

ATTENTION!!

Business Meeting

Next Sunday, April 10 at 2:30 p.m.

MeetUp Class

Monday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m.

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Visiting Needs

Jesus Said...*"I was sick and you visited Me..."*

Matthew 25:36

April Birthdays

3 Amanda Hoffman 6 Susan Hudson 16 Alana Hudson

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Having Patience Under Stress

By Kevin Cauley

“Patience is a virtue” was an expression I heard a lot growing up! Now that I am almost 50 years-old, I have an inkling of what my parents meant. There are times in life when all that can be done is to wait and that is a good thing. Sin can create in us a sense of urgency that isn’t necessary. This urgency motivates us to act when we don’t need to act. Acting in such situations sometimes creates more problems than it solves. What is needed is a little patience. It takes self-control to hold oneself back from acting when all that can be done is wait. In Psalm 40:1 David wrote, *“I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me and heard my cry.”*



Lack of patience can also cause us to use our tongues incorrectly by saying things that we should not say. Sometimes a person may feel like he just must say something. He feels awkward when there is silence among others. So, he blurts out the first thing that comes to his mind. Maybe it’s innocent, but maybe it isn’t. Patience will help one to keep one’s tongue in check. James 3:2 says, *“For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he*

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.” Alas, there are no perfect people, so James states, “But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:8).

So the next time you feel motivated to “do something,” ask yourself, “Do I need to wait and see what happens first?” Psalm 37:7 says, “*Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.*”

The Journey is Short

(Found on the internet, author unknown)

An elderly woman got on a bus and sat down. At the next stop, a strong, grumpy young woman climbed up and sat down sharply beside the old woman, hitting her with her numerous bags. When she saw that the elderly woman remained silent, the young woman asked her why she had not complained when she hit her with her bags.

The elderly woman replied with a smile: “There is no need to be rude or discuss something so insignificant, as my trip next to you is so short because I am going to get off at the next stop.”

This answer deserves to be written in gold letters:

“There is no need to discuss something so insignificant, because our journey together is too short.”

Each of us must understand that our time in this world is so short, that darkening with struggles, useless arguments, jealousy, not forgiving others, discontent and an attitude of constant discovery is a ridiculous waste of time and energy.

- Did someone break your heart? Stay calm. **The trip is too short.**
- Did someone betray you, intimidate, cheat, or humiliate you? Relax. Excuse. **The trip is too short.**

- Did someone insult you without reason? Stay calm. Ignore it. **The trip is too short.**
- Did a neighbor comment on the chat that you didn't like? Stay calm. Ignore him. Forgive that. **The trip is too short.**

Whatever the problem someone has brought us, remember that our journey together is too short. No one knows the length of that trip. Nobody knows when it will arrive at its stop. Our trip together is too short. We will appreciate friends and family.

Let us be respectful, kind and forgive, we will be filled with gratitude and joy, after all...our trip together is very short.

The Speech Test

By Al Behel

James speaks of the power of the tongue. He says we can use the same tongue to praise God and curse other people. We have heard such speech. May I suggest that all speech should pass three acid tests before being uttered toward another.

1) First, is it true? In Exodus 20:16 God said, “*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*” An untrue statement about another can destroy that person for good.

2) Second, is it needed? The Bible says, “*...he who repeats a matter alienates a friend.*” Whatever we say about another should serve a worthy and noble cause. Otherwise, we should not say it.

3) Third, is it kind? “*The words of a talebearer are as wounds*” (Proverbs 18:8). Nothing cuts more deeply or does more harm than the thoughtless words of a gossiper. It grows bigger the more times it is repeated. We should always strive for kindness in all that we say.
