

IT IS AN INTERESTING FACT

I was born in the twilight of the end of World War II. The boys were coming home with a job well done and freedom gained for Europe and end of many years of evil. I was born a proud Okie with all the freedoms and privileges afforded unto such a birth. It was years before I begin to understand that some things were just not right, but I am a citizen of a free nation with opportunity for all.

I am seeing things which I would never have believed would happen in my country. One problem that came out of that era was for some strange reason, we did not learn much from the 30s and 40s. If we do not learn from the mistakes of history, it is a sure fact, you will repeat those mistakes.

I know and have read of individuals, who deny the concentration Camps of Hitler, the Holocaust among many other tribulations, which was forced upon the Jews and any of Europe, who disagreed with the powers that be. But our Soldiers, who rescued and came upon these camps, know beyond a doubt this did take place.

It is sad that in my Country, it is illegal to pray in school. It was consider wrong to pray before City Council meetings, but the Supreme Court has corrected the City Council meeting's prayer making it legal in the Month of May, 2014 to pray before their meetings. Also, in my country's schools, the Bible is not welcome. But in Russia, a nation given to Atheism, you can take a Bible into the Schools and teach the children from it. Is not this a shame, we cannot do that in America. Also, On May 7th, I was sent a message, which says that Viadimir Puttin has banned profanity in Russia. Now that is real interesting point for us to read about such. You know, I believe America needs to make such a law. Banning foul language on TV, on the Streets, or anywhere people are congregating. When I was in school, when one would use such language, very quickly we were told your vocabulary was lacking and we need to remove such words from it. America needs to get back to where we came from and forget political correctness and such. When we had the Bible in School and Prayers to define our life and times, it was a much different society we lived in. There were fewer murders, robberies, rapes and such during that time in history. Ever since the Bible, God and Christ were removed, these items have double ever month or so. When I was a boy, you did not hear about Murders and Stabbings as we do on a TVs. Yes, nightly a report of such.

What do we need? Very simple. We need to get back to Bible Reading? We need to get back to Follow Jesus Christ in the manner he outlined in the Bible. Yes, back to the Bible, God and Christ is what this country and even the world needs.

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Bible Class 10am	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Worship 11am		
Evening 6pm		

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"the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation"

Romans 1:16

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear.....Romans 10:17
- Believe.....Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent.....Acts 2:38; II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess.....Romans 10:9, 10; Mt. 10:32,33
- Be Baptized.....Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16
- Arise & walk in newness of life.....Romans 6:4

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Insulted

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How do you handle it when you've been insulted? Maybe the insult is from someone who has something against you. Maybe it's shrouded in humor, but the insult is clear. Maybe it's from a well meaning friend who says something innocently.

However, whenever, and from whoever insults come, they always hurt. Whether true or false, insults hurt. The big question is how do we handle it when we've been insulted? How do we respond when someone insults us?

The wise writer of the Proverbs has some wonderful insight to help us out. He says, "The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult" (Prov. 12:16). This statement is clear. Any fool can respond in haste and show anger when insulted. However, it takes someone wise to ignore an insult. It takes someone who refuses to jump at the chance to pay someone back. It takes a person with great patience to overlook it when someone says or does something that seems unkind.

It takes someone who is trying to live like Jesus. How did Jesus handle it when He was insulted? Peter, who witnessed it all, tells us what Jesus did. "While being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously." (1 Peter 2:23). If we could learn to treat others like Jesus, to follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21), and to develop His mind (Philippians 2:5) we would be able to deal with insults so much better. Allow me to make just a few suggestions.

Look behind the anger. Many times people insult us because they are angry with someone else. Perhaps someone has hurt them deeply and they are just deflecting their pain toward us. It is often true that hurt people, hurt people. If we can look behind the pain and anger of someone who has insulted us it might help us to have a better understanding. We are not saying that another person's anger makes it all right to insult someone, but it might help us to understand just a little bit.

Practice self-control. We must come to grips with the reality that just because someone has insulted us does not give us the right to retaliate. Self control is mentioned among the Christian graces. (Galatians 5:23) Peter teaches us that it is one of the qualities that must be added to our lives if we want to be useful for Christ. (2 Peter 1:6) Self-control is required for men who desire to lead the church. (2 Timothy 3:3)

Pray for wisdom. If we want to be able to deal with insults we desperately need to pray for wisdom. The brother of our Lord teaches us that if we want wisdom we should ask God. (James 1:15) The kind of wisdom needed to handle insults is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle,

reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy." (James 3:17)

Learn from insults and move on. There are times that we can learn lessons about ourselves from those who insult us. Even when someone attempts to do us harm we should consider the fact that there could be something to what they are saying. If we can learn something we should so that we might be more like Jesus. We might ask some close friend who will be honest with us if there is something we should learn from an insult.

Turn the problem and the person over to God. When we try to take matters into our own hands we will always fall short. We are just not qualified to know another person's heart. Because of this the best option is to pray about the matter and turn everything over to God. This is how Jesus handled it when he was insulted. "When he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." (1 Peter 2:23) If Jesus needed to turn it over to God when He was insulted what would make us believe that we can handle insults by ourselves? We need to spend a great amount of time in prayer when someone insults us so that we handle them in a way that would please God.

Our Family News

Traveling: Hans Nicholson, Christian Larson, Gabby StClair, David and Linda Cline, Becky and Hannah, Tom Betti family 6-6 to 6-15, and Jennifer Kelly and the four youngest boys.

Please Pray For: Linda Workman, Walt Gilfilen.

We need remember: Away working, the church & the lost.

Moving to Wasilla: Whitney Sharp is moving to Wasilla on June 2nd.

Men's Business Meeting: Today after morning worship service.

Potluck: If you are willing to host June potluck, contact Ed Maxwell.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 100.9 FM, hosted by Sam Carman.

Today's Scripture: "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power." **Acts 1:7** (KJV)

Today's Proverb: "A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength." **Pro.24:4** (KJV)

Attendance last Sunday: 77

Please update us concerning those on the prayer list.

Thank You