

Fulfilling A Dream In 2013

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You Must Be Crazy!

Introduction: I was in the barber shop the other day when the conversation between several men began to focus upon the President of the United States. One man said that someone ought to shoot our president. Look, I disagree with many of the things our president is doing, but that was over the line! My comment was like a reflex. I said, "You must be crazy!" All of a sudden there was an absolute silence. Several times in the last few years I have noticed that I have used that declaration.

Crazy: See insane.

Insane: Mentally ill or deranged. (According to Webster's dictionary)
May I share a few thoughts on the subject of, "You Must Be Crazy!"

You must be crazy:

FIRST: IF YOU HAVE A FAITH THAT DOES NOT CHANGE YOU.

II CORINTHIANS 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Show me a person who has received Christ as their personal Saviour and I'll show you a person that will begin to change. Illustration: Once I put out a challenge that if someone could show me in the New Testament where someone came to Christ but did not change, then I would give that person \$1000. A man came up to me and said, "I've got you. The thief on the Cross never changed." Within two minutes he was convinced by the Scripture that the thief had changed. The thief began to defend Christ. Point: A faith that does not change you is absolutely worthless.

SECOND: IF YOU SUPPORT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE.

ROMANS 1:27

"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet."

I was raised on a farm most of my young life and I am telling you that the animals my father raised had more sense than Ellen, Rosey, Elton, or Gomer Pyle. This is not hate speech, but the voice of common sense.

THIRD: IF YOU PROFESS CHRISTIANITY, BUT PROMOTE EVOLUTION.

GENESIS 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

I do not care if it is a college professor with a PhD, or a pastor of a church with 20,000 members. One thing I have learned to get to a person's faith quickly is to ask, "Do you believe in creationism or evolution?" If they even hesitate about it, then you are talking to a lost person. Creationism is a foundational doctrine. That is why it is the first verse in the Bible. If the first verse is not true, then none of it is true.



**Dr. Tom
Neal**

Contend For The Faith

Jude 3

If the Bible tells us that we ought to do something earnestly, we should find out what God expects from us. As I began to study what the word contend means, it became a word that I love. I realized the word contend means "to strive, to judge, or to enter into judgment." People should strive and learn to judge regarding the faith. I am told by God to enter into judgment about the faith and to judge differently. We are to judge our faith differently than we would judge the color of a carpet, the color of a building, or anything else that really does not amount to anything with eternal value. I discovered that this is the same word that is used in Nehemiah Chapter 11. Nehemiah said. "I contended with them and cursed them." I have never cursed people publicly, but I have contended for issues of the faith. God wants us to earnestly contend for the faith. Contending is not only my responsibility but also the responsibility of everyone who is saved. Every preacher, layman, soulwinner, and child of God is responsible to earnestly contend for the faith.

AN OFFICE MANAGER ASKED A JOB APPLICANT IF SHE HAD ANY UNUSUAL TALENTS. SHE TOLD HIM THAT SHE HAD WON SEVERAL PRIZES IN CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND JINGLE-WRITING COMPETITIONS. "THAT'S NICE, BUT WE NEED SOMEONE WHO IS SMART DURING OFFICE HOURS." "GREAT!" THE APPLICANT SAID. "THAT WAS DURING OFFICE HOURS."

THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY AT OUR SCHOOL WAS FROM A MILITARY FAMILY: HIS MOTHER WAS A FIGHTER PILOT, AND HIS FATHER SERVED IN AFGHANISTAN.

"DO YOU KNOW MY FULL NAME?" HE ASKED ME. "NO, I DON'T," I SAID. "IT'S JAMES PHILLIP THOMAS STEVEN HAROLD JACKSON THE THIRD. BUT MY MOTHER CALLS ME STEVEN. MY FATHER'S FULL NAME IS JAMES PHILLIP THOMAS STEVEN HAROLD JACKSON THE SECOND."

"AND WHAT DOES YOUR MOTHER CALL HIM?" "CUPCAKE."

AN OLD MAN TOLD HIS GRANDSON, "YOU KNOW, BACK IN THE OLD DAYS, YOU COULD GO TO THE STORE WITH A DOLLAR AND GET A LOAF OF BREAD, A DOZEN EGGS AND A WATERMELON. YOU CAN'T DO THAT TODAY. THERE'S JUST WAY TOO MANY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS."



**Dr. Bob
Gray**

THE PRINCIPLE PERSONAL GROWTH

During the mid 80's when the issue of the inspiration of the King James Bible was heating up and becoming a major concern, Dr. Hyles was wrestling with this issue, but he was not running from it. He was preaching in a conference with Evangelist Al Lacy, a great defender and apologist for the King James Bible. Dr. Lacy preached a powerful message, enumerating his position clearly and convincingly. When the message was finished, the crowd stood to applaud the great truths they had just heard. Before the audience had finished, Dr. Hyles walked to the other side of the platform where Dr. Lacy was sitting and spoke these words. He said, "Dr. Lacy, I have been wrong on this issue. Tonight I stand corrected. You have just pulled me over the line and I want you to come to First Baptist Church as soon as you possibly can and preach that exact message to my people."

