

You Can't Fool God

by David Maxson Northwood church of Christ Northport, AL

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.
Galatians 6:7

Have you ever been fooled by a liar? They fed you a line about how much they cared about you. They made grand promises that sounded so sincere. They really had you going, and then, the rug is pulled out from under you when you find out who they really are. You feel like a fool.

We can't do this to God. He is not mocked. We may be able to fool others with the games we play, but God is never fooled. He not only knows what we do in secret, he knows what we think in our heart. All those things we keep hidden from view, those are the very things God will use against us in judgment.

- And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. [Hebrews 4:13](#)
- For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. [Ecclesiastes 12:14](#)
- God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. [Romans 2:16](#)

Don't play games with God. He is not mocked. He sees all and knows all. Don't fool yourself. You will reap what you sow.

Father God, remind us that you know all and that you are a consuming fire. We tremble at your word! Grant us mercy to live every moment of our days before you with reverent awe!

How To Keep From Drifting

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Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.
[Hebrews 2:1](#)

The word picture painted here is a nautical one. Like a boat that slowly floats away from the dock and is lost, we're warned here of the danger of being gradually moved away from our Lord by various pressures and concerns.

That's why we are admonished to "pay much closer attention" to what the Lord has told us. The danger is that we lose focus, that we become apathetic toward our salvation. There is only one thing in life that really matters, but there are thousands of other things that vie for our attention. How easy it is for us to get distracted or lulled to sleep by the world!

What are the things that keep us anchored? The daily disciplines of prayer, Bible study, evangelism, and service are a good place to start. We must maintain constant communication with God and endeavor to grow every day in our walk with God.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

Ladies' Bible Study Tuesday 10 AM at the building.

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible class and worship.

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Speaker
Phil Sanders
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Time Warner Cable Channel 20
Tuesday 5:30 AM
Friday 4:30 PM

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Diane Mellott, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, and Jean Cameron.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Paul Stewart, Betty Leistner and also Denise Garlitz’ grandchildren, Mary Lou, Carol’s sister Holly, Frank’s niece, Tony & Eglá Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, George Beckwith, Michelle Phillips, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Cheryl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Jeanne Johns, and Emily Sestack, Levi, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Sean Pratt, Lionel Weir, Glen Mueller, Mary Lou, Gloria, Gail Bodie, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, and Tammy.

Updates:

Diane Mellott. Recent tests results came back positive for breast cancer. Bone and PET scans came back normal. She saw the radiologist this past Monday and is scheduled for surgery Sept. 15. She is grateful for everyone’s prayers. Let’s continue to pray for her through the surgery and recovery. Let’s also remember her daughter Renee Kinney as she continues to battle cancer.

Sonny Stine recently tested positive for colon cancer. He has a test scheduled for Sept. 28.

Jean Cameron had her cast removed from her arm this past Wednesday.

Keith & Glory Marten. Keith emailed Friday evening that because the storm in FL shifted they were leaving their house and going to Randy’s (their son) house because he has his house boarded up for protection from the storm. He also has a generator and a window air conditioner. Let’s pray for their safety.

Billie Jo Potter, a friend of Carol Jones, has health issues as well as her parents who are taking care of her.

Jenna, a friend of Matt & Lisa Nichols, is struggling with addiction.

Rita D., Susan Barrett’s best friends’ mother was recently in I.C.U. at Buffalo General dealing with blood clots. She seems to be doing better at this point.

Michael, Cheryl Ferguson’s significant other, suffered a stroke two years ago and is on the decline. Cheryl is a friend of Carol Jones.

Ladies

Mark your calendars. Ladies fellowship night is Friday, September 29th, 6:30pm. All ladies are encouraged to come out and enjoy a fun and uplifting night.



Read Me

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

- Sept. 17** Men’s Business Meeting after the morning worship.
- Sept. 23** Ladies Day Southside church of Christ Syracuse, NY Please see posting.
- Sept. 29-Oct. 01** Ladies Day. North Greece Rd. church of Christ. Please see posting.
- Oct. 6-7** Teachers Workshop. North Greece Rd. church of Christ, Rochester. Please see posting.
- Oct. 09** Columbus Day

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2 Corinthians

Sermon Topic Today: Jacob - Grow In The Lord

Scripture Reading: Gen. 33:18-20

No Sunday PM service.

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1 & 2 Samuel

Trays Today

Sharron Gantt

Changes are not bad – they are just different. Having said that, last week I announced that it was time for us to start looking for a full time minister. If the church wishes, I will continue to teach and preach Sunday morning during the search. I will begin employment with Niagara County Hospice as a full time Bereavement Counselor in the middle of September. As we face changes we must do so proactively and prayerfully being fully confident that God will guide us. – *Mark*

Not Too Sharp

by Wade McKnight Southern Oaks church of Christ Chickasha, Oklahoma

I recently acquired a splitting maul from my dad. It has a metal handle, which is good, because my aim is not. I was working on some especially difficult pecan logs (wood—not sugary treats), when I pulled back and struck a mighty blow. I felt the shock rattle my teeth. I had unknowingly turned the maul around and struck the log with the blunt end. Needless to say it did not induce the desired results. After the feeling returned to my hands I tried again (with the sharp end) and eventually succeeded in splitting the twisted wood. I like the results of using the sharp end better.

Isn’t it odd that we often treat God in the same way? We hammer away with a blunt tool, inflicting pain upon ourselves, when God implores us to use the sharp tool. The blunt tool could be any number of things; our own selfish desires, stubbornness or even our own unwillingness to trust God to fulfill His promises. There we are, hammering away in our weakness, instead of relying on His strength.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account (Hebrews 4:11-13).

This verse talks of a rest, which is our ultimate goal--Heaven. All we do should bring us closer to that goal. God’s razor-sharp instrument for that purpose is His Word. In His Word we find everything we need to fulfill this goal. We learn of Jesus. We are embraced by the knowledge of God’s grace. We see the mistakes and triumphs of others. We are overwhelmed by God’s love and we revel in the knowledge of our Creator, and his knowledge of us.

So, why do I find myself hammering away with the inadequacies of my own blunt instrument, not producing the desired results, when I could ease my strife and my pain by using God’s toolshed? It may be because... I’m the one who’s not to sharp.