

General Topics :: Where are all the Godly threads?

Where are all the Godly threads?, on: 2011/11/17 11:05

Brother Paul West writes

"Where are all the godly threads, the threads that transmit life"

I confess brother Paul, as a long time member of this forum, that I have zero desire to post what I would consider to be " Godly threads." I do believe there is a reason for that, but the very mention of it would be fruitless I believe. Anyway Paul , thanks for the question, I think perhaps you may have some inklings of why the " Godly threads," may have dried up, perhaps I am wrong in this. God bless you all on this thread, my time here is coming to an end I believe, but there has been great fellowship along the way.....brother Frank

Re: Where are all the Godly threads? - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/17 12:07

Brother,
Today I was reading Philippians 1 and in verse 15-

Quote:

Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: The former **preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely , supposing to add affliction to my chains;**

God showed me clearly that I was one of these guys when I posted something for my selfish ambition of Glorifying myself or my theology. Though what I posted were from Christ, the motive was not fully to glorify God. I repented falling on my face.

With my little knowledge I would say a Godly thread should have these things,

1. Motive to Glorify God
2. Motive to encourage others to follow Christ.
3. To share out of one's experience with the word. For example there is one thread by a brother Mathew where he is sharing what helped him to maintain a healthy married relationship.
4. Not to provoke anyone. A person who has spent at least a month in this forum will definitely know what all discussions that provoke others. There are so many truths about Jesus for us to learn and share with others instead of touching the same subjects that others have conflicting opinion on like how a person is saved etc. Irrespective of how a person believes he/she is saved, we all agree the importance of Christlikeness. So let us focus on that.

Re: Where are all the Godly threads?, on: 2011/11/17 12:47

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Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2011/11/17 13:00

Quote:

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In all honesty, I believe that my aim in every thread here has been to do the right thing - ie be "godly". But, more time than I can ever tell you, it was not until after I saw my words posted that I began to see the defilement in them. It was that humiliating exposure before the entire world that produced conviction more than leaving any of my unconscious or private thoughts safely concealed.

For me, trying to suppress my ungodliness just doesn't seem to make me godly. It simply exposes my ungodliness.

Quote:

----- Where are all the godly threads,

Of course the Pharisees were very eager to have godliness. So were countless Christians down the centuries - and justifiably so. But many have believed that the means to godliness is the extirpation of the "ungodly" - the evil. And so the elimination of perceived evil became more important than the development of the gifts of grace. Church history tells the sad results.

Perhaps we need a forum for the "sick sinner" more than a forum for the righteous. ... That's where I would feel at home best.

Diane

Re: - posted by savedtoserve, on: 2011/11/17 13:56

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I appreciate the points you've made...up to the last one. Even Paul didn't measure up to your fourth rule when speaking to fellow Christians. We are supposed to provoke one another unto good works, aren't we?? Just my two cents, I think too many people on here are trying to make this forum into some sort of "church" that's "very accepting." (A Joel Osteen quote; sorry!) I understand that there's not a need to rehash what's already been hashed, especially when it's going nowhere; but this shouldn't mean you'd better hush-hush about anything on which there are opposite viewpoints, right? It seems we have as many "love-police" as we do "truth-watchers," but of course there needs to be a balance of "speaking the truth in love." All that said, I respect whatever rules the moderators lay down and don't intend to disregard them.

savedtoserve

Re: Where are all the Godly threads? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/11/17 14:17

Quote:
-----PaulWest wrote (in another thread):
Where are all the godly threads, the threads that transmit life, the threads that instruct in righteousness and lead a believer to overcome secret sin? Where are the threads that bespeak of love - true, divine love, the pure fruit of God - and foster a deeper awareness of absolute transformity to Jesus Christ in the soul of a believer?

Here is one scenario: God threads are all over the place but they usually have no replies so they quickly bite the dust and enter the 'zone of archives' never to be seen again (I don't venture there very often, I usually just check the top 10 threads posted).

I wish that Greg would make "Recent Discussions in the Forums" hold 20 threads instead of 10. Just a personal request !!!

Imho, that is what happens to Godly threads, no one godly responds to them! :/ (just saying)

God bless,
Lisa

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/17 15:20

Quote:

I appreciate the points you've made...up to the last one. Even Paul didn't measure up to your fourth rule when speaking to fellow Christians.

I did not put any rule, neither am I eligible to do it. I just put some points that can be used to check whether a thread is Godly or not.
Even Jesus himself did not measure to that 4th point :). He had a ministry to annoy Pharisees. He healed people on Sabbath to irritate them, and he purposely went to dine with them without ceremonial washing of hands and feet. I would bet Please God like Jesus first before trying his provoking ministry.
Another reason I thought we can avoid provoking issues is, anytime we have 10 times more guests online in SI than the members. I don't want these Guests to turn away seeing our arguments.

Re: savedtoserve - posted by Creation7, on: 2011/11/17 16:43

I agree with you 100%, savedtoserve! I think it would be great if members on here could do the following things if they come across a disagreement.

1. State why you disagree (or agree) lovingly, logically and CALMLY. CALMLY and lovingly are the key words here.
2. If you feel that your contribution is getting the discussion nowhere fast, leave the thread. Leave-- like, stop commenting. If you don't, you'll just get yourself more worked up, effectively squelching the key concepts in #1. :)
3. After having left the thread, don't automatically try to get it shut down (barring, of course, an unGodly thread). If all the above guidelines are followed, the thread will leave on its own, because assuming that people are following guideline #2, they will LEAVE when they see their contribution is getting the discussion nowhere. Remember, it takes (at least) two commenters to fight.

Just some thoughts...

