

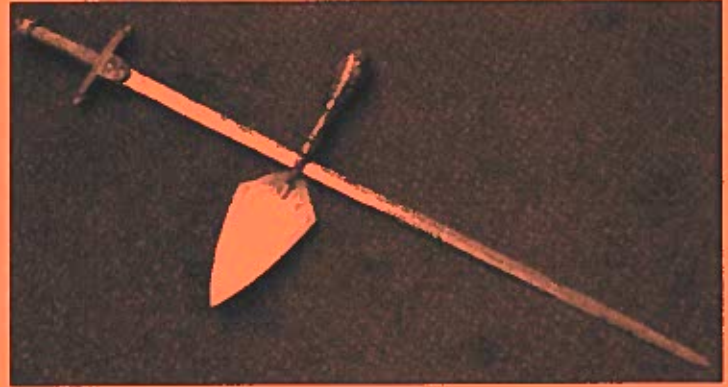
The Sword and Trowel

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We intend to build and defend: *"As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded."* Nehemiah 4:18

MOMMA SAID . . .

Mother's Day is coming up this Sunday and as this day approaches it has caused me to reflect on the many lessons I learned from my mom. I can remember my mom always saying, "One day I hope you have a kid just like you" which I thought was very kind and thoughtful of her to say.

Growing up, my mom would constantly teach my brother and me to say words like "Please" and "Thank you" and "I'm sorry". Mom wanted us to be polite boys, to respect others. But these words go way deeper than simple politeness. Learning these three phrases are a key to a God honoring, happy and healthy life. When we say please, thank you and I'm sorry, we are living Biblical principles God desires to see in each of our lives.

Take the words **THANK YOU** for instance. If you give me something, that means it will cost you something. So, if I am thankful, I am practicing gratitude which means I am giving up something in return. When I am thankful, I am giving up my self-centeredness. If I am thankful, I recognize it is not about me.

My mom taught me to say "thank you", but what she really wanted me to learn was how to live a life of gratitude. She wanted me to live a life focused on others. This is why I always like to read the beginning of the Apostle Paul's letters in the New Testament. Paul was constantly giving thanks to God and the people he was writing.

Look at how Paul gives thanks in his letter to Philemon. Verses 4-7: *"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."*

Paul recognized everything was from God. Paul recognized God used people to be blessings and to partner together serving in the church. Paul was filled with gratitude because of Philemon.

Who is it you need to thank? Is it your mom? Is it your spouse? Is it your co-worker? Is it your friend?

Paul thanked his friend Philemon for his service in the church. It brought Paul joy to think about Philemon and his efforts for God even though serving God had placed them in difficult circumstances.

I am thankful for you at the Church of Christ at Grissom. I am thankful for the privilege of partnering with you to advance the Gospel.

And I'm thankful for my mom... who taught me to say, "Thank you," because she wanted me to live a life that trusts in the Lord.

Say "Thank you" today... It'll make your mom and your Lord proud!

Wade Allen, Evangelist

COMING EVENTS

- May 5 Jesse Shinn will share with us from lessons he has learned in his studies at Summit School of Preaching. Jesse was born in Ft. Wayne but grew up in Louisiana. He began attending Summit in 2019 and is currently serving as the Interim Preacher for the Montpelier Church of Christ.
- May 14 Cookout at Dan & Jami Torkelson's home – 6:00 P.M. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

<u>SERVICES</u>	
Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00
Secret Life of a Christian(Wedns.)	7:00

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>		
	<u>April 25</u>	<u>May 2</u>
Sunday School	27	33
A.M.Church	56	80
P.M.Evangelistic Service	30	41
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,925	\$4,788
Wednesday Evening	33	33

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Brayden Worley (travel to Ohio & doing service at Lake Mount Church of Christ) | Maureen Roach (Covid) |
| Karen Miller (breathing issues) | Landen (8 yr.old nephew of Carla Worley) – Sphenoid Sinusitis |
| Wilbur & Laurel Dill | Nehemiah Clark |
| Bill & Mary Sue Friend | Mark & Cindy Whitsett each other |
| Vicki Brewer (Lafayette – Covid) | ladies' Bible study |
| Summit School of Preaching | Jeff VanCuren |
| Reyna Christensen (health & legal issues) | Amiah Worley |
| our government/ our nation | Kendall Faull |
| Christians around the world being persecuted | our widows |
| Mike Purvis (non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma & a brain aneurysm) | Billie Sarll family (Wabash COC) |
| Norma Heckathorn/ Don Emrick (suffer with Vertigo) | our missionaries |
| Ritchie Crowe (Summit student – lost all in flood) | Linda & Donna Faull (health) |
| our evangelist, elders & deacons, teachers | families of Don Bullock & Hank Whitmer |
| Dick Brewer's brother (Covid, complicated by anti-rejections med) | Dick Brewer (health) |
| Diane White's brother, Dennis (blockage somewhere/Pneumonia) | |
| Marjorie Fiedler (Ray Maggard's sister) – low hemoglobin numbers | |

A THOUGHT

He rescues us because He loves us.

THE GREATEST

*The greatest thought is God.
The greatest thing is holiness.
The greatest motive is love.
The greatest challenge is life.
The greatest waste of time and energy is pride.*

"I failed math so many times, I can't count."

Young Billy and Willy were walking home from Sunday school where they had just learned about Noah's ark. Willy asked, "Do you think Noah did much fishing?" "Hos could he?" answered Billy, "He only had two worms."