

THOUGHTS

Newsletter for The Word Today

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SPEAKER ON THE WORD TODAY

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41st ANNIVERSARY!

May marks the 41st Anniversary of The Word Today! I hope that you can join the TWT Partners and members of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greendale, Wisconsin, the home of TWT, in bringing a wonderful gift to powerfully support our ongoing work to bring Christ to those unreached with the Gospel!

KEY CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE: OLD TESTAMENT AVAILABLE!

Key Chapters of the Bible: Old Testament is published! Yes, the long wait is over and the book is now in print! Praise God! I have had many people asking when they can get a copy. If you would like a copy you can either purchase it on Amazon (search for Key Chapters of the Bible: Old Testament; \$16.95), or request one from us for \$15.00. (It would be appreciated if you considered shipping cost). All proceeds go to The Word Today. The book is useful for both individual study and group Bible study. I think you will enjoy the visuals that use the same method as Pastor Paul developed, indicating the book of the Bible, chapter and theme.

STAND FOR THE UNBORN, AND GET KNOCKED DOWN BY A BULLY

An 85-year-old man who had been harassed twice prior, was knocked to the ground and kicked by an assumed Planned Parenthood supporter who was trying to take his sign as he peacefully protested. Note the utter lack of concern by Planned Parenthood, "Planned Parenthood allegedly has video surveillance of the area which could include the attacks, but reportedly is unwilling to release the video or assist in the investigation." (Source: <https://www.foxnews.com/us/85-year-old-pro-lifer-attacked-while-praying-outside-san-francisco-planned-parenthood-video>). Violence against Christians and pro-life proponents will grow over the years. We have only seen the beginning of the vehemence against faith. That is why it is all the more important that we keep up the dedicated work of reaching those around the world who still wish to hear the Gospel!

IMAGINE BEING THE FIRST ONE

Try to imagine the boldness, the power of Christ working in this listener to TWT in the Marwari language: *I was the first to receive Christ in my village. For the past two years, I have been listening to this program. This program helped me to grow in the faith. I conduct listener meetings in the village. There has recently been one more person who came to Christ, please pray that more will come to the Lord.*

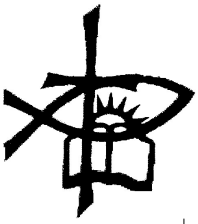
WOW! Praise God! May hundreds more come to Christ! We have an evangelist working for the Kingdom! Please be fervent and faithful in your prayers for these partners of the Gospel!

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LOVING FATHER

The parable of the "Prodigal Son", now more commonly known as the "Loving Father" is astounding! Some of the shocking elements:

- The father's attitude regarding the younger son's demand for his portion of the inheritance is not mentioned. The analogy is that God lets people be stupid and rebellious – and suffer consequences.
- Neither son comes off looking good; One is foolish and the other self-righteous.
- The father's mercy is undeserved, just as the Father's grace through Jesus is undeserved.
- Heaven celebrates the salvation of the wicked and reprobate. The worse the deviancy, upon repentance the greater the joy. (The self-righteous have a problem with that.)
- The older son in the end cares little whether his sibling is redeemed. He cares more about the inheritance. No wonder so many purportedly loving Christians have little concern for the lost; they care more about their money than giving sacrificially to redeem the lost.

HEADLESS OWL

As I drove into the church parking lot I saw a shocking sight. The plastic owl statue that we had placed on the flat portion of the roof to scare away birds that might nip at the membrane of the roof coating was standing upright! It also had no head! The wind had knocked over the owl and "decapitated" it. Now it was perched upright again.

Obviously, a worker mending a roof leak had set it up again. It would be stupid to think that with the weighted base the wind whipped around just right to stand it upright. If that is so unlikely that someone would laugh at the suggestion, what of people who exercise willful stupidity in believing that cells, DNA and "simple" creatures either spontaneously generated, or such things seeded the earth with life? The more complex the supposed "coincidence", the more believers in Darwinism look like fools!

Remember, humans are made in God's image, and thus *are inherently creatures of faith*. All humans will believe in someone or something, no exceptions. It is impossible to formulate a coherent worldview without a manifestation of faith. If a person chooses not to exercise faith in God, then that faith can reside in anything, no matter how intellectually dim or weird. Faith and IQ are not synonymous, but you find a mixture of these across a broad spectrum in humans.

READING THE TATOO SIGNS

I will simply state the facts of research. You can draw some conclusions that I feel are straightforward. Persons with tattoos tend to 1. Have more sex partners, 2. Spend time in prison, 3. Be smokers, 4. Have sleep issues, and 5. Be diagnosed with mental health issues. For the single Christian, ink may be one of the best indicators of an unsuitable marriage partner.

Blessings!
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