

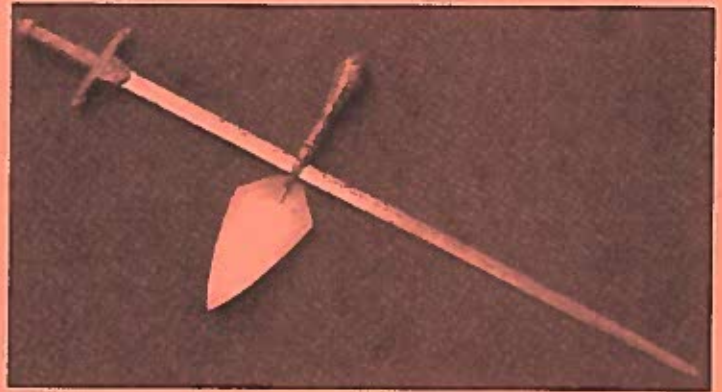
The Sword and Trowel

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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

The Whole Truth

Many trials today are not won or lost based on the evidence presented to the jury. Instead they are won or lost based upon what evidence is not presented to the jury. Often crucial evidence is kept out of the trial because the defense is afraid it will prejudice the jury.

For example, a man was on trial for attempted rape. There was no question about whether he attacked the woman but he was acquitted because the jury just wasn't sure that he was trying to rape her. They thought he may have simply been trying to beat her. What they were not allowed to know was that the man had been convicted of rape previously. After the trial, they were shocked to find out who it was they had just acquitted. They were never told about the man's past because the court felt that it would prejudice them against him. What the jury heard may have been the truth, but it wasn't the whole truth.

It has often been said that a partial truth is more dangerous than a whole lie. People can recognize a whole lie more easily. Satan has often used partial truth to his advantage. He did it with Eve. It was true that she would know good and evil. But he didn't tell her about the consequences. Abraham told a partial truth when he said that Sarah was his sister. It caused him trouble as a result. It's often what's not said that causes a problem.

In many churches the truth is censored - not all of it, just certain parts. The members are expected to make decisions that will affect them for eternity based upon partial evidence. Evidence is sequestered in fear that it might prejudice the people. Of course, that's never stated. Instead we say, "It might offend somebody." We are more afraid of offending them than we are of allowing them to be lost.

"The truth fears no investigation, but you must hear all the evidence." This is one of my favorite sayings. If we want to know the truth about any issue we must consider all that God has said about that issue. The religious world would be much better off if they would follow this principle.

Let's be sure that we are giving people all the truth. Let's "proclaim the whole counsel of God". The truth should not be feared. It must be proclaimed. It will set us free, **John 8:32**. It is terrible when a guilty man goes free because evidence is withheld. But it is a tragic sin when a soul is lost for eternity because of what's not said.

Terry Carter, Evangelist

COMING EVENTS

- September 5 King's Kids – 7:00 P.M.
- September 8 Ladies' Bible study & day out at the Crystal Tea Room. The tea is at 12 noon.
- September 9 Youth for Truth Final Meeting – 4:30 P.M. See Ray if you are willing to help.
- September 14-15 Leadership Seminar at the Wabash Church of Christ with Josh Fennell & Terry Carter instructing. See bulletin board for more information.
- September 16 **ATTENTION LADIES!** A baby shower for Anna Lynch is planned for 2:00 P.M. at Daniel & Jamie Torkelson's home. See the bulletin board for registration info and directions.
- September 26 Youth for Truth begins – 7:00 P.M.
- September 30-October 3 Grissom Fall Revival with Josh Stucki. If you wish to send a card his address is: 106 W. Clarence St. in Callao, MO 63534

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ann Emerick – recovering from valve surgery
 Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – health failing
 Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)
 Summit School of Preaching
 Jordan & Anna Lynch (preparing for move & her pregnancy)
 Christians around the world being persecuted
 Mary Copp/ George Thurston/ Carol See (comfort)
 Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)
 David Scott family (his passing)
 Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation)
 PTL: Joanna Ramer's step-mother's home spared)
 Beth Northrop – rheumatoid arthritis
 our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families)
 Harold Bouthot (heart attack) – in Methodist Hosp., Indy
 Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ
 Emma Grace (Terry & Lisa's granddaughter) - hospital in Indy

Sarah Torkelson (travel)
 George Faull
 Larrie Petty (migraines)
 Donna Hower
 Chris Ponchot (Roann church) – spiritual issues
 Reyna Christensen & Crystal Cain
 Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)
 Kendall Faull (life situations)
 Steve Emerick – lung problems
 ladies' Bible Study
 our widows & widowers
 Frieda Bowman (to sell house)
 our missionaries
 Walt Teachout
 Angel Mercado
 Gary Worley
 Nancy Maggard (fell)

Proverb for the Week:

Meditate on this Proverb:

*10:3 The Lord will not suffer the soul
of the righteous to famish: but he
casteth away the substance of the
wicked.*

SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Praye3r Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	42
A.M.Church	72
P.M.Evangelistic Service	59
Tithes & Offerings	see next week
Wednesday Evening	46

A FEW THOUGHTS

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much. *Walter Lippmann*

A lawyer is a person who will read a 10,000 word document and call it a brief.

It isn't the mountains that trip people, but the molehills.

If you don't know where you're going, when you get there you'll be lost. *Yogi Berra*

80% of accidents happen within two miles of home. If you move you are no farther away from accidents.

To arrive is better than to travel not knowing where you are going.