As it would happen, Dr. Lacy did have a date open and a few weeks later on a Sunday evening he preached the message at the church in Hammond, Indiana. Before he stood to preach and after he had finished preaching, Dr. Hyles told the congregation that from this point on, this would be his position, the position of the church and the position of Hyles-Anderson College. That is what is known as personal growth. The greats become greater by growth, and when they cease to set the need for personal growth, they also cease to be great. Dr. Hyles never ceased to grow, so his greatness was perpetuated as well.

In the many years I knew Dr. Hyles, I knew him to always be growing. He read constantly. He listened carefully. He searched his heart consistently. He was not looking for the latest fad doctrine on which he could hang his hat. No, he was always searching, fortunately, for truths to guide his heart and mold his heart.

Illustration: I find it interesting that the criticism that the liberal crowd used to hurt Sarah Palin was that she believed in a literal creation by God. Yet two generations ago if you did not believe in Creationism, you could not have been elected to the position of dog catcher.

FOURTH: IF YOU BELIEVE THE RESURRECTION IS ABOUT RABBITS AND EGGS. I CORINTHIANS 15:1-4

“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”

Easter is not the same as the doctrine of the Resurrection of Christ. Easter comes from the worship of a false god named Ishtar, the god of fertility. To believe in Ishtar was to believe that we all came from an egg that rolled up out of the sea. The rabbit was known as a fertile animal, so it became part of the celebration of Ishtar. We celebrate the doctrine of the Resurrection because Jesus rose again from the dead, and it has nothing to do with rabbits and eggs.

FIFTH: IF YOU TRUST ANY BOOK OVER “THE BOOK.”

I PETER 1:23

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

I could put out a book every month if I wanted to, but to what purpose? You have great books by Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Jack Hyles, Bob Gray, Lee Roberson, Curtis Hutson, and many more. But if you had no other book than the Bible, you would be in great shape. Let me assure you, that the Book of the Month did not change your life for the better.

SIXTH: IF YOU THINK YOU CAN BE A GOOD CHRISTIAN WITHOUT CHURCH.

EPHESIANS 5:25

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

He did not die for your house, car, or job. He gave Himself for the church. **Hebrews 10:25** commands, *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.”* I have said over and over again that a Christian without church is like a fish out of water. The fish may squirm and jump for a while, but it will die.

Conclusion: While reading this article, did you discover that you were leaning toward one or more of these in the crazy zone? If so, what can be done? Go see a psychiatrist? Drink lots of alcohol? Commit suicide? There is another way: Receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. You will see the difference in everything, including yourself.

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

“Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.” (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” (Acts 9:6)



Jarrod
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WOULD YOU MISS THE RESURRECTION?

Mark 16:14

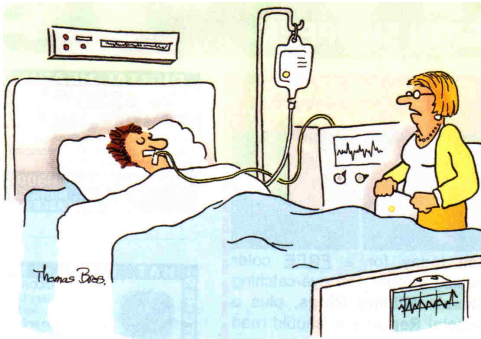
When reading the Scriptures have you ever wondered why none of the disciples showed up to the tomb resurrection morn? Was it because they already knew he had risen like he said? Why did the two women show up at the tomb? Did they have doubts that he had risen and therefore wanted to check? Regardless of what these two groups were thinking, or why they did what they did, there is one thing that should be discussed to help benefit us in our walk for Christ. We read in Matthew 12:40 how Jesus Christ tells the disciples that he will be three days in the heart of the earth. Then in Mark 27:63 we read that the chief priests and Pharisees knew that Jesus had said he would rise after three days and they were scarred that the disciples would steal the body of Jesus to prove that prophecy. They were so convincing that even Pilate believed and sent troops to guard the tomb. Yet we read in Mark 16:14 that the disciples could not believe that Jesus rose from the dead even after being told this by those who saw Jesus in His resurrected body. So here is the main point I wish to drive home. If Jesus was God in human flesh, and if he was the greatest teacher to ever teach, then how is it possible that even the disciples missed the resurrection because of their unbelief? If Jesus can teach truths to a group of twelve, and this group was closer to Jesus than any other group, it makes me question how many Christians are missing truths preached by their own preacher. This is why it is so important to hang onto every word preached to you, because one day you may find yourselves being upbraided by Christ for your unbelief in the truths taught from your own church pulpit.

