



Life Lines

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SATAN GOES TO CHURCH

By Jim Davis
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“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”(I Peter 5:8-9)

An old legend relates that a pious man met Satan on Sunday coming out of the church building.

“What are you doing here?” asked the man. “I thought you never set foot inside a church building.”

“Oh, yes,” answered Satan, “Where there is praying and preaching against me, I must see to it that I do not lose too many souls.”

“How do you do that?” inquired the man.

“Oh, I have my own methods, which work very well.” And the devil went on to explain.

“I set the young ladies’ eyes wandering over their neighbor’s hair and dresses, and soon the spirit of worship is gone. I persuade some to look at the cute

little babies so that they do not hear anything of the Word that is proclaimed. I arrange for the housewives to be more occupied in thinking of food they must prepare and the household chores they must do rather than reflect on Jesus’ death on the cross. I turn men’s thoughts to their business, paying their bills, and how they are going to spend the afternoon. And most of all, I help the hearers to interpret every word of the sermon so that it concerns only his neighbor. I also convince many that the only part of worship is the Lord’s Supper, and they don’t have to sing praise to God, give of their earnings or listen to the sermon. I even convince many to just take the Lord’s Supper and leave, making them feel as if they have done their duty to God in worship. I even convince many that they don’t have to go to church at all. Just worship God at the lake, in the park or on television. I am good at what I do, and come to church every time the church meets so I can find more converts to my religion. I look for those who are weak, those who are selfish and those who just want to find fault with everything the church does. You might be surprised at how many people come to church just to make

themselves look good, but are not really interested in spiritual matters. In fact, they are my best recruiters, because they help me find more soul for my eternal kingdom.”

“Yes, I go to church, because I already own the souls of those who don’t.”

How is the devil doing with you?

Has he convinced you that being faithful to God is not important?

Does he turn your heart away with worldly distractions?

Has he made you feel comfortable in sin?

Has he succeeded in turning your heart away from worship to God and in the service of His kingdom?

Remember he walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Yes, Satan goes to church.

The Best Gifts to Give

To your friends – loyalty,
To your enemy – forgiveness,
To your boss – service,
To a child – a good example,
To your parents – gratitude and devotion,
To your mate – love and faithfulness,
To all men and women – charity,
To your God – your life!

Sent In By: Iris Bates, Springdale, AR

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

A Christian Disposition

The effect that Christ has on the lives of true Christians goes further than just eliminating evil. The Lord's influence should extend even to changing our attitudes, personalities and dispositions. Let's notice a few qualities that should permeate the Christian Disposition:

The Christian Disposition should be KIND. Kindness is sympathy and love in action. ". . . put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you." (Colossians 3:12-13)

The Christian Disposition is FORGIVING. Forgiveness is the scent flowers give off when they are trampled. The true Christian will learn to forgive and forget. "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." (Matthew 6:12)

The Christian Disposition is PEACEABLE. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers . . ." (Matthew 5:9)

The Christian Disposition is APPRECIATIVE. Ingratitude is a despicable trait. All of us should recognize the power of a simple "thank you." "As He entered a village 10 leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When He saw them, He said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they were going, they were cleansed. Now one of them when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God in a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him . . . Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine - where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?'" (Luke 17:12-19)

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Remember Our Sick

Daisy Hogins Anderson - cancer no longer in remission.

Shirley Chadwick - gall-bladder surgery November 30th.

Charles Hickey - extreme pain, needs our prayers.

David Walters - colon test negative.

Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area:

Bernice Brown

Evelyn Burton

Sandra Mooney

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer,

Pauline Whorton

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter and Thelma Arcynski, Twila Bench, Lawrence Boley, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Jamie Churchill, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Jonathon Elmore, Charles Ensey, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Forehand, Rebecca Gray, Sue Griffin, Robert and Rose Lee, True McCabe, Jannie Myers, Charles Proctor, Jonathon Roberts, Annie Robinson, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Stone Family, Lela Beth Wallace, Ahishi Web and Elsie Youngerman.

Special Children: Bethaney Beasley, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

A Christian Disposition - continued from column 1, same page -

The Christian Disposition is FAIR. The golden rule demands that we treat everyone fairly. (Matt 7:12) "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

May God grant us to be "Christian" in disposition as well as doctrine!

Bobby Dockery
Bulletin Digest

CRACKED POT

An elderly woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the house. But the cracked pot arrived only half full. This went on daily for two years.

The perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. Thus, it perceived to be a bitter failure.

One day the cracked pot spoke to the woman when they were at the stream. "I am ashamed of myself because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The woman smiled, "Did you notice there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. With out you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding

We must take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

Sent In By Iris Bates
Springdale, Arkansas

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Adult Christmas Party

December 2, 6:00 PM
Host/Hostess:
Allen and Marilyn
Veasman

Bring Santa a Gift!
(for the Santa Game)

POTLUCK

Meat Dish Furnished.
Indicate on the Sign-up
sheet the dish you would
like to bring.

Come! Join in the Fun and
Fellowship!!

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Youth Devo
Sunday, After Evening
Services, December 3,
Host/Hostess
Randall and Diane Walters

Men's Business
Meeting
Monday, 7:00 PM
December 4,
Dover Church of Christ

Men's Devo
December 14
Thursday, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Please Remember we are
still feeding families in our
community.
Can foods, etc. needed for
the Dover Church of Christ
food pantry.
Also, for the Southern
Christian Home Truck that
will be here in December.

Prayers and Sympathy for
the family of Sam Jones
who passed away,
Monday, November 13,
2006.

December Birthdays

01 Leigh Anne Forehand
04 Steve Bates
06 Presley Williams
08 Suzanne Helton
16 Athel Hill
22 Alayna Williams
23 Jamie Statler
Cara Williams
28 Betty Walters
29 Lawrence Boley

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The SEARCH Program
can now be accessed at any
time on its website:
www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly
lesson can be heard and
viewed in this area on
KARK, Channel 4,
Sunday, 7:30 AM.

Dover Ladies Christmas Party

December 21, 2006
Thursday, 6:00 PM
Hostess: Leota Hickey

THOSE TO SERVE

November 26, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

James Chadwick
Joe Miller

Communion

Podium: Jim Killer
Serve: Rick Hollis
Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton
Rex McDaniel

Scripture Reading

William Boley

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Diane Walters

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

Greeters

Alan and Sandra Boatright

Wednesday Night Devotional

November 29, 2006

Sid Womack

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.
Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes
7:00 P.M.

Minister: Micah Williams
Church Office: 479-331-3428
Or Cell: 479-264-9244

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William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Patsy Wisbrock
Kaeli Miller
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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