

Insight...

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”
Proverbs 9:10

- **Welcome to Dr. Sessler’s world...**Jacko was 78 years old, widowed and a little nervous about his doctor’s recent counsel...but there he was, walking down the street with a striking new girlfriend as they run into Dr. Sessler coming out of the Corner Drug Store. A bit taken back, Dr. Dan stammers, *“Jacko, look at you. You must be feeling great, right?”* Jacko says, *“Just following your orders, Doc. You told me to get a hot mama and be cheerful.”* Dr. Dan exclaims, *“Jacko, that’s not what I told you! I said, ‘You got a heart murmur. Be careful.’”*

- **Two excerpts from a spoof ads** for a fictional new academic dictionary called “The FAD.”
 - Family**
Archaic dictionary – a group consisting of a father, mother, and their children living together in a household.
The Fad – a group consisting of various persons of various ages living in a household, whose adult members declare themselves family.

 - Marriage**
Archaic dictionary – the conjugal union of a man and a woman, for richer or poorer, till death do they part, for their mutual benefit in love, family, and community.
The Fad – the contractual union of any two or more individuals (human or otherwise) who wish to be acknowledged by the state as official spouses, as long as all parties are feeling in love.
[Salvo, Summer, 2015, pg. 24]

- **89.5 FM will air a fall fundraiser entitled “Days of Thanksgiving”** on Tues. – Wed., Nov. 3-4, 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM. Thanks to a partnership with People Helping People and local grocery stores, a percentage of all donations will be used to feed the poor in their listening area. For more information, visit www.wcnpfm.org.

- *“Christianity does not seek to impose; it proposes.”* Chuck Colson

- **Here it comes again...Halloween.** Some “Christians argue that the pagan roots of Halloween are no more significant than the pagan origins of Christmas and other church festivals. Without doubt, the church has progressively Christianized the calendar, seizing secular and pagan holidays as opportunities for Christian witness and celebration. Anderson M. Rearick, III argues that Christians should not surrender the holiday. As he relates, *‘I am reluctant to give up what was one of the highlights of my childhood calendar to the Great Imposter and Chief of Liars for no reason except that some of his servants claim it as his.’*
Nevertheless, the issue is a bit more complicated than that. While affirming that make-believe and imagination are part and parcel of God’s gift of imagination, Christians should still be very concerned about the focus of that imagination and creativity. Arguing against Halloween is not equivalent to arguing against Christmas. The old church festival of ‘All Hallow’s Eve’ is by no means as universally understood among Christians as the celebration of the incarnation at Christmas.
Christian parents should make careful decisions based on a biblically-informed Christian conscience. Some Halloween practices are clearly out of bounds. Others may be strategically transformed, but this takes hard work and may meet with mixed success.
The coming of Halloween is a good time for Christians to remember that evil spirits are real and that the Devil will seize every opportunity to trumpet his own celebrity. Perhaps the best response to the Devil at Halloween is that offered by Martin Luther, the great Reformer: *“The best way to drive out the devil, if he will not yield to texts of Scripture, is to jeer and flout him for he cannot bear scorn.”*
[<http://www.albertmohler.com/2013/10/30/christianity-and-the-dark-side-what-about-halloween-5>]

- **Saying “good-bye to the Heller family** who are leaving us for Paducah, KY. Join the fest at Glacier Rock. Sunday (10/25), 6:30- 8? Good byes, hugs and good friends.
- **Trivia Question:** In which book of the Bible is God not mentioned?
 - A. Amos
 - B. Esther
 - C. Ruth
 - D. Philemon

A true progressive...

We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road,
progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road;
in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive.

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: B. Esther