Something to 'CROW' about!

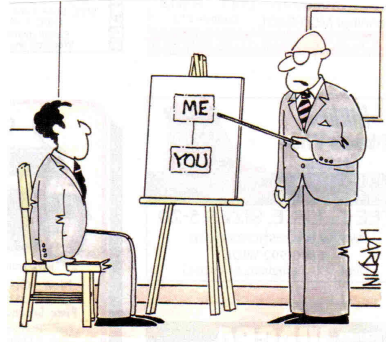
1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last seven (7) years in a row!
2. For the great speakers that will be with us this year: Dr. Tom Neal, Dr. Bob Gray, Sr., Mrs. Kelli Campbell, and Dr. Greg Neal.
3. For one of our own coming home with his beautiful wife to serve the Lord with us. Joseph and Alison Collingsworth will be joining us this March 17th. Joseph will be ordained on Sunday, March 24th, here at his home church. Alison will become the official church pianist and teach music at Heritage Baptist Academy.
4. For the influence of these three men: Dr. Tom Neal, Dr. Bob Gray, Sr., and Dr. Dean Miller, Sr. The reason I use them so much in the Heritage Herald is because of the influence they have had in my life and because Dr. Jack Hyles spoke of these three men more than any other pastors. I never forgot.



*THE I.T. SPECIALIST TOLD THE EXECUTIVE, "WE HAVE TO UPGRADE THE COMPUTER NETWORK."
"OH, NO. WE CAN'T GET RID OF THESE COMPUTERS," THE EXECUTIVE REPLIED.
"WHY NOT?" THE SPECIALIST ASKED. "WITH A NEW SYSTEM, OUR OPERATIONS WILL BE FASTER.
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO KEEP THESE OUTDATED MACHINES?"
THE EXECUTIVE REPLIED IN A LOW VOICE, "THEY KNOW TOO MUCH."*



"I guess you have another excuse to not take out the garbage."



"As you can see, recent changes have left us with a greatly simplified operational structure."

A CUSTOMER COMPLAINED ABOUT RECEIVING CALLS FROM INTERNATIONAL TELEMARETERS. I ASKED WHY SHE THOUGHT THEY WERE INTERNATIONAL.

"BECAUSE," SHE SAID, "THE CALLER ID SAYS IT'S COMING FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA."

Set Apart



Mrs. Francie Taylor

One of my favorite songs, sung so beautifully by the talented Hutson Sisters trio, is "I Was Born to Serve the Lord." Well, the truth of that song applies to all of us who call ourselves Christians. Does your child know that he or she was born to serve the Lord, or have you been focusing on something else, pushing or prodding them in a direction set up by you?

Pray and ask the Lord to help you to mold a fruitful servant; then tell your children who they are and why they're here! They are people who are set apart, born to serve the Lord! They will find their greatest success by seeking the will of God day by day and living within that perfect will to the best of their ability. It is possible for our young people to be very productive Christians with abundant lives, even if they have a few bumps and scrapes along the way!



Dr. Dean Miller, Sr.

The Night God Called Me To Preach

It was during a Sunday night church service that our pastor was preaching. He got up and preached about the need for preachers in America. I will never forget how he preached. God was taking both barrels and blasting away at my heart, saying, "He is talking to you, son." I still had cigarettes in my pocket. Down the aisle I came after nine stanzas of "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, Calling For You and For Me." I mean, he reached right out of the pulpit and said, "Jesus is calling for you." I ran down the aisle and told him, "I believe God is calling me to preach."



Kim Kline's Pistachio Pudding Cake

1 pkg. yellow cake mix (regular size)	1 cup club soda	3/4 cup cold 2% milk
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant pistachio pudding mix	1/2 cup canola oil	1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant pistachio pudding mix
4 eggs	<u>Icing:</u> 1/2 cup chopped walnuts	2 tsp. confectioners' sugar
	1 cup cold heavy whipping cream	1/2 cup chopped walnuts

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, soda and oil; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Stir in walnuts. Pour into a greased and floured 10-in. fluted tube pan. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely. In a large bowl, beat the cream, milk, pudding mix and confectioners' sugar on high until stiff peaks form. Frost cake. Sprinkle with walnuts. Refrigerate until serving. Yield: 12 servings.

TWO FRIENDS WERE WATCHING A WESTERN ON TV. AS THE HERO RODE ON HORSEBACK TOWARD THE CLIFF'S EDGE, ONE OF THE MEN SAID, "I BET YOU \$50 HE GOES OVER THE CLIFF."

"OK, YOU'RE ON," THE OTHER MAN REPLIED.

