

March 1, 2015

Insight...

“...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

2 Timothy 1:7

- € **As a clergy volunteer pastor Jim knew...**that hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. One afternoon he found an elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet. He insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital, but after a respectful chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly allowed himself to be wheeled down to the elevator. On the way down pastor Jim asked him if his wife was meeting him. *“I don't know,”* he said *“She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.”*

- € **“Peace,”** said St. Augustine, “is the tranquility of order.” It is not a cease fire. It is not some “never-land” in which each man desires what he will and obtains what he desires. It is not a continual social ferment, managed at the boundaries by government force. It is not the transgressive, the irreverent, the novel for novelty's sake, the twisted, the static without steadfastness, the progressive without aim. *Peace is the tranquility of order.* Anthony Esolen in Touchstone, March/April 2015

- € **Lies seem common,** even expected these days. One famous study by the University of Massachusetts said, “60 percent of adults can't have a ten minute conversation without lying at least once.”

- € **Aristotle taught...**that integrity and virtue have to be practiced. What we habitually do, shapes us. Small habits become lifestyles. But Aristotle is incomplete without Augustine, who taught that we are what we love. So we must love the right things, and we must love them in the right order—honor over success, truth over relevance, others over self, and God over all. Combine Aristotle and Augustine and what you get is: We are what we habitually love. Our loves are fostered by our habits. John Stonestreet in Breakpoint, The Attractiveness of Truth Telling - Resisting the Culture of Lies, 2/26/2015

€ **The Happy Christian**, a new book by David Murray offers 10 formulas where he uses truth as a base for happiness rather than manipulation of situations and feelings that are commonly proposed by pop psychology. Here are the formulas:

1. Fact > Feelings
2. Good News > Bad News
3. Done > Do
4. Christ > Christians
5. Future > Past
6. Everywhere Grace > Everywhere Sin
7. Praise > Criticism
8. Giving > Getting
9. Work > Play
10. Diversity > Uniformity

€ **Trivia Question:** When Herod heard of the works of Jesus, who did he think it was?
A. John the Baptist B. Isaiah C. Elijah D. Josephus



For Prayer...

...Kyle (Katie) – fighting malaria, protection, strength, wisdom, healing and proper treatment.

...Russ & Nicole – leaving the missions field, working through difficult issues.

...Sally & Wayne – as they mourn the death of Sally's son, Steven.

...Julia – as she mourns the death of her mother, Joyce.

...VBS Committee as they begin planning for this year's ministry.

...Isis and related Muslim terrorist groups – that the Lord's will be done and that Christians always respond in the strength, wisdom, courage and power of the Spirit whether living or dying for Christ. Over 100 Christians from remote villages in Syria have been kidnapped this past week.

...Darla's husband, Mike, should be on his way home from his missions work in Africa.

...Sue (John) – home and stabilizing. Breathing is difficult when longer walking distances.

...Mexico Missions Team's preparation/Men's and Women's Campout sign-ups and preparation.

...This evening's Elder Board meeting.

...Sale of the homes of a number of folks in our church – the financial drag is hard.

...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie

Renee (Dick)

Christy (Mike)

Norm & Peg

Cheryl (Deane)

...Our Expectant Mothers

Sarah (Kelly)

Christine (Ben)

Terra (Ronnie)

Daisy (Aaron)

Sarah (Beaner)

Kristin (Shawn)

Diana (Steven)

Paige (Matt)

Chante (Brent)

Brittany (Andy)

...beware the deadly disease...

A sick society must think much about politics, as a sick man must think much about his digestion; to ignore the subject may be fatal cowardice for one as for the other. But if either comes to regard it as the natural food of the mind—if either forgets that we think of such things only in order to be able to think of something else—then what was undertaken for the sake of health has become itself a new and deadly disease.

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: A. John the Baptist (Mark 6:14)