

The Keavy Encourager

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (GW)-We encourage you, brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not living right, cheer up those who are discouraged, help the weak, and be patient with everyone.

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WELCOME TO THE KEAVY CHURCH OF CHRIST!

- If you are visiting with us, you are our welcomed and honored guest. We are so thankful that you came to be with us today!
- PLEASE remember to pick up one of our “Visitor Packages” before you go!
- Please also leave your name and address with us so that we can get you a “thank you” card in the mail.
- If you would like to participate in our Communion service, you will find Lord’s Supper packets in the Foyer (the area where you first enter the church building).
- If we can help you in any way, please let us know!

Kids Tell It All About The Bible

Proverbs 17:22-A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

Several children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. These are their responses; they have not been retouched or corrected. Pay special attention to the wording and spelling.

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
5. Sampson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.

8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

Being Past Feeling

Paul wrote:

Ephesians 4:19-“who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”

Let’s consider that phrase “being past feeling.”

“Paul uses an exceedingly rare word to characterize these people: they are “callous” (); 8 that is, they have ceased to feel pain⁹ or become dead to feeling. 10 The perfect tense suggests that they have reached this point, presumably after a period of rejecting God and his ways, and now there is a hard, impenetrable shell that renders them insensitive to God and describes their ongoing condition....The reflexive pronoun () clarifies that this was not a condition thrust on them involuntarily; they became this way on their own volition. God has allowed them to pursue their own course and immerse themselves into a life of self-indulgence.” (Clinton E. Arnold, *Zondervan Exegetical Commentary On The New Testament: Ephesians*, 7687-7693 (Kindle Edition); Grand Rapids, Michigan; Zondervan)

Many in the world harden their hearts against God.

Proverbs 28:14-Happy is the man who is always reverent, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Yet when people have such hearts, there is hope! In Ephesians 4:19, Paul is writing to people who had been “past feeling,” but the Gospel had reached them.

Will we allow God’s Word to soften our heart?

Questions For Consideration

1. What are some reasons that people may harden their heart against God?
Consider Judges 6:13; Proverbs 19:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.

2. Does God harden our heart, or do we? Consider Exodus 4:21; 7:3; 7:13, 22;
8:15, 19, 32.

3. If our heart is hardened against God and His Word, what do we need to do?
Consider Jeremiah 4:3.

September Prayer List

Gary and Vanessa Fleming (surgery went well)
Joanne Martin
Larry And Sandi Tabata
Sanders Family
Laura Ann Osbourne
Eddie Craft (Cancer)
Mike Raney
Coy Gilliam
Jimmy Brooks (Tammy’s cousin, cancer)
Kathy Mingus (cancer)
Anne Baker (Cancer)
Kera Smith
Jim Day (had a good report from his doctor visit!)

Cindy Thies
Josh and Holly Baker
Christine (aunt of Marlene)
Katherine Myers
Violet (Ivy's sister, heart attack, is doing much better!)
Rachel Greer
Paul Mattney
Barbara in Louisville (friend of Jewel)
Samantha Collins (Liam's Collins biological mother)
Modina Hill (Kenny Hill's mother)
Eli Hill Family
Randall Mitchell
Wilma (Glen's sister)
Ashley (mother of a young lady who works at Gatti's Pizza, her daughter requested
prayer for her)
Rosetta Short
Leslie Prescott And Family
Randal Shepherd (New Christian)
JD, Brittany, And Bo Ritchey

Request For Help With Food

We are looking for volunteers from our church family for help providing food. Could you help occasionally with providing food for our shut in members? If so, please contact brother Mark.

Free Bible Study Courses Through The Mail Available

Would you enjoy some free Bible studies through the mail? Or do you know someone who would enjoy them? Topics include: *The Plan Of Salvation; The New Testament Church; Spiritual Warfare; Where The Different Churches Came From; Christianity Versus Paganism; The Alleged "Lost Books" Of The Bible; Proof That The Bible Is The Word Of God; Creation Versus Evolution; The Bible And UFOs.* We have been blessed to sign up six people in our community on these Bible studies. If you (or anyone you know) would be interested, please share names and mailing addresses with brother Mark.

Bible Class And Sermon Notes