Creation7

Re: , on: 2011/11/17 18:23

Actually, I would like to know where are all the good bible studies are?

Something that causes us to dig into the word, not one person who has all the answers but the whole group of us wanting to learn about what the scriptures are saying and if it doesn't point to Christ lock it up. If you know the answers before you start the bible study, what good is the study? It's just an agenda and this site prohibits those type of things.

A bible study is not studying about where Cain got his wife or what colour Samsons hair was before Delilah cut it.

Godly threads? I really don't know what that is per say.

I'll tell you the reason why we bicker and fight, we don't love one another. I don't know you and you don't know me. We have never come to the understanding that just because we don't see one another or know one another and we are hiding behind a monitor in cyberspace, we haven't grasped the fact that we are all in Christ Jesus.

Do I have to see you or know you to be loved by you? Where is faith?

Ask yourself, would you go up to a christian that you don't know on the street and just pounce on him and verbally assault him with the word because he doesn't know what you know? I can assure you you will never win him over. He will look at you as a genuine nut and you'll look at that as persecution.

I have spoken to many peoples, even Atheists and I never tore at them. I have sat with them and they would go into their doctrine and after they had settled down I'd insert a couple of words that would always stump them. They'd get angry, but I would sit there quietly and let them ramble.

We listen to Christians rattle on about their beliefs and we just listen to them rave, but even though we differ somewhat, I have always found to be true with most of them is that they have a faith in Christ and it's based upon faith through grace. And that is fine with me, they are my brothers, all the idiosyncrasies and hangups will be dealt with by God through His body and ministry. And if He chooses for me to correct them, great, but you know of all the years of being a believer, most of the time He always encouraged me to love them and pray for them and speak kindly to them.

When we get angry and get offended when someone steps on our toes concerning what we believe. That is a sure sign that there is something wrong with our doctrine. If we get nasty and our words turn to profanity or you wish you could say all that you'd like to say in a post but your restricted because of the rules, that too is a sure sign that something is wrong with what we believe.

Jesus would speak the word and the Pharisees got angry.

You see the Tradition of the Elders was wrought through the working of Satan. It was to attach itself to the Torah as an alternative to what the Law demanded, thus making the word of God of non affect. The Pharisees upheld these traditions more than the law of God. So when Jesus spoke against their "precious", they'd got angry and rightly so, they were of their father the devil.

Ergo if we hear truth and it makes us angry, we can take it to the bank that what we consider to be the truth may well be a tradition that is not birthed by God but Satan himself. Satan doesn't come to us with a bold face lie, he uses the word and just gives it a little twist to make it believable if he can get us to believe that little lie the next time it won't be that hard for him. He picks the moment, he chooses to pounce at a time when we are weak, or fear is there, any place that there is a weakness in the flesh.

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that is true., on: 2011/11/17 18:28

Lisa, you testified:

Quote:

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tragically thats true, Lisa, btw, its me neil. HezWelling is short for a pen name of mine Hezekiah Wellington III, much love
, neil

Re: Where are all the Godly threads?, on: 2011/11/17 18:30

my Highland brother and mate Frank,

Quote:

----- God bless you all on this thread, my time here is coming to an end I believe, but there has been great fellowship along the way.....
.....brother Frank

if you go, i go as well, love, neil

Re: Where are all the godly threads?, on: 2011/11/17 23:08

The godly threads may are leaving with the godly people who are leaving the forum.

Blaine

Re: Where are all the Godly threads?, on: 2011/11/17 23:34

Re: Where are all the Godly threads?

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Re: , on: 2011/11/18 0:24

Hey bro Neil, love you man :) Lysa always has insight I find, and my passionate brother Blane who wears his passion on his sleeve, and Neil, about as guileless a man as I have ran into, I love that about you Neil. Just spent the better part of the week down in Barnsdall with the conference call brothers and sisters, working amongst a group of very real people. A people who tend to keep their strengths quiet but are quick to tell you of their weaknesses and the latest tale of how the Lord delivered them. I love this honesty, a breath of fresh air. Not sure why I talk about that on this thread, but I know that the thread question remains, at least for me, unanswered.bro Frank

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/18 6:21

hi, my vote is for they do not last long enough to take hold.jimp

here's the 'why' Frank, on: 2011/11/18 7:41

as to the 'why' Godly threads sometimes dont go into multiple pages, there's no 'wrestling'....you get me?

for instance, if i was to start a thread on 1st John, and the section in chapters 3 and 4, where John unpacks the word, "love" multiple times, 33 if i'm correct from memory, and compare that to Paul's love chapter in 1st Corinthians, there's no implicit "wrestling" in that, there's nothing to make the HUMAN heart race, meaning man does not get to 'wrestle' with man, to argue about this 'doctrine' or that 'doctrine' nothing to get into the "i'm right/you're wrong" dichotomy, and that dichotomy means DRAMA follows. thats what the flesh enjoys, that heart racing trip to prove ones self RIGHT...ie self justification.

