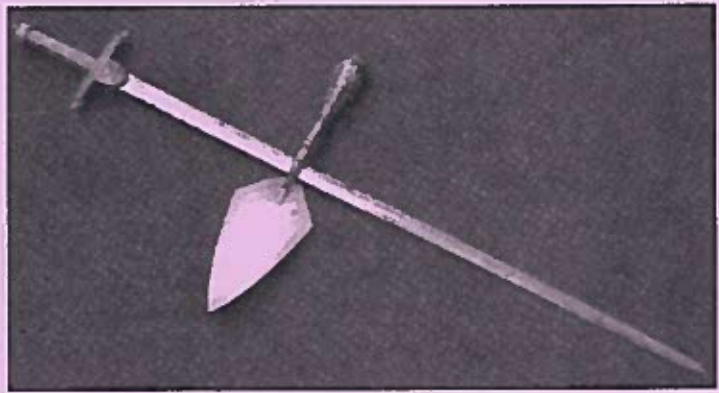


# The Sword and Trowel

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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

## Seeker Sensitive

Today everybody is talking about being seeker sensitive. That usually means that you are concerned about how non-Christians will perceive your worship service. Every effort is made to impress them and make them feel comfortable. This is all done in hopes that they will return and eventually become members. There are books and articles about how to be more seeker sensitive. Seminars are held on the topic. You can even buy books of sermons for seekers.

It's not a bad thing to be seeker sensitive as long as you are not seeker driven. It's good to be concerned about how unbelievers feel about your services. The problem is that many are more concerned about how unbelievers like their service than they are about how God likes it. They would rather impress non-Christians than the Lord.

God is also concerned about the unbeliever's reaction to our services. However, His perspective is somewhat different from what you read in many of the popular books today. You can see God's perspective on this issue in **1 Corinthians 14:23-25**, *"If therefore the whole church be come together into one place and all speak with tongues and there come in [those that are] unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or [one] unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on [his] face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth."*

The word for convinced in verse 24 means to convict or refute. It is the same word used in **John 16:8**. *"And when he is come he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment."* It has the idea of exposing and correcting a fault. That is not exactly something that makes a person comfortable. But look at the results of bringing someone to conviction. They worship God and declare that God is among you.

Are we really concerned about the souls of the unbelievers, or are we more interested in attracting them to our nice little social club? To convert you must first convict. That's what the Holy Spirit does to the world, **John 16:8-11**. Is the Spirit working in our services?

In His Service,

Terry Carter, Evangelist

COMING EVENTS

Continuing - October 16-17	Revival at Wabash Church of Christ with Creighton Beatty
October 16-17	Revival at Harlan Church of Christ with Terry Peer
October 28-30	Revival at Buffalo Christian Church with Trey Mouton

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jerry Paul (PTL: not seriously hurt in accident)	Vicki (friend of Lisa July) – signing gospel
Karen VanNote (Brenda’s mom) – doing better/pray for Christian fellowship	PTL: birth of baby to Lynch family our missionaries
Pat Long (relative to Harold Bouthot) – lung cancer/ spiritual	Heather Bowman (Frieda’s daughter)
Sherry Barker (Brenda’s sister) – staph infection	Chris Ponchot (Roann church) – spiritual issues
Jordan & Anna Lynch (preparing for move)	Harold Bouthot – reaction to change in medication
Christians around the world being persecuted	Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)
Jordan Lynch (desires to start a Praising in the Park ministry)	Kendall Faull (life situations)
Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)	Steve Emerick – lung problems
Emma Grace (Terry & Lisa’s granddaughter) – able to remove antibiotic meds	Angel Mercado (moved to Aperia room 127)
Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation) our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families)	ladies’ Bible Study
Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ	Nancy Maggard
PTL: Lisa Judson home after hysterectomy surgery	George Faull
Diane White (healing) – foot	Kelly Mercado’s mother & sister
Debra Isebrand (recovery from foot surgery)	Summit School of Preaching
Norma Heckathorn (still having pain in her neck)	David Stokes (recovery after car accident)
Dan Brown (improving) – Pam Brown (health, injury)	Milt Heckathorn (recovery after surgery)
	Zach Rayburn’s grandmother (surgery recovery)
	Richard Kees (Melanoma)

*Proverb for the Week:*  
*Meditate on this Proverb:*  
 10:9,10 He that walketh  
 uprightly walketh surely;  
 but he that perverteth his  
 ways shall be known. He  
 that winketh with the eye  
 causeth sorrow; but a prating  
 fool shall fall.

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	39
A.M.Church	82
P.M.Evangelistic Service	55
Tithes & Offerings	\$2,187
Wednesday Evening	62

SOME MINI THOUGHTS

Some think the nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

If you don’t have a sense of humor you probably don’t have any sense at all.

Seat belts are not as confining a wheelchairs.