

The Sword and Trowel

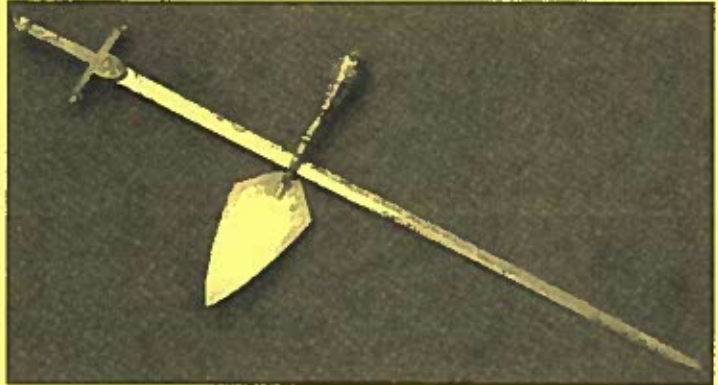
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We intend to build and defend: *“As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded.”* **Nehemiah 4:18**

Pharisees, Lawyers and Servants

Many arguments over matters of religion could be solved if we simply had the right attitude. When we look in the Scripture we see some contrasting attitudes concerning obedience to God. While many could be cited, I would just like to look at three. Stated very simply they are as follows:

The Pharisees – They added additional commandments to the ones that God gave. They were quite offended when anyone broke their traditions. Their traditions meant more to them than God's Word or His people. Examples of this are abundant, **Matthew 15:1-14; 13:1-39; Luke 6:6-11; 13:10-17**. They were interested in doing what men expect of them. They were too busy keeping their traditions to serve God or man.

The Lawyers – They read the commandments of God like a legal document. They were always looking for a loophole. They sought to justify themselves with their questions about the definition of words, etc., **Matthew 22-34-40; Luke 10:25-37**. They sought to fulfill their legal obligation to God, nothing more or less. They would only do what is required of them. They were too busy quarreling and justifying themselves to serve God or their neighbor.

The Servants – They were often the outcasts of society and religion. They sought to serve God in sincerity. They would only ask what could be done for Jesus and their fellow man, **Luke 7:36-50; 10:25-37**. They were not concerned with what others expect or whether something was required of them. They were not trying to impress men or fulfill any legal requirement. They simply wanted to please God in humility of spirit.

We still have the Pharisees, lawyers and servants with us today in our attitudes. Some will insist on keeping the tradition of their parents, teachers or congregation. They will condemn anyone who doesn't do the same. Others are always asking questions designed to justify themselves. Then there are the true servants of God. Often they are too busy helping others, winning souls and serving God to concern themselves with traditions of men. They don't care what they can "get by with". They want to know how they can better please God. They gladly do whatever God has asked of us without question and help others to do the same.

Which attitude is yours?

In His Service

Terry Carter, Evangelist

Please take one of the toy soldiers on the counter in the fellowship hall to remind you to pray for our soldiers.

COMING EVENTS

January 8 Summit School of Preaching classes resume.

January 12 Ladies' Bible Study

PRAYER CONCERNS

George Thurston
for an evangelist for Grissom church to follow Terry
Brenda's friend (daughter needs spiritual help)
Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian
fellowship)
Lisa July (going to Korea in June) – safety & success
KMart employees (loss of jobs due to store closing)
Paul McMahan (Mary Sue Friend's son) - spiritual
Renee Long (dermatology app't January 8th)
our evangelist, elders ;& deacons (& their families)
Christians around the world being persecuted
Mike White family (he overseas/ wife pregnant)
Kendall Faulk (life situation)
Alana Gingerich (Lymphoma)
Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)
George Faulk (for strength)
Theron Teachout (Walt's dad) – lower lung cancer
our missionaries
Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) – for his health
Christians around the world being persecuted

Mary Copp
Richard Kees (Melanoma)
Don Pruitt (paralyzed on one side)
Mallory Leak (depression)
Summit School of Preaching
David Marks (heel spurs – surgery January 17th)
Sidney Ramer (wisdom)
Rodney Freer (serviceman shot in Amsterdam) -
in serious condition/ surgery
Sherry Barker (Brenda's sister) - spiritual
John Merritt (life situation)
Gigi (James Andrews' sister)
James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual
Carol See (that she can get surgery scheduled)
Mark Whitsett
Logansport church
Ladies' Bible study
Steve Emerick (lung problems)
Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)
Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)

Proverb for the Week:

Meditate on this Proverb: 1:27-31

*When your fear cometh as desolation,
and your destruction cometh as a
whirlwind when distress and anguish
cometh upon you, Then shall they call
upon me, but I will not answer; they
shall seek me early, but they shall not
find me: For that they hated knowledge,
and did not choose the fear of the Lord.
They would none of my counsel: they
despised all my reproof. Therefore shall
they eat of the fruit of their own way,
and be filled with their own devices.*

Visitation for Pat Long (brother of Harold Bouthot):

Friday, December 11th – 1 P.M. to
4 P.M. at Harrison-Metzger-Rans
Funeral Home on Main St. in
Kewanna

SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Prayer Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00
Youth for Truth (Wedn.)	7:00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	48
A.M.Church	101
P.M.Evangelistic Service	48
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,693
Wednesday Evening	54

Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail.

The guy who wanted to make his fortune by digging for gold. It didn't pan out!