SELF---DRAMA-----> "i'm right, you're wrong"...its man wrestling with man, and since its on a cyber platform, people get to do it, without consequence. Because one is NOT face to face with another saved sinner, therefore the restraints of Godly civility CAN take a "time out".

its an evil age, and has been since Jesus breathed His last on that Tree. When i ponder "man wrestling with man", i zip right back to the Jabbok River, where Jacob wrestled with God, who in the final analysis was Jesus, a Christophany. Jacob wasnt wrestling with another "man", He was wrestling with God, because he was desperate, terrified about the eventual meeting with his brother Esau. That night, Jacob was given a New Name, Israel. He was changed...and obviously, given the platform, we cant witness a man wrestling with God, so in our futility we get a rush over wrestling with one another, which flies in the face of the Second Royal Commandment, "love your neighbor as yourself".

that face to face fellowship can never ever happen on a cyber platform. and the tragedy is many here MIGHT tell you, such threads, the contentious ones, are really "iron sharpening iron", but that doesnt ring right, because you cant SEE that other 'bar of iron', there's no FACE to it, just a bunch of words, and Godly love and restraint fall by the wayside. in the past, much to my shame, i've been guilty of this as well. to my shame. in fact there is a poster right now afoot, that would tell you, i'm guilty of such a sin, ie , restraint flying by the wayside. Now it appears to me, the dear man is of the "hebrew Roots" movement and is trying to foist up fences around the saved sinners. i wish no contention with him, i only asked two simple questions, are you a Jew?...and not of any anti-semitism, coz i'm a Jew who follows Jesus and i asked, very clear, 'are you of the 'hebrew roots' movement...asked him in two seperate threads...no answer.

which begs the point, how willing is someone, on a platform like this, willing to be transparent?...how willing is someone to be authentic and real in God's Light, that Piercing Light, and clearly many people are afraid of being unmasked, to have that Light pierce right thru the brittle facade of religiosity, and reveal us how we really ARE.

i believe one of the greatest private ministries one can undertake is a fearless self examination in conjunction with God and the Holy Ghost, and again i say, when this "inventory" is taken, to get real with God, and say the prayer of Evan Roberts, "bend us O LORD, bend us", and when you pray THAT, get your seatbelts, coz the Ride is about to get very bumpy, but in the end, you get closer to a Deeper Work IN Christ, and a Deeper Revelation of christ, a dying to self, and that isnt easy, because death is a hard thing, proud men die hard, as Frank Bartleman said, this death to self, death to flesh is hardest for the preacher man, becoz Heaven forbid they get their "clothes" ripped off and are shown to be as weak in the flesh as we all are!

thats what stands in the way of revival, whether it be personal, or in His Sovereign Nature, God saturated the very atmosphere of a particular area, or assembly, the fact we are just scared to abase ourselves, to committ to a Baptism of Tears, to committ to a baptism of Fire...

simply put, Godly threads get little traction, becoz there's little to no flesh in them, and you can get the rush of bashing someone with little or no consequence, but get face to face with a group of followers of Jesus, in prayer, salted with tears. ..or get face to face with a basin and wash your brothers feet, and there will be consequence, said consequence being God unveiling His Mighty Arm, coming down and salting all with His Love, and all the muck and mire will melt away in this Intense Fire, and i guess thats a scary prospect for some folk.

MOSES didnt even want to approach the Mountain! that's how terrified he was!...the very Moses who talked with God as a Friend, Face to face, yet he was terrified, think how Awe inspiring such a meeting with the Master would be!...look at Isaiah, prince of the Prophets, he started to cry out, "woe is me! i'm an unclean man with unclean lips", when he was allowed to see the Throne of God,,how much so, then a REAL meeting with God? and that real meeting is revival...and i dont speak of a meeting where you get the Holy Ghost thrill bumps, i'm speaking about standing before God naked blind and broken...and that is a heavy price to pay, but a price that MUST be paid, if we ever want to be witness to God coming down, and clearly we cannot receive such just anonymously writing of it on a cyber platform. Every ministry, must at its foundations, have an active prayer ministry bathing it in Holy Ghost prayer. If it doesnt, it is a fact, such a ministry will go on the rocks and shoals. Thats not my vain imagination, thats Reality.

in conclusion, some may say the Azusa Street revival of 1906 was counterfeit, which is fine, people can say what they want, BUT, God put a man, flesh and blood, like you or me, in the midst, his name was Frank Bartleman. God gave Frank a gift of a facile pen, and Frank had been writing for various "Holiness" publications before the Revival, so that when God came down on that humble barn Church in LA, nominally led by a one-eyed black preacher William Seymour, it was Frank's writing and testimonies in Holiness publications that drew hungry souls to drop everything, go to LA, for this Work..

and if people want to think it was 'about money' the only money collected was a freewill offering box in the rear of this HUMBLE building....my point is this; in His Way, God raises up men for a season, in revival, to be his laborers, and like John the Baptizer, they grow less, and Jesus grows more. for a season, these men burn like living Witnesses and testify to the Light, and then they are gone. David Brainerd burned in the wilderness, led many Indians in revival to Christ, then he was gone to be with the Lord at 29, Evan Roberts, at 26, used by God for revival in Wales, for a season, then Evan receded into the background, pressed out, and went into a private prayer ministry...out of the public, God hid him. Duncan Campbell used of God in the Hebrides from 1949-1953 in revival, and then he receded, and Jesus and Jesus ALONE was given the Glory.

that's why a forum on revival is good for ONE THING, not these sad spectacles of man wrestling with man over silly religious points of contention, but so that the Worms of Christ can indicate and testify when God comes down in His Sovereign Way in a searing Holy Ghost Revival. To DATE, this has not happened BIG, but it will, and God willing, there will be no cameras, no 'superstar' preachers, no streaming links, no tattooed actors using their dirty hands to steady the ark, no talk of money and collections, no 'interview' in "Christianity Today", nothing of this ilk, only thousands of burdened souls being SWEEPED into the Kingdom of God, and the men who God entrusts with such, will be burnt out and recede into the background....i hear the name "Barnsdall" and my heart leaps, and asks the question, could this be the Ember?

