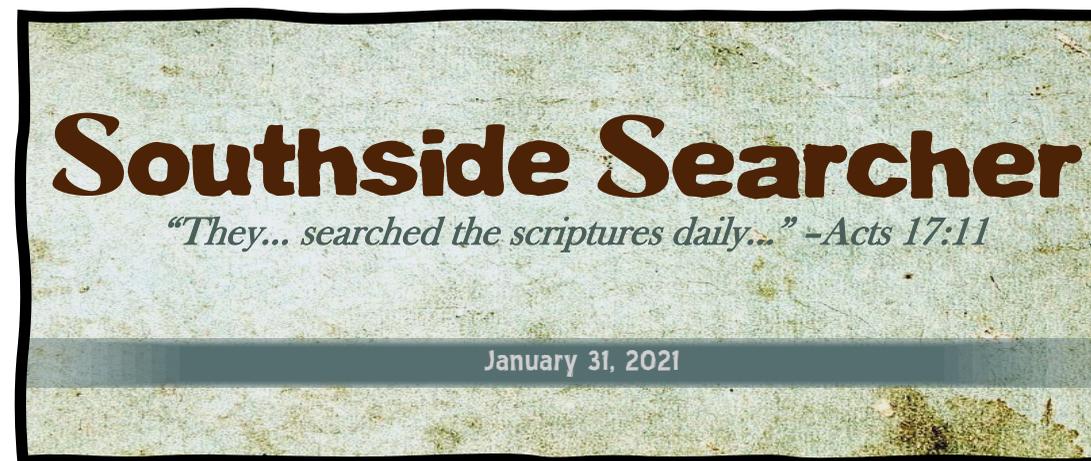


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson Reading: TBA ➤ Song Leader.....Robert Johnson ➤ Opening Prayer.....Eli Todd ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Todd ➤ Opening Prayer...Kenny Johnson ➤ Invitation.....Michael Pickford ➤ Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T. ➤ Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd 	<p style="text-align: center;">God's Plan of Salvation</p> <p>There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17 ➤ <u>Believe</u>: Mark 16:16; John 8:24 ➤ <u>Repent of Sin</u>: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30 ➤ <u>Confess Faith</u>: Romans 10:9, 10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21 ➤ <u>Remain Faithful</u>: Rev. 2:10 <p style="text-align: center;">Obey Today!</p>
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Don't Be Stupid

FOLKS CALL OTHERS NAMES out of anger, contempt, rudeness, prejudice, or just plain meanness. These motives are always wrong. But God called people names, not for any of the above reasons, but to show people what they are— in hopes that it will cause them to change. God loves them and desires their repentance and salvation (2 Peter 3:9).

Proverbs 12:1 says, “*Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.*” God called people “stupid” to instruct them to do better. Those identified as “stupid” are those who hate *correction*. All scripture is given for *correction* (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Those who ignore or deny parts of God’s word are stupid people (so says God – because He loves them).

“Christians” who condone the occasional alcoholic drink are stupid for ignoring the prohibitions against it (Proverbs 23:31-32; 1 Peter 4:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11), and the potential earthly dangers it creates.

“Christians” who condone homosexuality are stupid for ignoring God’s condemnation of it (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:25-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

“Christians” who defend lying if it is done for a good purpose or cause ignore God’s condemnation of “all” “liars” (Revelation 21:8).

“Churches” that engage in unauthorized religious practices because they “think” the practices please God are stupid for ignoring God’s clear condemnation of such (Colossians 3:17; 2 John 1:9; Matthew 7:21-23).

Call it “name-calling” or whatever, but it is essential for our wrongdoings to be identified and corrected. We need tough love! Especially where God’s word is concerned. Don’t be stupid, obey God!

-Michael Pickford

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Playing With Fire

WE THOUGHT IT WAS fun. We didn't know. Didn't think! As small children, my cousin and I were striking matches out in the yard. One after another until the box was empty, and the field next to our house was ablaze. Firetrucks were quickly on the scene. The empty, grownup lot was in a residential area next to another house and our own! The destruction could have been significant. But it was so much fun lighting those matches and throwing them into the field. Who knew such a small insignificant flame could have grown to such a fierce blaze?

Is playing with fire so much fun? Christians often get into the habit of playing with fire. They employ the devil's tools for their own amusement but to the harm of their soul. The destruction is not apparent until it is too late.

The fire of gambling leads to the breakdown of our resources. Gambling stems from the love of money and oh how it has pierced many through with countless sorrows (1 Timothy 6:10). Severe gambling woes often begin with "Just one lottery ticket."

The fire of drinking can lead to countless problems. Health problems, the loss of family, friends, and jobs are just a few of the woes that come upon the one who spends time with the bottle (Proverbs 23:29-35). This always begins with "Just one drink."

The fire of fornication can lead to the destruction of the most intimate and fulfilling relationships. It destroys marriages, devastates children, and harms health. It often begins with "just a little harmless flirting."

The fire of lying always causes harm. The fire of jealousy, the fire of laziness, and the list goes on. Check out Galatians 5:19-21 for a list of many matches just waiting to be struck!

Just because it is fun does not mean it is fine. Just because it is entertaining does not mean it is innocent. Do not be fooled by Satan. Keep your spiritual wits about you and flea from the works of the flesh. When it comes to the Devil's fire, keep your cool. Overcome the temptation to sin. Lean on The Lord's strength for resistance (Philippians 4:13).

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Children

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

-Deuteronomy 6:5-7

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,"

-Ecclesiastes 12:1a

*"Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it."*

-Proverbs 22:6

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

-Ephesians 6:1-3

"Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."

-Colossians 3:20

*"All your children shall be taught by the Lord,
And great shall be the peace of your children."*

-Isaiah 54:13

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck."

-Proverbs 1:8-9

"Discipline your children, and they will give you peace of mind and will make your heart glad."

-Proverbs 29:17

*"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
The fruit of the womb is a reward."*

-Psalm 127:3

*"Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord."*

-Psalm 34:11