

Insight...

***From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good,
and the work of a man's hand comes back to him.***

Proverbs 12:14

- **A new fellow showed up at choir rehearsal one day...** who was not a gifted singer. In fact, he couldn't hold a tune if his life depended on it. Several members respectfully suggested that he may be better suited for another ministry...but the man still refused to leave. Eventually, Pastor Dave questioned him. *"Why should I leave the choir?"* the man protested. *"Well, quite a number of people have commented on your inability to sing,"* countered the pastor, *"the Lord expects us to serve in accordance with our gifts."* The man didn't hesitate as he replied, *"And quite a number of people have commented on your inability to preach - but you're still in the pulpit."*

- **What are your "spiritual gifts?"** Out of 100 Christians polled:
 - 7 believe they have the gift of teaching.
 - 7 believe they have the gift of helps/service.
 - 4 believe they have the gift of mercy.
 - 3 believe they have the gift of leadership.
 - 71 have heard about spiritual gifts, but only 31 can name the gift they believe they have.

[Barna, Index of Leading Spiritual Indicators, 24-25.]

- **Health facts from deancare.com:**
 - 1 out of 2 Americans are overweight. 1 in 3 is obese.
 - 90% of Americans fail to regularly eat a heart healthy diet.
 - Experts recommend 20 minutes of exercise each day, 5 days/week.
 - 600,000 die of heart disease in the U.S. each year.

- **Darrow Miller**, a noted Christian author and speaker, made the following observations regarding how ideas spread:
 - Through intellectuals at Universities and in religions...
 - Through Balladeers and artists in song and story...
 - Through Professionals such as lawyers, politicians and economists.
 - Through common man, most powerfully through churches that gather and then scatter.

- **Miller** also noted in a recent speech that much of the world tends to be cynical when it comes to Christians because they communicate that they do not wish to be here (...and in doing so tell the world that they don't like them and don't care about them.)

- **The opposite of agape love** - is not hate...it's apathy.

- **Empathy**...as opposed to apathy, at its root means to run towards danger and to stay with the threatened person until the danger passes.
- **Trivia Question:** Match the following historical characters with the appropriate time period in which they lived.

Ezra	Pre-written history
Abraham	2000 B.C.
Adam	1500 B.C.
Jesus	1000 B.C.
David	500 B. C.
Moses	A. D.

For Prayer...

- ...Ken Boll – as he recovers from a debilitating stroke. He is making slow progress and the doctors believe there is a good chance that he may have a full recovery. Cards and letters are appreciated but not visitors. He sleeps recuperatively most of the day.
- ...Jerilyn (Dale) Finger as she recovers from reconstructive facial surgery. Very hard.
- ...Nathan and Anna Bauer – thanks for safety in lieu of their van fire. We pray for a quick turnaround for the van and specialty car seats for their special needs foster children.
- ...Jean Muehlfelt's brother, Jeff Crooks has opted out of treatment for his cancer that would only hope to extend his life a few months. He is at peace with the Lord and his family is near. Please pray for their mother.
- ...Ross Curry – still struggling with neurological damage from his fall. Headaches and limited debilitation.
- ...Nominating Committee as they seek servants to care for our Walnut Hill church family.
- ...Space Planning & Church Growth Committee. Also sub-committee work. Meeting this evening.
- ...VBS Committee – praying for servants to sign up to help and make long term life investments in kids.
- ...Men's Campout, 1st weekend in May, Mother's Day is the 2nd weekend and the Women's Campout is the 3rd. Much work to be done. God's riches blessings for attentive humble hearts.
- ...Russ and Nicole Roloff – home. Arrived in Minneapolis on Friday. Their hearts are heavy for the people of Mozambique and the co-workers that remain.
- ...Expeditions Unlimited as they begin their busy season.
- ...Josh and Emily Wilcosz and the Sherpa Program as they wind to a close.
- ...Andy and Brittany Gradall in East Africa – unexpected new taxes have become a burden.
- ...U. S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for and against redefining marriage in America. Pray for the Lord's will to be done and for the Spirit to move the hearts of the SCOTUS Justices – that they seek the Lord's will on behalf of the people and gain an understanding of the gravity of their decisions.
- ...Sale of Homes: Reidle, Gradall, Greenwood, Brandell, Dunbar, Norman, Stock

...Couples fighting serious physical illness together:

Jeff & Laurie Wavrunek Christy (Mike) Moura Norm & Peg Miller Cheryl (Deane) Fischer

...Our Expectant Mothers

Sarah (Kelly) Bryant	Daisy (Aaron) Wieland	Diana (Steven) Ulrich
Christy (Ben) Higgins	Sarah (Beaner) Bresson	Brittany (Andy)
Terra (Ronnie) Maldonado	Kristin (Shawn) Hermsen	Chante (Brent) Harenza
Jen (Cory) Sweet	Britta (Jonah) Moline	

“A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.”

*C.S. Lewis,
Mere Christianity*

Trivia Answer: Adam-Pre-written history/Abraham-2000/Moses-1500/David-1000/Ezra-500/Jesus-A.D.