THE HERO RODE STRAIGHT OVER THE CLIFF. AS THE SECOND MAN HANDED OVER THE MONEY, THE FIRST MAN LOOKED AT IT AND SAID, "YOU KNOW, I FEEL A LITTLE GUILTY ABOUT TAKING THIS. I'VE ACTUALLY SEEN THE MOVIE BEFORE."

"ME, TOO," HIS FRIEND SAID, "BUT I DIDN'T THINK HE'D MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE."



Heritage Highlanders March 2013 Schedule

Saturday March 2

Sewing with Mrs. Kubic

Proverbs 31:13

Saturday March 16

Irish Cooking

Proverbs 31:15

Saturday March 9

Baking: Resurrection Rolls

Matthew 28:6

Saturday March 23

Soulwinning Lesson

1 John 5:13

Saturday March 30

Modesty

1 Timothy 2:9

AT THE END OF MY MISSIONARY WORK, WHERE I SERVED AS THE VILLAGE DOCTOR, THE PEOPLE BID ME A WARM AND TEARFUL FAREWELL.

"PLEASE DON'T GO," AN ELDERLY VILLAGER PLEADED.

TOUCHED, I TRIED TO REASSURE HIM. "DON'T WORRY. YOU WILL SOON GET A MUCH BETTER DOCTOR THAN ME HERE."

"THAT'S WHAT THE PREVIOUS DOCTOR TOLD US."

DR. A. LAXMINARAYANA RAO, KANNUR, INDIA



"Can't a guy ask for \$25 to fix a window without having to answer a lot of questions?"

An old married couple sat on the couch watching a TV program about death planning. "Honey," said the husband, turning to his wife with a grim expression, "I want you to promise me that if there ever comes a time that I depend on machines and bottled fluids to stay alive, you will make sure to put an end to it." "No problem, honey," his wife replied. She promptly rose, turned off the TV and poured his beer down the drain.

Some food for thought.....or.....
Seed From The Silo!

President Condemns Rights of Christian Military Chaplains

President Barack Obama signed the \$633 billion defense bill into law, but criticized one of its provisions protecting conscience rights.

The provision exempts chaplains from ceremonies like same-sex weddings that they oppose based on their faith.

It also says the military cannot punish chaplains or other service members for their religious beliefs and must accommodate them unless the individual's speech or actions threaten good order and discipline.

In a signing statement, Obama called the conscience provision, "unnecessary and ill-advised" and said his administration remains committed "to protecting the rights of gay and lesbian service members."

OneNewsNow.com

Obama Administration Sued For Arranging Abortions for Illegals

A watchdog group has filed a lawsuit against the Obama administrator seeking additional information related to its arranging abortions for legal immigrants who are detained by customs officials.

As LifeNews has reported, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement the division of the Department of Homeland Security responsible for enforcing the nation's immigration laws, is the agency that is paying for some abortions at taxpayer expense and arranging for the abortions for the illegal immigrants.

The ICE detention operations manual also says that illegal alien detainees who are pregnant will be provided with help, not just for an impending delivery, but also in obtaining an abortion.

What kind of seed are you sowing?

ON PALM SUNDAY, A 5-YEAR-OLD BOY WOKE UP ILL AND STAYED HOME FROM CHURCH WITH A SITTER. WHEN HIS FAMILY RETURNED, THEY WERE CARRYING PALM FRONDS. JOHNNY ASKED WHAT THEY WERE FOR.

"PEOPLE HELD THEM OVER JESUS' HEAD AS HE WALKED BY," HIS FATHER EXPLAINED.

"WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT?" JOHNNY FUMED. "THE ONE SUNDAY I DON'T GO AND HE SHOWS UP."

The Only Way To Know



Dr. Al Lacy

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." (Matthew 22:29)

This is always the case with religious cults. They know the false doctrines of their religion ... but they err, in that they DO NOT KNOW THE SCRIPTURES. One reason they do not know the Scriptures is because they do not USE the Scriptures. The "J.W.s" use the corrupt New World Translation, which was translated from the perverted Wescott and Hort manuscript. The "Church of Christ" cult uses the equally corrupt New American Standard Version, which was translated from the same Wescott and Hort manuscript. The Mormons use Joe Smith's Book of Mormon (which is about as inspired as Aesop's Fables). The "Christian (Ha!Ha!) Scientists (?)" use Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Glover Patterson Frye Eddy.

The reason the devil's crowd stays away from the AV 1611 King James, is because the devil knows it is the WORD OF GOD! The only way to know the Scriptures is to have the Scriptures, then read the Scriptures, then believe what you read.

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ—His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority
Autonomy of the Local Church
Priesthood of ALL Believers
Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion
Immersed Church Membership
Soul-liberty
Two officers - Pastors and Deacons
Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island
- John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote *Amazing Grace*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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