

August 23, 2015

# *Insight...*

***“O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called ‘knowledge,’ for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.”***

I Timothy 6:20-21

- **Pastor Dave was talking to a friend who was a Lutheran minister**...about baptism.  
Lutheran friend: “*Well, just how much water do you need? Up to their knees?*”  
Pastor Dave: “*More.*”  
Lutheran friend: “*Up to their shoulders?*”  
Pastor Dave: “*More.*”  
Lutheran friend: “*Up to their chin?*”  
Pastor Dave: “*More.*”  
Lutheran friend: “*Over their head?*”  
Pastor Dave: “*That’s right.*”  
Lutheran friend: “*Well that’s where we put it.*”
  
- **Your Wisconsin Tax Dollars at Work**...Professors Adam Swift of the University of Warwick and Harry Brighthouse of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, think they’ve found the root source of inequality in society: the family. [**Breakpoint**, Families are Unfair? A Devil’s Definition of Equality, John Stonestreet, August 21, 2015]
- **Perhaps their idea of fair isn’t so fair**...Social scientists have long known that loving families with two parents confer an enormous advantage on children. Evidence shows these kids are more likely to attend college, less likely to suffer or perpetrate abuse, less likely to do drugs or cross the law, and have a higher likelihood of passing on these advantages to their own children. You would think this would make us want good families in our society. But Swift and Brighthouse don't think that's fair. [Ibid.]
- **Self-respect demands unwarranted guilt?** Swift and Brighthouse recognize that abolishing the family altogether would be going overboard. So their alternative is to hobble intact families—especially those with means—by prohibiting private school, inheritance, summer camp, and other “*purely economic means*” of conferring advantage on children...and since bedtime stories also give kids a leg-up in life, they think you should “*occasionally*” feel bad about reading to your kids, too. [Ibid.]
- **Cheers! Here’s to self-destruction.** What comes to mind is C. S. Lewis' famous epilogue to “*The Screwtape Letters*,” entitled, “*Screwtape Proposes a Toast.*” In it, the retired tempter tells graduates of a demonic college to teach humans that good habits—the kind that improve society (kind of like the family does)—are “*undemocratic.*” Instead of nurturing and encouraging virtues like morality and academic excellence, he says, humans should be trained to resent and destroy them. The goal, says Screwtape, is the “*elimination of every kind of human excellence—moral, cultural, social, or intellectual.*” [Ibid.]

- **General Ulysses S. Grant** once asked the famous clergyman, Henry Ward Beecher: “*Why does a little fault in a clergyman attract more notice than a great fault in a bad man?*” Replied Beecher, “*Perhaps it is for the same reason that a slight stain on a white garment is more readily noticed than a large stain on a colored one.*”
  
- **Trivia Question:** How many books of the Bible are divide into 2 or more sections?  
 A. 3                      B. 5                      C. 7                      D. 8

**For Prayer...**

- ...Rejoicing with Jen and Cody – as Jen gave birth to their first child, Abraham Earl, on Friday.
- ...For “Butch’s” family as they mourn his death. Service will be at Walnut Hill Monday at 11 AM.
- ...Howard (80), a retired farmer and Dave’s friend, recently diagnosed with cancer. Comfort and Christ for Howard and his family.
- ...Noah – comfort as he mourns the suicide of a good friend.
- ...Annette – John our so in CA update. Anxiety, panic attacks, fear, loss. He is accepting medicine. Thank you for a productive ministry at Walnut Hill.
- ...Rachel – my new move to be blessed and bring me closer to God.
- ...Nathan – broke his leg at football practice...leg set, home and healing...till dealing with pain.
- ...Ray – healing for his shattered heal and the difficulties that come with this injury.
- ...Prayer and serious consideration for AWANA staffing. administration, handbook leaders and a council time leader. This is a major outreach ministry – please put your gifts to use.
- ...Prayer for: Volunteers to drive for Meals on Wheels...October 12th – November 6th.  
 Contact Marianne through the church office if you can help or if you have questions.
- ...Baptismal Candidate: Spiritual protection and resolve.

John	Ron & Amber	Aiden	Susan	Isabelle
Able	James	Wayne	Carol	Daniel
Kyle	Josie	Joseph	Katie	

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

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

- ...Our Expectant Mothers

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

From: *Screwtape* (a demon) Proposes a Toast

All is summed up in the prayer which a young female human is said to have uttered recently:

“*O God, make me a normal twentieth century girl!*”

Thanks to our labours, this will mean increasingly:

“*Make me a minx, a moron, and a parasite.*”

C. S. Lewis

**Trivia Answer:** D. 8 [Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Corinthians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Peter, John]