



Prime Timer's Newsletter

Mission Statement: Provide opportunities for the senior members to be involved in the fellowship, service and evangelism activities of Meadow view, assisting the congregation in its outreach and growth.

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What Kind Of A Seed Are We Planting?

Bible Thought: "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, For you reap whatever you sow: (Galatians 6:7, NRSV)

WHAT IF the farmer were too tired to plant? What if he sat hoping for a harvest anyway. Nothing would happen! He has to get the seed in the ground.

If we want to reap good things, we, too, must sow some good seed. We reap what we sow. If we want to reap happiness, we have to sow some "happiness" seeds by making other people happy. If we want to reap friendship, we should sow a seed and be a friend. The seed always has to lead.

The Bible says that in times of difficulty, we should "trust in the Lord, and do good" (Psalms 37:3). Trust in the Lord; and then go out and do something good. Low on money? Mow somebody's lawn, pull some weeds, wash their windows. God will bless us if we start where we are. If we will be faithful, there's no limit to what God will do in our life. Do something to get some seed in the ground.

Friend, don't sit around feeling sorry for yourself. Go sow a seed. Get up each day looking for ways to help others. If we do that, the Bible says God's blessings will chase us down and overtake us. Lord, we trust You to lead us to one who needs us today and we trust You to make our work a blessing. In Jesus' name. Amen -- Marcelino Banda, Lubbock, Texas

Breaking the Rules

Today I got amused at the radio spot. The voice was obviously that of a professional. His tones were deep and rich, his diction flawless. He did a fine job, except for one minor fact. He mispronounced the main word in the ad, the name of the product he was pitching.

It was an and for fungicide, a word west Texas farmers often say. Every time this Yankee announcer said it, he didn't say it like we do. He used a soft "g."

Before we throw too many rocks at this guy, we should acknowledge that he was following the rules of pronunciation most of us learned in the fourth grade. A "g" before an "i" or an "e" in English almost always should be a soft "g" - as in sponge germ or gin.

So this big-city ad reader, who obviously had never used a fungicide or even heard of one, simply followed the rules (*as do some dictionaries). He spotted the "i" after the "g" so he softened the "g." The way he said it, the first part of "fungicide" rhymes with "bungy cord."

Obviously, this media guy with the golden voice had no idea that the chemical he was urging us to buy is used to treat fungus (notice the hard "g" even in the plural "fungi" with an "i" after the "g"). Since he was being paid to sell fungicide, he repeated the word several times in 30 seconds. And every single time he



said the word wrong because he chose to follow the rules.

No big deal, you may be saying by now. And you're right. Unless the rules pertain to something more important than how to say a word. Then some of the dumbest, most hateful things done by government or church officials happen because they obey the rules.

Jesus' enemies often found fault with his finest miracles or his most compassionate works because his timing violated their rules. Their commitment to rule-keeping blinded them to desperate needs to hurting men because they were violating the Sabbath rules. One Sabbath they dared to strip and eat a few handfuls of the grain growing beside their path.

Jesus answered his critics by telling of the time when David was saved from starvation by a priest who had sense enough to break an extremely holy rule.

~Glen Sheldon
The Christian Appeal Magazine

May Activities:

Potluck Luncheon: Monday 6th @ 12:00 p.m.—Guest speaker: Richard Renfro, Mission Printing
Please bring something to donate toward the Food Pantry

Mission Printing, Arlington, TX: Thursday 9th

Steering Committee Meeting: Monday 20th @ 2:00 p.m.



Beware of a half-truth...You may have
gotten the wrong half.

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