betrayed Him and then committed suicide (Mark 14:10, 11, 18; Matt. 27:3-5).
2. Another disciple [Peter] tried to start a fight, denied even knowing Jesus, and then cursed when some suggested that he was a follower (Matt. 26:51, 52; 69-75).
3. All of His disciples forsook Him and fled (Mark 14:50).

Of course, it is helpful to "look on down the line" and see these same men days and years after the crucifixion. The twelve were *boldly preaching Christ* as the resurrected Lord (Acts 4:13, 18, 19, 31; 9:29; 14:3; 19:8).

Thought: Bible teacher, when results aren't immediately forthcoming, when you wonder if you're making any impact, and when you're ready to "throw in the towel" because it seems that nobody is listening, it is then that you must not give up! Remember, it takes a while before the farmer sees the fruit of his labor.

¹⁰*For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it"* Isaiah 55:10, 11

⁷*Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. James. 5:7*

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Ernie Marshall
 Scripture John Keaton
 Sermon Irvin Williams
 Lord's Supper
 Message Greg Blanton
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 Attendant Grover Blanton
 Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

PM Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
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 Closing Prayer Jerry Montgomery

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Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:11

If unable to serve please call: Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511

Orphan Sunday Offering

The Hamburg Pike elders have decided to dedicate the entire offering on November 17 to orphanages in impoverished countries. On this special day, the congregation is challenged to give the biggest weekly offering in our 15-month history. To date, our largest Sunday contribution was \$3,581.30, the amount donated on June 11, 2013.

Church members are also invited to wait until the end of the morning service on November 17 to determine the amount of their offerings. Generally, faithful Christians give each week as they “prosper” (1 Cor. 16:2) and as they have budgeted. The Bible says that “each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). However, a pressing need may move the heart of loving people to make special offerings.

In the Jerusalem congregation, for instance, some of the new converts were penniless. Their brothers and sisters saw the need, felt compassion, and took action to relieve the distress. Owners of “lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need” (Acts 4:34-35). Selling valuable property and donating the proceeds cannot be repeated on the first day of every week. These generous gifts were unbudgeted, special offerings.

No one, of course, is required to give more on Orphan Sunday than his budgeted amount. Every donation to the church is to be strictly voluntary. Paul commended the churches of Macedonia for giving “beyond their means, of their own free will” (2 Cor. 8:3).

But if you want to participate in this special challenge, then consider the following suggestion: Bring an offering check with everything filled out except the amount. Toward the end of the morning service—and just before the collection—you will be given a moment to finish writing your check. This will give everyone the exciting opportunity to respond from the heart to the Orphan Sunday presentation.

Sermon

Matthew 28:18-20

Personal Evangelism (a.m.)

Kyle Butt & Blair Scott Debate - Part 2 (p.m.)

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), MARTIN BONNEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Bernie Jackson (Harold), Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THERESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Matt Bartram, Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Zach West, Jeremy Whitlow

Hamburg Pike Happenings

This Sunday evening (Nov. 10), we will be watching part 2 of Kyle Butt's debate with prominent atheist Blair Scott. The showing of the debate DVD will be preceded by an abbreviated service (consisting of announcements, a devotional message, an invitation hymn, observance of the Lord's Supper for those who missed the morning service and a final prayer). You don't want to miss this. You especially don't want your kids to miss it. Bring your friends and neighbors. Seeing this debate is a faith-building experience.

MNM will meet Monday November 11th at 6 p.m. We encourage you to participate in this good work. Our menu theme is Mexican; please sign the sheet if you are planning to attend.

Sunday Nov 17th is “Orphan Sunday”. The contribution that day will be devoted to orphans in 10-12 different countries. Please read James 1:27 and pray regarding the “Orphan Sunday” collection.

We are putting together packages to send to missionaries in China. The packages need to be completed within the next 2 weeks in order to get them by the holidays. The contents needed for each are listed on the bulletin board. Please see Liz Blanton for further details.

Congratulations to Hank and Cassie Tinchler who announced they are expecting their first child in June 2014.

Thoughts for personal work

- Not all of us can go to distant lands on missionary work, but we can go on a local mission; our neighbor next door.
- Be aware of those around you, “Soul Awareness.” Matt. 9:36 “When He (Jesus) saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd.”
- Teaching is a privilege and represents the primary purpose in a Christian's life.
- We are saved to save others, found to find others, and taught to teach others.