

YOU CAN AT LEAST LOOK WISE

Proverbs 17:27, 28

He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is considered prudent.

One of life's great ironies is that some Christians boast about their lack of self-control. That sounds strange, doesn't it? Think about that for a moment. Have you not heard Christians say "I just say whatever is on my mind?" Where is the virtue in that? How is that like Christ in any way?

The wise man said that "he who restrains his words has knowledge." Consider the opposite, if you lack the ability or the willingness to restrain your words, you do not have knowledge. Verse 28 is even more to the point; "even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is considered wise."

If one is to believe what the Bible says, when I boast about not controlling what I say, I'm boasting about lacking wisdom. Is that something of which we should be proud or something of which we should repent?

Why is it that someone who says whatever comes to mind, regardless of how hurtful it may be, is admired? What is the attraction in an obvious lack of wisdom? What is admirable about a lack of restraint? "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18:21).

--Ron Harper--

A Tree Limb Christian

John 15:5-6

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered. And they gather and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”

It's true. Jesus does say, “I am the vine and you are the branches.” As a branch, our job is twofold: 1) be attached to the vine, Jesus, and 2) bear fruit. There's only one tiny problem. Sometimes we feel like a branch struck by lightning. The stresses of life and the intensity of the storm cause us to forget our roots in whom we are set, and thus we feel as if we are hanging by a thread (or splinter...however you decide to picture it). Jesus says it very plainly here when he says, “for without me you can do nothing.” As part of this vine, do we really rely on our source when the winds and lightning seem to want to tear us away? It is a beautiful picture to know that Jesus **wants** to hold onto us as much as we **need** to hold onto him. This is true both in the storms and in the sunshine.

There is one way we can become separated from the true vine as described in these verses. That consequence comes if we are not bearing fruit. In today's society, the roll of the “spiritual fruit bearer” often falls on the elders, deacons, and ministers. However, that is not the example we see from the early church or from Jesus. Each person did *what they could* and *what they were authorized to do* in order to spread the gospel of Jesus and enhance his kingdom. In the early chapters of the book of Acts, the inspired writer (likely Luke) describes the church as having all things common (Acts 2:44). In other words, it wasn't just the apostles who were fulfilling spiritual tasks. It took everyone.

Maybe today as you read this article you feel as if lightning and wind has snapped you from the vine. I encourage you to remember your roots and grow back stronger and as part of the true vine from whom you split. Perhaps you aren't bearing fruit or using your abilities to your greatest potential. If that is the case, GET TO WORK! Jesus needs you active in the church. Regardless of how you work, remember, Jesus wants you!

Joshua Houston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SICK:

Danny Webb, Willis Clark, Nell Jernigan

TAKING TREATMENTS:

Lois Arnold

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Wayne Mobbs, Marie Fleming, Lorene Maddox, Selma Boyd, Janneil Brown, Gerald Wiseman, Jeanie Young, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson, Ernestine Taylor, Janneil Brown, Kinley Mobbs, Jackie Sims, Danny Webb

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

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MILITARY:

Tony Berry

NEWS & NOTES

***Pew Packers** today @ 5:15 p.m.

***Visitation Team 1** meal today after morning Bible class.

***Tonight** – There will be a youth/college devotional at the home of Chip Adkins, Joey Trevathan, and Ryan Glidden after evening services. Jared Glidden will be speaking.

***TNT's** (Thursday nights together) will be June 9th and 23rd, July 14th and 28th. Each TNT will have a guest speaker. The theme for this year's TNT's is "True Story".

***MYM** – Monday, June 6th @ 7p.m. East Main church of Christ. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

***Concord Road Church of Christ** - Area-Wide singing for College Age and Young Professionals on Saturday, June 11th.

***4-man Golf Scramble** on June 18th at Champions Run Golf Course. It will start at 1:30 and the cost will be \$45 per person. Please give payment to Robert McKnight today.

***Inner City**- the cost per camper is \$125 or less would be fine. Money is due by Wednesday, June 8th to Fred Rogers. Make checks out to Murfreesboro Inner City church of Christ.

*We have **27 people** going to Nicaragua and they would love to receive cards of encouragement. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Cards are due by Wednesday, June 15th.

***The Middle Tennessee Christian School Golf Classic** will be held at Champions Run Golf Course on Friday, June 24th. The cost is \$100 per player, \$400 per team. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Go to mtcscouagrs.org for all the details or call 615-893-0601 ext. 114

IN MEMORY DONATIONS

We have received donations In Memory of **Jane Smith** to the Scholarship Fund by the following:

***Dean Thompson**

***Rich & Phyl Love**

There will be a Baby Basket Shower for

Jason & Tori Melhorn

They are expecting a baby boy.

The basket will be located in the foyer near the kitchen.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
 Morning Worship 9:00 am
 Bible Classes 10:15 am
 Evening Worship 5:30 pm

Wednesday
 Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May) 10:00 am
 Evening Bible Classes 6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
 Jim Hatfield
 Jon Holland
 Andy Mitchell
 Randall Phifer
 Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Larry Benson Andy Melton
 Michael Bowman Brian Melton
 Craig Buckner Alan Pepper
 Bob Hoover Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

May 29, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	210
	Bible classes	147
	PM worship	96
	Contribution	\$5,268.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	124
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
 15 minutes prior to services!*



June 5

Regenia Grissom Louise Smithson

June 12

Dorothy Stroop Dean Thompson

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!