

November 8, 2015

Insight...

"But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more."

Psalm 71:14

- **Pastor Dave's brother**...Dr. Steven Hutchens, delivered a speech at a banquet on the night of his arrival in London. He was in town to speak at a symposium at Oxford on the works of C. S. Lewis. During his speech he told several anecdotes he expected to repeat at the symposium the next day. Because he wanted to use the stories again, he asked the reporters to omit them from any accounts they might turn in to their newspapers. A cub reporter, in commenting on the speech, ended his piece with the following: *"Dr. Hutchens told a number of stories that cannot be published."*

- **ISIS simplified**...for the sake of intelligent prayer and ministry decisions.
 - ...ISIS stands for Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.
 - ...The group is the successor organization to Al-Qaeda's franchise in Iraq. It broke away from Al-Qaeda in a power struggle over leadership of the revolution in Syria.
 - ...The goal of the two groups is the same...restore the Caliphate establishing a global Islamic state.
 - ...The big difference between the two groups? ISIS is much more brutal, especially about enforcing its harsh view of Sharia law.
 - ...What allures people to join ISIS's ranks? Its leader, Abu Bakr al Baghdadi, claims to be the Successor not only of Osama bin Laden, but also the prophet Muhammad. This claim resonates with young Muslims.
[From an interview with James Philips, Senior Research Fellow for the Heritage Foundation]

- **Staggering Comparisons**...for the sake of prayer and intelligent spiritual battles.
 - ...Abortions performed in the United States since 1973: 58,198,009 souls.
 - ...Abortions performed worldwide since 1980: 1,345,907,865 souls.
 - ...Abortions performed worldwide every year: 37,600,000 souls.
 - ...Estimated deaths from all wars in the twentieth century: 258,327,000 souls.
 - ...Estimated deaths from the influenza epidemic of 1918: between 50 – 100 million souls.
 - ...Combined death count in the U. S./year from heart disease and cancer: 1.2 million souls.
 - ...This past century's worst natural disaster, the Central China flood in 1931: 3.7 million souls.
 - ...Highest natural disaster death count on U. S. soil, the Galveston Hurricane of 1900: 12,000.

- **Abortion is not an act of war** - nor is it a natural disaster, or a viral epidemic. It is a matter of will, of deliberate choice. And it has now become the most destructive force man has ever mustered against his fellow man. [Quote and statistical compilation by John D. Ferrer and Anita Kuhn for an article in SALVO, The Big Kill – Abortion is by Far the Deadliest Thing – Ever, Fall 2015]

- **Evidences of Conquests** - When we consider the fact that the number of surviving Gospel manuscripts far exceeds the work of antiquity, it becomes apparent that there is more historical evidence for Jesus's life, death, and resurrection than there is for, say, Julius Caesar's campaign against and conquest of Gaul.

- **Trivia Question:** T or F – Peter was the only apostle not martyred for his faith.

For Prayer...

- ...Eric (Janie) received his last treatment this week in his battle against prostate cancer (8 weeks, 40 radiation treatments and now, 18 months of hormone therapy). We give thanks for the faith and testimony of this family. They express great gratitude for our prayers.
- ...Arlene is scheduled for eye surgery on November 25th. Doctors plan to remove and replace her lens and arrest bleeding that is causing blurriness.
- ...Susan's sister, Diane, was taken home to the Lord on Monday. Prayers for family are appreciated.
- ...Kelly (Sarah) as he prepares for his ordination, here at Walnut Hill, on Saturday, November 14th.
- ...Upcoming Ministries:

Thanksgiving Eve Service	Thanksgiving Day Dinner in Fellowship Hall
The Children's Christmas Program	The Buzz – our primary Christmas outreach.
- ...The Silver Saints as their schedule changes due to the holidays:
 - The November meeting on the 3rd Thursday on the 19th due to Thanksgiving.
 - The December meeting on the 3rd Friday on the 18th as the LIFT homeschooling group hosts a luncheon for the group in the Fellowship Hall.
- ...Giving thanks that Mary's mother's house has sold.
- ...Ed (Jean) is headed for Nigeria for a 3-4 day tower fix. After he returns Jean plans to join him for a 6-8 week job in the Congo. They appreciate our prayers – their retirement is getting pretty strenuous.
- ...Youth Pastor search committee and the man they will call.
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Christy (Mike)	Sue (John)	Tom (Barb)	Linda (Gary)
Cheryl (Deane)	Ken & Judy	Dave (Jean)	
- ...Our Expectant Mothers

Coty (Steve)	Amber (Keenan)	Johanna (Joshua)
Kim (Eddy)	Lindsay (Evo)	Jill (Dale)
Angela (Ryan)	Rebekah (Adam)	Lindsey (Jeremy)

In your anxiety do not sin...

“Some people feel guilty about their anxieties and regard them as a defect of faith but they are afflictions, not sins. Like all afflictions, they are, if we can so take them, our share in the passion of Christ.”

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer – False, John was the only apostle who did not suffer martyrdom.