such is worthy of deep searching traveling prayer, that's maybe why God has you on here, that's maybe why God is keeping you here, so you can be a WITNESS!...but as the LORD leads, SMASH THE CAMERAS!!! NO FLESH! Only Jesus. neil

Re: Where are all the Godly threads? - posted by MaryJane, on: 2011/11/18 7:50

Frank:

I have thought over this thread but I do not really have an answer for you. I am not really sure I know how to discern fully what might be a Godly thread. There are times when a topic is posted and for some it may seem fruitless but for me it has opened my heart and mind to seek after GOD and ask deeper questions, to know HIS heart and will on a matter. Other times there are topics that are posted that seem off and as I read through them, the LORD shows me to stand strong in HIS truth and I rely on HIM to help me do so. I realize that many threads break down into endless debates, I know I have at times contributed to some of those threads with an attitude of "proving" myself right. I know deep down if I am honest there have been times when I posted there was a desire to draw attention to myself, so that people would see some worth or value in me...I am most sorry for those threads and posts. I have and do seek the LORD'S forgiveness on these things. I really want to get to a place in my walk that when I share with another no matter what the topic is that is not all about me, that what I share might point another toward JESUS and reflect who HE is in me. I am a pretty poor excuse for a CHRISTIAN, often I get tossed about like the waves on the sea because there is much in me that I still must daily die to. But I pray that as I grow that my heart would be softer, that it would be filled with such love for others and such a desire to live for HIM that when HE lays something on my heart to share all people will see is JESUS.

Maybe that is the answer???? maybe a truly GODLY thread is one that points each of us no matter where we are in our walk toward JESUS. Didn't Paul say "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

I don't know the answer to your question, but I wanted to say that I have at times been very encouraged by what you have shared, some of your posts have caused me to examine my own walk and to dig deeper. IF you go please know I will continue to pray for you,(and Neil too) and I humbly ask that you would pray for me also as the LORD lays it on your heart.

God Bless
mj

Re: here's the 'why' Frank - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/11/18 8:00

Good word brother Neil,

I will admit when I first came to Sermonindex my mouth drooled at the possibility of justifying myself, I was at a place of immaturity and searching and when I found something I believed I used it like a sword and unfortunately used it ruthlessly against those that disagreed.

Since then God has humbled me and I don't seek to argue about doctrines. For me SI has always been a family in Christ Jesus. Its a wonderful place of encouragement and prayer if we allow it to be. I have been greatly blessed by the Inspiration From... group bible studies and its what I like to engage in. I suspect that some that like to spit fire in argument are the ones that have felt wronged by others in a place of teaching where they felt entitled to teach and so use SI as their outlet of "teaching" and so when opposition comes pride flares up.

My heart and prayers go to those who use SI and my prayer is of humility and peace among Brothers and Sisters.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/11/18 9:49

Ok I'll ask, what is a Godly thread? I mean after all this is Sermon Index, are there some here that are not intended to talk about God, Glorify God, or Honor God? Maybe I am confused by the name of this thread, and is this one a Godly thread? Please help me understand.

Thanks

Mr. Bill

Re: Where are all the Godly threads? - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/11/18 9:55

Brother Frank,

This is at once a revealing question, that at the same time conceals. It reveals a great desire for something, but what is that "something"?

To satisfy one, a "godly thread" must be any topic that points the reader to "God", exalting His attributes, His "his-story", His sweet promises, or His dreadful warnings.

To satisfy another, a "godly thread" must just be topics that appear non-specific with regard to doctrine, but relate to practical outworkings of the spirit-life in our souls.

To satisfy another, a "godly thread" must avoid all mention of "self", and must direct all attention to "Jesus" specifically and alone.

To satisfy another, a "godly post" can only be written by someone who agrees with him or herself.

To satisfy another, a "godly post" can only be written by him or herself.

And yet, we are all in different places on the same "Way". We are yet seeking the same Goal.

For me, a "Godly thread" is one that compels me; that draws me; that grabs me, and changes me. A "Godly thread" is one that God uses to "break" me a little more, and that God uses to "remake" me into being a little bit more like Jesus Christ.

Be well all,

Doug

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2011/11/18 10:41

Brethren,

"Godly threads", in my definition, are those which inspire a greater degree of holiness, surrender and conformity to Christlikeness after a person reads or participates in them. They are the threads in which the Holy Spirit breathes, blesses, uses. They can run the gamut from being profoundly theological to simply practical. They can be found under all the forum categories: general topics, articles and sermons, devotions, current events. Their primary focus is Christ Jesus, the Word of God, and beholding and worshipping Him in His majesty and holiness with the outflow of pure ministry resulting in either evangelism, devotions, teachings, meditations, testimonies, praise. Purity of soul and lack of agenda/personal ambition are the common denominators that seem to run through all of them.

You can sense one immediately. Unfortunately, they slip off the 10 forum slot headers rather quickly. They are quickly stifled by carnal debates, fruitless strivings about the law, political surmizings and complaints; in short, the dim and bleak worries and allurements of the flesh and this cursed world. The principalities and powers and rulers of the darkness of this world do all they can to draw attention from anything promoting godliness in this forum. They very often infiltrate and influence through some of you reading these very words, while leading you to believe you are combatting heresy or suppressing error. This is why we must have discernment. Our hearts are to be pure and consciences undefiled when we seek to contribute to the forum, otherwise we will become prey to the controlling spirits of wickedness which seek to subvert each godly thread.

Brother Paul

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/11/18 11:09

QUOTE:

"Where are all the godly threads, the threads that transmit life"

Interesting question...

There have been many articles posted that were sure to challenge us to a closer walk with the LORD only to be challenged by others working to discredit the lead post. Then you have it deteriorate into debate...and the message gets lost.

