

# Insight...

***“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”***

I Timothy 2:1-2

- **A cowboy named Frank...**was in the bunkhouse telling some of the ranch hands about his first visit to a big-city church. *"When I got there, they had me put my truck in a big ol' corral,"* Joe began. *"You mean the parking lot,"* interrupted Will, who had once lived in a city. *"Yeh...well, I walked up the trail to the door,"* Frank continued. *"The sidewalk to the door,"* Will corrected him. *"Inside the door, I was met by this dude,"* Frank went on. *"That would be the usher,"* Will explained. *"Well, the usher led me down the chute,"* Frank said. *"You mean the aisle,"* Will said. Showing a bit of frustration Frank continued, *"Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there."* *"PEW,"* Will snapped. *"Yeah,"* recalled Frank. *"That's what that pretty lady said when I sat down beside her."*
- **Open Office, Close Mind** – The Washington Post reports that tech companies like Google, Facebook and Yahoo that have championed the open office concept because it promotes collaboration, accountability and maximized space are finding out that all is not well. Research is confirming that open office stunts creativity and productivity as workers struggle to concentrate. A boost of privacy boosts productivity. [Journal of Environmental Psychology, 2013 study.]
- **Dylann Roof, murdered nine Christians...**at a prayer meeting at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Dylann's friends were interviewed as the press and other officials tried to understand motive for his crime. One friend stated, *"He was a racist; but I don't judge people."* WHAT? Those nine words represent the logical terminus for the insipid nature of relativism. Here, a young man is so wary of being seen as *"judgmental,"* we can't even bring himself to unequivocally condemn racism.
- **The Scourge of Relativism** - in Allan Bloom's landmark book, *"The Closing of the American Mind (1987),"* as a professor at the University of Chicago, he tells the story of his students' response to the Hindu custom known as sati, wherein a widow is burned alive on her husband's funeral pyre. When the custom was banned by the British, the Hindu priests complained, prompting British general Charles James Napier to reply, *"This burning of widows is your custom; prepare the funeral pyre. But my nation has also a custom. When men burn women alive we hang them, and confiscate all their property."*
- **Before Bloom died in 1992...**he stated that his students at the University of Chicago had become so committed to "relativism" that they either remained silent about the custom of sati or argued *"that the British should never have been there in the first place."* I'm guessing most Indian widows would disagree. It's important to understand that as ridiculous as it may seem, the kind of relativism on display in Bloom's classroom has become the norm, not the exception. Bloom was correct when he wrote that *"students, of course, cannot defend their opinion,"* and relativism is the result of indoctrination. But, as we all know from experience, indoctrination can be difficult to overcome, and in the meantime, it prompts people to think and act in harmful ways. [The Logical Terminus of Relativism, John Stonestreet, July 28, 2015]

- **Does character matter?** An idea that rules people inwardly will ultimately run them outwardly.
- **Trivia Question:** To whom did God describe Job as a blameless and upright man?
 

A. Methuselah	C. The angel Gabriel
B. Eliphaz	D. Satan

### For Prayer...

- ...Dan D's father, Bob, has been placed under hospice care. He is no longer taking nourishment. Thank you for your prayers.
- ...Melody's mother-in-law, Claire's breast cancer has been diagnosed as terminal. Praying for strength of faith and the Lord's healing.
- ...Suzanne & Felicia – to banish all demons and to be filled with the light of Christ.
- ...Rachel – strength of faith, hope, love, and trust to fight the unseen battles.
- ...Kester – fight a local strain of influenza. High temperature. Please pray.
- ...Andy & Kelly have left the orphanage but are still serving with “Back to Back” missions. Giving thanks that they have found a house to rent near to the missions base.
- ...Karen (Rob) B's mother, Barbara – living at Golden Care in the Wisc. Dells. Fell and refractured her broken leg.
- ...Giving thanks that Pastor Clark's wife, Sue's, surgery went well. Drs. believe she is now cancer free.
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie  
Cheryl (Deane)

Christy (Mike)  
Ken & Judy

Sue (John)  
Tom (Barb)

#### ...Our Expectant Mothers

Jen (Cody)  
Brittany (Andy)  
Angela (Ryan)  
Johannah (Josh)

Britta (Jonah)  
Diana (Steven)  
Rebekah (Adam)  
Lindsay (Ivo)

Coty (Steven)  
Elizabeth (Brent)  
Lindsey (Jeremy)  
Kristin (Shawn)

**Two Faces of Death**  
 Human death is the result of sin and the triumph of Satan.  
 But it is also the means of redemption from sin, God's medicine for Man and His weapon against Satan...  
**C. S. Lewis**

- **Trivia Answer:** Satan (Job 1:8)