



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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Effective Tactic of Satan

There is a legend told about Satan. The story tells about Satan looking around and seeing how effective God's people had been, so he calls together several of his key agents to get some kind of strategy to stop the spreading of the gospel and people becoming Christians. One agent suggested that they convince people that Jesus was a fraud and a fake and not the Son of God. The devil said that we had tried that before, but the people realized from His life that He was someone special and His miracles convinced them that He was the Son of God. "I don't think that will work," the devil said.

Another agent suggested that they try to convince the people that the Bible was not reliable; that it contained errors and contradictions. It was not the Word of God so they can ignore it and go their own way. The devil said we have tried that too, yet people realize that the Bible is a book that stands out above all others and has enough evidence within it to convince the people that it is from God. That idea hasn't worked either.

Then a third agent spoke and suggested that they send severe persecution to the believer. What if we cause them pain and suffering? We can have them thrown into jail, confiscate their property, feed them to the beast and nail them to crosses. What if we make it so dangerous to be a Christian that everyone will be afraid? Surely then they will denounce God and His word. Well, we've also tried that in the past, Satan said, and we found out that the blood of the martyrs only fueled the spreading of the church. That approach actually made Christianity stronger.

What if we create disunity among God's people another said. If we can get them so caught up with their inward fighting, maybe they will forget their spiritual outreach. Satan said that too had been tried, and it worked for a short period of time, but they soon come back into focus and mend their differences. That is only a temporary solution.

Finally one of the agents of Satan said, "Here's what I suggest. Let's go ahead

and tell people that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; that He was everything that He claimed to be. Let's also tell them that the Bible is God's word and that it must be believed and obeyed. In addition, let's make it relatively easy to become a Christian. Let's not worry about persecuting or intimidating people. Let's even let the church be a place of love and harmony. But let's also tell them that while they need to obey and serve God, there is no hurry. Just wait, tomorrow will be soon enough. And according to the story, ever since then that has been one of the devil's most successful tactics because if he can get us to wait until tomorrow and then wait until the next tomorrow, eventually we run out of tomorrows, and he wins. Serving the Lord is a choice to be filled with urgency.

Preacher Humor
Following are some items that have been printed in bulletins or announcements that are humorous in the way they were presented. Hope you enjoy some of the lighter side.

- ✓ The sermon this morning is “Jesus Walks on the Water.” The sermon tonight is “Searching for Jesus.”
- ✓ The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- ✓ Barbara remains in the hospital and is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Brother Jack's sermons.

There are times we may say or write something that doesn't convey the message we are trying to send. Yet, God's word always communicates His true message. God's word is “truth” (John 17:17).

I have learned ...

- That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

To the comment, “Beauty comes from within,” a woman was overheard saying, “Yeah, from within bottles, jars, tubes, and compacts.”

Family News

- **Patti Lopez** was in an auto accident last week.
- **JoNell Hines** was taken to ER but later released.
- **Debbie Reynolds'** knee surgery is scheduled for Jan. 14.
- **H.L. Robertson** will be having cataract surgery Jan. 13.
- **Chip Horton** will be here Wed. night to give a Peru mission report.
- No covered-dish lunch today, but there will be one the first Sun. in February.
- If you can help by being in charge of the fellowship building for our monthly luncheon, please sign the list on the bulletin board for the month or months you choose. There is also a list to reserve the building on the bulletin board.
- There is a “men's retreat” on Jan. 17-18 at Garth Johnson's in Mt. Pleasant.
- HRR pantry item for January is all purpose flour.

LET'S THRIVE IN 2025
As someone observed, a car's windshield is much larger than the rear view mirror because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.

Be A Chip Off the Old Block

This time of year, a lot of people are cutting and splitting firewood. When you are splitting firewood, often wood chips are scattered. Such chips remind me of an old saying that used to be a common expression. It used to not be uncommon to hear someone say, “He's just a chip off the old block.” When people make such a statement, they are not implying that a person looks like a splinter of wood hurled to the ground. In fact, they are not talking about wood at all. By such a statement, they mean that you look or act like your parental father or mother. Your mannerisms are like that of your parent. While you are not the block, you have the characteristics of the block. Now there are two ways of looking at this comment. Either you are honored by it, as I would be with regard to my daddy, or you are insulted, maybe even angered by it. Regardless, you remind the spokesperson of your parent.

Now let's make application as we consider the positive aspect. When it comes right down to it, does your behavior remind other people of your heavenly Father, i.e. God? To answer that question, we first need to know the character and nature of our Father. When folks see you, do they see Him? Do they see the Father's influence in your life by the way you dress, the way you talk, the places you go, etc? Is it in the way you show concern and compassion toward others who might be lonely or hurting? Or maybe they simply see your smiling disposition.