Having said this please allow me to do some reminiscing...

when I first came on-board here, the subject of abortion was considered a controversial subject. As soon as it was introduced you were attacked...one lady worked hard via PMs to divert me from a pro-life position. She was a prolific writer, very smart and insightful on theological subjects. Unless you read all her posts you may not have picked this -pro-choice position - up. Well, this was one poster. But she was not the only one who embraced a pro-choice mindset - I remember her because she worked hard on me personally. Now, can you imagine this mindset being a reality on this forum? The point is that growth is not always easy or without pain to the flesh. The flesh cries when it is hurt - it does not want to be crucified.

Another point that was banded about a lot in the past was when a person would make a definite statement, he/she was being called judgmental. Someone else was sure to come along and say that you are being judgmental with that statement! Yup, that taught me...

I remember well when hmmm first came on-board here. He was a new Christian, had a lot of questions which evoked some rebuke from the mods, if I recall...and today he one of the moderators!

I have learned a lot on this forum. The LORD has convicted me of sins that I needed to repent from, sins that needed to be crucified.

Yes, there has been a lot of growth - if you stick around, you will find it happening to you as well. It is not without pain and discomfort, but essential for our spiritual well-being.

God bless all of you...

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2011/11/18 12:11

A lot of good points on this one page, but at the same time, I feel the question has hurt those Godly folks that have posted Godly threads consistently ... to ask, where those threads are.

I gave the Devotional Thoughts section because it's where I go to be still and get strengthened, but I'm so very aware that at those strengthening threads are scattered through-out.

To ask this thread-question is to say that "MY threads & posts are always Godly, but the rest of you people's threads aren't."

Some of us cannot post 'all' the details of our lives and don't want the 'attention' all of the time for our hurts, past or present anyways, as some would like, but we need the fellowship and to know that if we "agree to disagree" on any topic, that that doesn't set us up to be targets of more-than-obvious hatred.

I love the folks here but internet fellowship can never replace a local fellowship, I now realize, though my having to move from my home church has literally torn me to shreds. Being torn from my home and hometown has caused me to look for fellowship on the Net for comfort - but now I feel The LORD telling me that I won't find it here nor on phone calls with people that I haven't met, face to face.

I feel a spirit of hatred and competition in this arena that I've never felt in a local fellowship before.

My church, the Pastor & his wife and the gang there, know everything about me that I can't share with folks I meet online and only did 'in a very small part' on a thread recently. As I said, I don't need to be a focal point with my life story, past or present - though I'm in need of healing, very much so from the past and present.

"Unity" and hearts touching heart-to-heart 'without' any threats of future vengeance for possibly not agreeing is what goes on at my Church & others - but not online.

Some folks have been down for so long that we/I may try 'shock therapy' from love mixed with lots of prayer and I've seen it work, but that's as far as it goes.

Vengeance and hatred based merely on disagreeing with someone is foreign territory in any of the local fellowships I've been a part of, but I see it here, now.

I don't believe any of us will find that this method of 'fellowship' will benefit their "spiritual well-being" long-term - in fact, a lot of this thread - I feel it's more dangerous than anything else in "Christiandom" - so gird up your heart Sir.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2011/11/18 16:27

For sure nothing of quality automatically stays fresh. Typically organizations start with vision, and then the vision slowly gets bogged down in the status quo and replaced by administration. It declines and eventually dies - unless a new vision is birthed before the point of no return.

This familiar cliché is also worth considering:

"Every organization is perfectly designed to get the results that it gets."

With that in mind, what about the following "design" modifications:

1. Resist posts or media clips that draw one's attention to how bad the world is - and how bad certain Christians 'OUT THERE' are. This kind of reading provides quick fodder for the embittered and the disgruntled. It either fuels our anxieties or helps us feel better knowing that there are worse people out there. It's the second cousin of gossip. It may be juicy and attract readers - but it merely excites the carnal nature - and that's what you can expect to draw in. (Perhaps this was not a pattern in the original design)

2. Resist lengthy un-annotated cut-and-pastes or web links. That's easy and quick to "design". But if I am to "one-another" with the lives of people here (and indeed, every poster is in a sense a neighbor and deserves that honour) I should dialogue with the poster - not merely an article.

I need to work on moving beyond my words talking to words - as my sister says:

Quote:

----- we need the fellowship

Having been away from SI, and returning for a season again – one of the most noticeable “design” changes is the decline of real people-names. Even gender is harder to discern. Maybe I’m just naïve about the cyber culture, and really it’s better to avoid such disclosure. But alas - since it’s a diehard habit for me, here’s mine:

Diane

Re: here's the 'why' Frank, on: 2011/11/18 17:19

Ah, dear brother Neil, what a rich , rich answer. Thankyou brother. You wrote.....

"thats why a forum on revival is good for ONE THING, not these sad spectacles of man wrestling with man over silly religious points of contention, but so that the Worms of Christ can indicate and testify when God comes down in His Sovereign Way in a searing Holy Ghost Revival. To DATE, this has not happened BIG, but it will, and God willing, there will be no cameras, no 'superstar' preachers, no streaming links, no tattooed actors using their dirty hands to steady the ark, no talk of money and collections, no 'interview' in "Christianity Today", nothing of this ilk, only thousands of burdened souls being SWEEPED into the Kingdom of God, and the men who God entrusts with such, will be burnt out and recede into the background....i hear the name "Barnsdall" and my heart leaps, and asks the question, could this be the Ember?"

