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On Being Resourceful

Adapted

A standard definition of the adjective *resourceful* would be something like “capable of devising new strategies” or “able to adapt to unusual or challenging situations.” Synonyms would include words like ingenious or creative. The single most impressive illustration of a resourceful person I’ve run across in a long time is the story of a physician who did brain surgery with an ordinary drill.

Dr. Cesar Venero works at a state hospital in the Andean Highlands of Peru. His is a very poor country. And the doctor’s hospital is located in one of the poorest regions of Peru — about 250 miles southeast of Lima.

The resourceful doctor used an ordinary electric drill and pliers to save the life of the a 47-year-old man brought to his hospital with a life-threatening head injury. “We have no (neurological) instruments at the hospital,” Dr. Venero said. “He was dying, so I had no choice but to run to the hardware store to buy a drill and use the pliers that I fix my car with — of

course after sterilizing them.”

This wasn’t the first time the doctor has used tools from a hardware store for surgery. His patients recovered nicely after being transferred to a hospital in Lima.

Some would do well to follow the example of the good doctor. We ought to be more clever, efficient and inventive in our sharing the truth of Christ with those in the sphere of our influence. Keep our Bible with us to read when waiting at the doctor’s office, dentist or care repair shop. Listen to the Bible on long commutes, rather than talk radio.

Every challenge is a disguised opportunity for creative adaptation and productive learning. Gideon of the Bible used clay jars to rout an army. Samson used the jawbone of a donkey’s carcass to defeat his enemies. Jesus used a little boy’s snack to feed thousands.

Creativity comes not from seeing the light, but feeling the heat of trying circumstance. Let’s get busy serving those destined to die in sin! □

“No More Children”

James W. Adams

“Her mind was like a spoiled child’s bed: soft, comfortable and constantly being made up by someone else.”

One of the paradoxes of the New Testament is exhibited in the text from which we derive our title, *Ephesians 2:14*. Both Jesus and Paul taught that followers of Christ should emulate children, *Matthew 18:3*; *1 Corinthians 14:20*, yet Paul, in our text forbids our emulating them. However, there is no contradiction. In some matters, we are to be like children. In others we are not to be like them.

I once read the following perceptive comment: “Her mind was like a spoiled child’s bed: soft, comfortable and constantly being made up by someone else,” Ben Hanna, Reader’s Digest.

While the Scriptures teach us to be like children in some things and unlike them in others, I know of no Scripture that teaches one to cultivate a mind like a “spoiled child’s” bed. Yet, a candid look at the realm of religion will convince any objective viewer that many think so. People are “comfortable” with their faith and practice however absurd it may be. They are “soft” in that they never engage their minds in contemplation of anything but superficial considerations. Their minds “are always made up by someone else.” Their religious leaders do their thinking for them. Jesus found the Jews of his day in this very condition and severely rebuked them for it.

Independent thinking in religion today is as rare as a cool day in the month of July. In most religious communions, it is regarded as a vice not a virtue. It is not only discouraged; it is forbidden in some religious bodies. A classic example of this is the Roman Catholic Church. She denies the right of “private interpretation of Scripture,” and demands of her constituents unquestioning acceptance of what she regards as the infallible interpretation of the church.

Many modern religious cults, as well as human denominations are just as rigid in this regard. Diversity of

point of view in reference to faith and practice is a “No! No!” Severe discipline leading to severance of fellowship is the price for daring to think for oneself, particularly if it is accompanied by any sort of vocal expression of one’s mind however done.

While I do not believe that thinking for oneself gives one the right to express his thoughts without restraint or limitation either as to degree of expression, propriety of attitude, and nobility of purpose, yet to inhibit independent thinking and stifle all expression of divergent views regardless of how humbly and sincerely they may be presented is to be guilty of spiritual enslavement.

Freedom of expression is not dangerous as long as those who differ have the same right of expression in combatting any error which may be espoused. Special pleading that would grant one individual the right to express his views on a subject and deny that right to another is a course fraught with peril to the interests of truth.

A problem area in this matter is a recognition of the difference between (1) holding a view on a matter upon which there are significant differences and expressing that view with moderation and due regard for the circumstances and possible consequences and (2) pressing that view with evangelistic militancy and quite often with pugilistic tenacity. There is a difference between express and press. Herein lies the difference between merely expressing a point of view relative to the teaching of the Scriptures and a “false teacher.” Merely teaching something that is false and being “false teacher” are not necessarily the same thing, just as telling something that is untrue and being a “liar” are not the same thing.

“Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them,” *Matthew 7:12*. “Happy is the man who condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth,” *Romans 14:22*. We would do well to remember and practice these two admonitions! □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Becky & Tommy Hill remain at home in quarantine after contracting COVID. Tommy is a few days ahead of Becky in his recovery but both are better as of this printing. Please continue to pray for them.

David Jacks is making progress following knee replacement surgery on Thursday. He was released as expected on Friday morning. He has the requisite discomfort one might experience from this procedure. Please pray for his pain to be minimal and his recovery quick. David begins PT on Monday. **Jenny** is watching over him.

June Furlough continues her recovery from surgery. We are thankful for her progress. Continue to remember her to the Lord.

Evelyn (Hall) is getting there but still has some problems. She is up and able to move about on her own," is how Searcy reported Evelyn's condition. Our earnest prayers are continuing for her and for **Searcy** as he helps to attend to her needs.

Betty Dubose continues to have an interest in our prayers. Say her name to the Lord. Pray her AFIB will remain at bay.

Hill & Carol Roberts were back Wednesday night. They both are better but not yet 100%. We are thankful for their improvement.

It was good to see the entire **Hunt family** back on Wednesday night. Little **Marissa** recovered fast!

Ruth & Jerry Mitchell are getting better. We are thankful for their recovery from COVID.

Glenda Bradner, **Edith Turner's** daughter, remains on our prayer list. We do not yet have the word on her new residence. Pray for Glenda and her mom.

Zoila Herring remains on our prayer list after her major surgery. Say her name to the Lord this week as you approach our Father.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, continues in our prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette & Charlotte Hagewood.**

Shirley Laney's Address

Please make note of **Shirley Laney's** new address. We also included her cell number. We are thrilled that she has completed her move to Huntsville from Decatur.

1411 Big Cove Road, SE
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TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning worship begins at 10. Mike continues his July series entitled **"Belonging."** Today we consider Peter's statement, **"Preaching? Or Tables?," Acts 6:1-7.**

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for **Bible Skillz** and our weekly open forum Bible study.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7. Mike will be away this week in Franklin TN. We will have a stand-in for class. ☐

What Really Matters

Michael W. McLemore

A common response to Biblical decent on the part of the unbeliever or skeptic is "I don't think that is true!" Upon reflection, what difference does it make "what you think"? What matters is what God thinks, then reveals. His revelation is supreme to the view of any man.

Those things which pertain to God must be respected. Worship, service, sacrifice must be according to His will in order to please. Gaining His divine favor is accomplished only when we trust and obey. His will concerning man is according to His good pleasure, *Ephesians 1:19*. Man is left only to ask, "How may we know that will?"

The Holy Spirit searched and revealed the mind of God, *1 Corinthians 2:10*. Man isn't left to read the Divine mind or speculate about what is plausible, rather God has spoken distinctly through His Holy Spirit. Before this, no eye could see, no ear could hear, no heart could understand, *1 Corinthians 2:9*. The things of God knew no man, *1 Corinthians 2:11*.

The Spirit of God began speaking through the Apostles and Prophets of God's choosing. They spoke and wrote down the mind of God as revealed through the Spirit of God.

Now, every eye can see, every ear can hear and every heart can understand, *Ephesians 3:9*. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes 7:00 pm

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Phil Furlough **Steve Hagewood**
Kirk Hatcher **David Jacks**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, July 24

Welcome: Will Starks
Song Leader: Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: Marty Hunt
Lord's Table Lead: Steve Hagewood
Acts 6:1-7
Sermon: Mike McLemore
Preaching? Or Tables?
Closing Prayer: Wes Caudle

Sunday, July 31

Tommy Hill
Mel Ambrose
Will Starks
Tommy Hill
Acts 11:27-30
Mike McLemore
"Relief to the Brothers"
John Patrick

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: Ph Furlough
Closing Prayer: Riley Monroe

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Mel Ambrose
Ed Dill
Kirk Hatcher

Wednesday, July 27

Songs Leader: Bill Thompson
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Collis Terry

Wednesday, August 3

TBA
Mike McLemore
Phil Shaver

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes June – September 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Lessons for Today from the Exodus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Exodus
Mike McLemore

Serving in July

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM
**** Overseer**

**** Phil Shaver (7-3), Phil Furlough (7-10), Ed Dill (7-17), Steve Hagewood (7-24), Tommy Hill (7:31)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Needed. Please see the list in the foyer.

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Phillip Dill	8-2	Wanda Castleman
8-10	Clark Boles	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-19	Peggy Childress

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