

***“For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.  
So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.”  
Romans 14:8***

- **Pastor Dave had opportunity to go fishing...**with a couple of men in the church. Not wanting to miss an opportunity with a captive audience he tried to start a conversation, asking the men in the boat, “*What is your favorite parable in the Bible?*” Dave Luetkens thoughtfully replied, “*I’ve always had a special appreciation for that parable whose lesson we are putting into practice today.*” “*And which one is that.*” asked the pastor. “*The one where everyone loafs and fishes.*”
- **Truth...**is never determined by how many people believe it. (Ref. 1 John 4:6)
- **It may not always be true but...**typically, Men marry women hoping they’ll never change and women marry men hoping they will. These are hopes that do not “*reign eternal.*” This, of course, does not explain why brides purchase their wedding gowns and grooms rent their wedding suits.
- **The power of reputation** – Cal Ripken, nick named “*the Iron Man,*” was a Baltimore Oriole shortstop who broke Lou Gehrig’s record for playing in consecutive games. Time magazine said of him, Ripken “*has never sulked, maligned, strutted, whined, wheedled, or referred to himself in the third person.*” As a result Cal was loved and respected even by his competitors. Once, umpire Drew Noble threw Ripken out of a game for arguing a call, Coble remarked: “*I felt like I was throwing God out of church.*”
- **No Differences? Studies in how to get the results you want...**In 2004 the American Psychological Assoc. (APA) declared “*there is no scientific evidence that parenting effectiveness is related to parental sexual orientation.*” This conclusion, based on a number of early studies led to the “*no differences*” theory, and has been cited (as undeniable facts) in numerous amicus briefs including the Obergefell v. Hodges marriage case recently argued before the Supreme Court whose decision opened the doors to a constitutional interpretation extending marriage rights to same sex couples. Is the “no differences” theory trustworthy?

All trained researchers understand that in experimental design, the preferred method is to conduct (1) a blind experiment (2) on a representative sample (3) using a statistically powerful hypothesis test. The early studies on same sex parenting, upon which the APA drew its conclusions, were lacking in at least one of these three criteria, and most were lacking in all of them.

  1. The participants were aware that the purpose was to investigate the same-sex parenting and may have biased their responses in order to produce the desired result.
  2. The participants were recruited through net-works of friends or through advocacy organizations, resulting in a sampling of same-sex partners of higher socioeconomic status than is typical of parents in a same-sex relationship generally.
  3. On average, samples of fewer than 40 children of parents in a same-sex relationship virtually guaranteed finding of no statistically significant differences between groups.

[The Research on Same-Sex Parenting, by Jamie Bryan Hall, <http://report.heritageorg/ib4393>]
- **Beware of the half-truth...**you may get the wrong half.
- **Then read it again...**It ain’t so much the things we don’t know that get us in trouble. It’s the things we know that ain’t so. (Artemus Ward, American Humorist, 1867)
- **Trivia Question:** Who is the only woman whose age is mentioned in the Bible?

A. Elizabeth                      B. Miriam                      C. Deborah                      D. Sarah

## For Prayer...

- ...Nathan H- broke his leg at football practice...bad break, two places. Home and healing.
- ...Ken G had a mild heart attack this week and was giving 2 stents. Should be home by Sunday if there are no complications.
- ...Eric Newgent - fighting prostate cancer.
- ...Karson L - home and healing.
- ...Darla G - concerned about stress during a move over the next 3 weeks.
- ...Tracy S - 2 children, needs work.
- ...Brother Don W being released from VA hospital - living with a member of Walnut Hill.
- ...Prayer for: Volunteers to drive for Meals on Wheels...October 12th - November 6th. Contact Marianne B at (608) 963-6545 if interested or if you have questions.
- ...Sale of Homes: Reidle, Gradall, Normans, Stocks, Muehlfelts...
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie	Christy (Mike)	Sue (John)
Cheryl (Deane)	Ken & Judy	Tom (Barb)

### ...Our Expectant Mothers

Jen (Cody)	Britta (Jonah)	Coty (Steven)
Brittany (Andy)	Diana (Steven)	Elizabeth (Brent)
Angela (Ryan)	Rebekah (Adam)	Lindsey (Jeremy)
Johanna (Joshua)	Lindsay (Ivo)	Kristin (Shawn)
Jill (Dale)	Marianne (Brent)	Kim (Eddy)
Dolly (john)		

### The Devil's Desire - Perpetual Discontent...

We want a whole race perpetually in pursuit of the rainbow's end, never honest, nor kind, nor happy now, but always using as mere fuel wherewith to heap the altar of the Future every real gift which is offered them in the Present.

Scrawtaped Letters, C. S. Lewis

**Trivia Answer:** D. Sarah (Genesis 17:17, 23:1)