This , to me, is the closest to the answer I have been looking for. I am always looking for the " thrust." Men can make mistakes, but what is the " thrust," of their lives? What is the thrust of a ministry. Yes there are peripherals, but what is the thrust? What is the seat of affection? What burns at the heart of a man, or a ministry or a movement? Is it the burning heart of Jesus? Is, despite the obvious distractions of this world, the thrust true to the original calling? I have found in my own life that if I step outside of God's specific calling for me, I step into a desert. Now it may take several miles of steps before I look up and realize I am in a desert, but when I look up, I am in the wrong place for me personally. I believe, and this is just my opinion, that this forum may have wandered away from its original calling and is walking deeper and deeper into the desert.

I feel led to tell a story. A while back I was ministering to a couple whose marriage was in trouble. Intense anger on one side, and apathy on the other. The storm was raging. After four hours of talking and going through the problems and the grievances, we were no further on, in fact, it seemed like it may be worse. Then the other woman who was with me in ministering to this couple said this " I am out of my depth." And it immediately occurred to me that I was too. So I asked that all four of us would kneel on the floor together and come before the throne of God with exactly that thought, that we were out of our depths, that we desperately needed His help. As I prayed before the throne of grace, I could actually feel the storm subside, as we knelt there in our weaknesses and what we did not know, I could feel the peace come. The couple had a remarkable turn-around. The intense anger was gone, the apathy was gone and in had come love and peace, it was truly a beautiful thing to behold. It is okay not to know things and to acknowledge that.

Maryjane writes....."I have thought over this thread but I do not really have answer for you. I am not really sure I know how to discern fully what might be a Godly thread." Excellent answer sister.

Diane writes..... "For sure nothing of quality automatically stays fresh. Typically organizations start with vision, and then the vision slowly gets bogged down in the status quo and replaced by administration. It declines and eventually dies – unless a new vision is birthed before the point of no return."

I think that plays into what I am feeling more than anything. When Paul Washer stood up at the Baptist youth convention several years ago and lit up a problem that burned at the heart of the organized church, he struck at the heart of something. Now what? He has Paul Washer followers. If we could just get Paul to our meetings we would be okay. Carter Conlon, another man used mightily of God, has his many followers, if we could just get him to our meetings. You can go on down the line and fill in the name. The vision for revival does not center on a man, it centers on the person of Jesus. This forum, I believe, used to burn with the heart of those who believed in revival and earnestly cried out to God for it and I believe that this was the original vision for the site. I believe that it does not burn in that way anymore. I think that it is very easy to get off track. I have a GPS in my car, and if get off the highway and am driving on the outer road that runs parallel to the highway, my GPS does not pick up on it, it still has me on the highway. I can be on that road for quite a long time and begin to veer away from the direction of the highway and still it has me on the right road until finally it figures it out

ut and suddenly blurts out " re-calculate." And it re-routes me back to the road that I was originally on.

I personally believe that is why there is such a blessing going on in Barnsdall right now, in fact brother Brian just called me up to let me know another " hard case," came to Christ this morning , and it was not in the meeting it was in the prayer meeting that we were holding every morning, praise God for a soul saved. The people that Brian is associated with have been praying together with a singular purpose now for years and God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Anyway brothers and sisters, I was never looking for a five point fix for every post, I was thinking more globally as to the spirit of the forum and the ministry. Does it have the original vision? Does it still have the raw-ness of the calling? Has it gotten on an outer road that runs parallel to the original vision road and it is turning away? These are just my thoughts. I am not speaking with malice, I am just trying to express my thoughts without guile.....brother Frank

ps I feel that the first love scriptures of Revelation applies here. It is a telling thing to leave ones first love, whether its your Lord, your wife or your ministry and it can happen to all of us. Brother Edgar Reich shared that sermon with us in Barnsdall on Tuesday night I believe, check it out if you get a chance.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2011/11/18 17:50

Quote:

----- " re-calculate."

What a fitting illustration, Appolus – the GPS. And note, the GPS is only applicable to the driver of the vehicle – not to the other drivers. Likewise, the only person I am responsible to change is myself – not the others. I am not their drivers. They cross my path as they are – not where I think they should be. In fact, scripture tells me to consider them all as better than myself. I'll certainly never be able to do that if I turn my eyes from my own GPS and get obsessed over where they are driving.

From that perspective, my above post is essentially hay and stubble. I realize that God works in my life – as circumstances are – whether that's in my family, my church, on SI –.... or wherever.

My better response to this thread topic would be to ask myself: What is there about SI right now that God wishes to do in and through me. For starts, it's to enjoy all the fine people involved here. It is no doubt also this:

–“...for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Phil. 4:1

Ohhhhh–....

Or how about this one – designed for this very thread topic:

–“But godliness with contentment is great gain.” 1 Timothy 6:6

Diane

The First Recorded Godly thread. - posted by dspks, on: 2011/11/18 22:31

–“This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them , He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

"And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn

thee: go, and sin no more.Â” John 8:6-11, KJV.

Re: The First Recorded Godly thread. - posted by Leeza, on: 2011/11/18 23:16

I pray that God draws us all to Him, that we do not look with critical eyes on one another. Even the idea of humility can become a competition, it is just the way we are. Rather, He just wants us to shut up sometimes and let Him do what He has planned. Even our efforts to bring revival on by repentance can become a work, a bribe. Our holiness is a cover for impatience. And then, when we are so humble, it must be that someone else is not humble or Godly enough, and that is why revival has not come.

We will never be humble or Godly enough. Revival will be a gift, undeserved, like everything else He has given.

