

THE REVELATION OF WORDS

Matthew 15:18, 19

But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slander.

Words really do matter. They matter because they often reveal our true character. Pay attention to someone and "the things that proceed out of their mouth." That can be very educational.

I understand all of the old clichés like "actions speak louder than words" but even in cases where that apply, the spoken words reveal one's character. A statement like that is usually made when one's actions contradict what they profess. In that case their words reveal them to be a dishonest or insincere person.

Do my words reveal a heart that has a tendency toward sexual morality? Do they reveal covetousness? What does it reveal about my inner-self when I slander someone or bear false witness?

Perhaps my words reveal a lack of self-restraint. They may demonstrate that I am arrogant and prideful. Do they indicate a failure to respect the feelings of other people? Do they show that I am a man of poor judgment?

My words may also reveal that I am an encourager that I really want to see others do well. My words can show a love for those who are lost and need Christ. My words really do reveal a lot about me.

--Ron Harper--

Who Let The Dogs Out?

“Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.” Proverbs 26:11

Albert Einstein is quoted as saying, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results.” He is not wrong. Thomas Edison understood that perfectly, especially in his attempt to invent the incandescent light bulb. It took Edison one thousand tries to make a working light bulb; however, this meant he had to make at least one thousand (or more) changes in his attempt to create what we now use every day. If he had not made those changes, his efforts would have profited nothing.

Why is it that we don't take this advice when it comes to sin? We are so quick to repeat the same sin over and over again until we forget the act is even sinful. We may even ask for prayers and help in our struggles but we continue to go to the same places and do the same things as we did before. We are like what the proverb writer illustrates. We are like a dog continually returning to its vomit. Let's be honest, that's not a pretty picture. Furthermore, the term used for one who commits this action of returning to the vomit is a “fool.” If you continue to read the book of Proverbs, you will find there is nothing good said about a fool or the things he does.

Paul writes in Romans 6, “Shall we continue in sin so grace may abound.” The answer: CERTAINLY NOT (Romans 6:1-2). Friends, if we are sinning and constantly returning to the sin, we are no better off than a dog returning to its vomit. We are fools. We are sinners. However, we can be forgiven and we can make a change. We are not to continue in sin or be fools. We are to be Christ in this world.

Joshua Houston

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Wayne Mobbs, Marie Fleming, Lorene Maddox, Selma Boyd, Jeanie Young, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson, Janneil Brown, Sue Reeves, Willis Clark, Bob Hoover & family, Lois Arnold, Lukah Story, Kitty Bush, Nora Fann, Chris Martin

TAKING TREATMENTS:

Lois Arnold

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann* Nell Jernigan*

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NHC: Lizzie Bush, Geri Melton*, Sue Reeves*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Margaret Davidson*, Jeweldean Hall*, Virgie Leonard*, Louise McKnight*, Ernestine Taylor*, Laura Wiser*, Lillian Whitworth, Edna Vance*

MILITARY:

Tony Berry

• Sympathy is expressed to the family of **Martha Fox**. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, August 10th. She was the mother in law of **Nettie Fox** and grandmother of **Elizabeth Fox**.

• **Men's Devo** – Monday, August 15th at the home of Jeff Glidden at 7 pm.

• **Louise Smithson** is scheduled to have hip surgery on Wednesday, August 17th.

• A **Senior Saints** meal is planned for **Saturday, August 27th** at 4 pm at the Bell Buckle Café. Please sign the list in the foyer, if you plan to attend.

• Please notice on the bulletin board in the foyer, several activities hosted by area congregations.

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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

Rick Acklin
 Larry Benson
 Michael Bowman
 Craig Buckner
 Joe Byars
 Rick Corum

Bob Hoover
 Andy Melton
 Brian Melton
 Alan Pepper
 Wendell Wilson

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!

FOR THE RECORD

August 7, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	232
	Bible classes	165
	PM worship	145
	Contribution	\$5,792.57

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	110
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)

GREETERS

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



August 14

Keith & Margaret Short

August 21

Regenia Grissom Dean Thompson