Re: A Godly Thread - posted by Questor, on: 2011/11/19 0:54

Most of the time, here on Sermonindex.Net, I see postings from Believers in Yeshua trying to find out more, or discuss in detail questions that they, or people that look to them offline need answers to. To seek to know from others who hold similar beliefs to yours, worshiping and serving the same Elohim as you do about questions and concerns that many a Believer has...how can this not be Godly, since God is but a general reference to the Eternal Good that we are seeking to follow?

Even if there be disputes over method, or clarity of understanding, wherein is there any lack of Goodness?

Do we not all seek to know the Lord Yeshua better, and better, and how to become like a Being that was once YHVH in the flesh? I myself know precious little about "Godliness" since I believe it to be a false construct...meaning not a behavior following Yeshua, but a strangely false and human sanctity, a piousness that is not well to be followed, for it is but tradition, or an attitude taught of men.

I need no syrup over the truth to wash it down. I merely need kindness, and gentleness, humility, and strength, knowledge, and the willingness to be generous with our time that is so short in these busy days.

But I do not know all, and I have questions that I cannot answer when they come up, and need to ask others with differing experience. And in the discussions that follow these questions, there is wisdom to be gained, and insight, not just for me and the other posters, but for those who look to Sermonindex.Net for answers to questions they do not yet have, but only a ceaseless yearning to find more about Yeshua through those who are attempting to follow Him.

Not all questions that sound simple or obvious truly have simple answers, or even answers that are without passion. And since Yeshua was indeed a passionate, as well as compassionate Person, I do not want the discussions here to lapse into some milquetoast conversation, with sickly sweet agreement the only result.

I want a few sparks to be able to fly, and no hesitation in any poster to say what they mean as well as they can, and question what they do not know, even if it does occasionally make someone a bit cross, or even stir up righteous indignation.

If we speak only of the smooth and easy articles of faith, the general, and not the specific, how are we to learn, and others, also, who come here seeking to find answers on which they can build their lives, to learn, that the answer is not always in other humans, but only in the Ruach haKodesh, and communion with our Savior? And other times, when Yeshua seems silent, Sermonindex.Net can be a good way to break that silence, or indeed, Adonai's intended method for answers to be gotten.

Not all of us have good leadership, or indeed leadership at all, and Godly/Goodly fellowship is often far and few between! And some questions cannot be asked face to face without such embarrassment that prevents the questions from being asked. And these embarrassments are not necessarily of a bodily or sexual nature, but out of awareness of one's own ignorance. Also, some people are just not going to intrude themselves for ANY reason into a public discussion.

As for revival, and that being the sole aim of Greg Gordon's ministry here on Sermonindex.Net...well, his very goodly service to all of us in collecting sermons and articles, and video's to encourage the daily revival within us that we need, and setting forth the forum where we can indeed learn of each other, and encourage those with a revival ministry or desire to come together...where is any of this ungodly? And hence, how can a true exploration of knowledge and experience be u

ngodly at all?

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Re: - posted by Leeza, on: 2011/11/19 1:27

amen questor...I have loads of questions, and feel awkward asking them...it is nice to feel safe to ask, to seek.

Re: Questor, on: 2011/11/19 4:30

as the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Ruach HaKodesh testifies to my spirit, your words made my heart leap.

reasoned, measured, gentle, loving words rooted in humility, and not the faux humility of the world, only God can burnish a soul like He has yours.

no ear tickly, no sickly sweet syrup come from my keyboard, but it takes courage and reality for a man to say, in these M atters,, "i don't know".

it takes a man with the Love of God in his heart to offer words of encouragement in the midst of the din of battle.

i COULD quote at least seven passages you wrote, where my soul murmured "amen", but i'm loathe to do so, as i dont want to appropriate your words, only to encourage you in return, that your words have been recieved by MY heart and s oul. and softened my 'dismay'...no, they have demolished my dismay, and this kind of balm can only have been engende red from and by God, working through you, strengthening my feeble knees....and for that i am eternally grateful and offer my hand and heart to you in fellowship, neil

Re: Where are all the Godly threads? - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2011/11/19 13:44

Here is some threads that over the years has been Godly to me in the sense brothe rPaul West speaks of.

From the golden archives of sermonindex.....

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=16110&forum=40&32

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=26547&forum=40&438

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=12137&forum=34&95

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=10733&forum=34&94

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General Topics :: Where are all the Godly threads?

Re: , on: 2011/11/19 15:02

My favorite part of Questors post was this.....

"But I do not know all, and I have questions that I cannot answer when they come up, and need to ask others with differing experience."

I am also looking forward to going back over the threads that HmmHmm re-posted, because I know what brother Paul West was speaking off when he asked the question, meaning I know the heart behind the question, it was certainly never to say that only certain posts were Godly in the sense of fruitful. Many times hard questions have to be asked, first of ourselves and then others and as long as it is done by the leading of the Spirit and with a heart full of love I believe that we stay on solid ground. When our hearts are not right and we ask questions for reasons other than truth and love, then comes the sinking sand. So, in essence, two posters can ask the exact same question, one can lead to strife because of the spirit behind the question, and the other can lead to life because the one being questioned knows that the one asking the question wants and seeks the best for them.....brother Frank

Re: , on: 2011/11/19 15:30

I believe apologies are in order nonetheless - and Thanks to some on here that do have true love in their hearts for this Site.

Because I'm on an unsecured wireless connection, I'm on 'borrowed time' and can't always get to all of the pages on a thread. I was able just now to read All of the posts on this thread and there are many good ones that are appreciated.

To ask where the Godly threads are and to insinuate that the Godly are not here to post them, is a form of Christian Persecution toward those Godly folks that are posting Godly threads, even while these negative posts were being posted - as I feel it all in my heart and not statements that I was ready to hear from those that I consider as older Brothers that I trusted. When women look to men for protection and the attacks come from them - it truly throws some of us females off kilter badly ... Whether it be outright name calling by complete strangers on here or by countless innuendoes.

To insinuate that SI is not seeking "Revival" in a proper way, after the Conference, with Carter Conlon, Edgar and company giving it their all, was a hurtful thing to say and endless suggestions on how to make SI 'better suited to revival', well, I don't believe Brother Edgar would give this thread a thumbs-up - how could anyone?

As some of us were praying both here and on the prayer-calls for "Unity" to come this year, in the face of so much world turmoil - here comes a thread like this - but I am Grateful that 'hmmhmm' picked up on it yesterday and posted what he said about 'Unity' on The Devotional Thoughts section and thank you also to you others on this thread that also carry the heart of that message with non-self-seeking hearts ~ until we see Him and each other face to face.

My internet days are over but not because I feel that I'm any better than anyone here - but I just don't feel I have "the gift" for this non-face-to-face form of communicating and never did.

LORD find us faithful until our end.

Re: , on: 2011/11/19 15:34

Hi brother HmmHmm,

I just re-read one of the "classic" threads that you posted. It was entitled "Who is responsible for the current state of affairs." What I noticed in that thread was that despite the fact that it was asking hard questions, no one attacked any of the posters. It brought back good memories of debating with brother RobertW and brother Ron Bailey and Dohzman and many others. Hard questions were asked and answered, I am looking forward to reading some more of them..... brother Frank

Re: - posted by Leeza, on: 2011/11/19 16:48

I am so sorry you will no longer be participating in the discussion. I think the written word sometimes comes off differently than intended, and I sure hope I have not been part of the problem for you.

I was drawn to sermonindex because:

There are serious Godly people here that want God's will, and desire His glory

I wanted to hear from more mature believers

I have found a richness here that I have not seen anywhere else. Please do not get discouraged. It is not about us, you will never find flawless wisdom in man. He is able to do what we can not.

I pray He lifts you up!

That said, I am going to back off too, because I have gotten the feeling that I may not be the type of person that most are comfortable with here, and I do not want to be one of those that are seen as a problem.

Re: - posted by savedtoserve, on: 2011/11/19 16:58

Thanks, hmmhmm, for those links. Here's one too that should always be at the top of the list!

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Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2011/11/19 17:31

"because I have gotten the feeling that I may not be the type of person that most are comfortable with here"

What do you mean, Leeza? I am troubled by your comment....I'd have emailed you privately but no address is listed...

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/11/19 18:26

Having to share a computer at home, I just wished a lot of the responses were shorter, I just don't get the time to read the long, long, responses. I also believe folks should not use the whole scripture as a reference to back up their post, or figure in, in the debates, they should just put out the Chapter and Verse and let folks find it and read it for themselves, out of the context of a debate. That way it puts the understanding of the scripture between them and the Holy Spirit, and gives us the freedom from the debate, to listen to the spirit minister to us. I know this will never happen because some folks are here needing to be taught, I am just talking the debate threads. Most of the stuff "not all" seems to be copied and pasted stuff, if not, we must have some 1000 word a minute typers here. :)

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2011/11/20 1:09

Hi brother Frank, yes that thread is quite unique in the number of posts and "though" questions, I think it has to do that the people that discuss is not so much interested in "proving" their point of view, their understanding is the right way as much as they have a genuine interest in the truth and also to my little knowledge are mature enough to handle disagreements or the fact that they know not everything. But seeks to find answers rather than preaching them at others less enlightened.

Its a very good thread.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/20 1:31

hi, if we were to discuss the infallibility of the pope all would jump up and say how unreasonable this statement and doctrine is but when we come on this forum some of us feel that we have the whole truth in some matters and are argumentative and rude. we are all somewhat ignorant in the things of the Lord. I have been studying for about 50 years and have seen many miracles but know less today than I knew 40 years ago. love and respect like Ron and Mike had is the answer to our problems. jimp

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2011/11/20 9:14

Good word Jimp. 'If a man think he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing as yet he ought to know' (I Cor. 8:2). The verse that precedes it is, 'Knowledge puffs up, but charity edifies'.

I've often thought about how dangerous it can be when God gives a man light on a certain area of scripture before he's mature enough to process it. You needn't be wise to have light. You can read a book by A.W. Pink or Calvin, as many do. You can read a sermon by John Wesley or Finney. The ultimate example, of course, being the Bible. A thread becomes godly when a man or woman is able to process the light they have in a way that becomes beneficial to all. Not all light reflected is beneficial. If I were to reflect pure UV light, for instance, I would be sending out death signals. UV rays are but a component of balanced, whole sunlight. You shift the balance of a beam of light, and you major on a component that will eventually cause death by prolonged exposure.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/11/20 9:22

Well said, JIG. I could never have said it better!

I do hope you will remain here...

God bless..

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/11/20 9:35

Leeza, Please do stay...The conflict that occurred here on SI is not something new.

Did you know that in the past there were subjects that would come up that ALWAYS created a lot of strife - like the Bible versions; Once-saved-always saved; Calvinism vs Armenism and the threads had to be locked - it happened many times. The one who led the Bible Version brigade has since repented of it (see God still works - I will not ID him- don't want to embarrass him). The point is people DO change - sometimes! Just hang in here and do not take offense.

Spiritual growth is painful - sometimes.

Leeza, if you back off, do so for a time, but before you do, go to the Articles forum and read Paul West's articles on Mortification. There are over a 100 posts there, but the ones with a lot of meat are the ones Paul wrote - read those. There will be enough meat to last you a while. You will find yourself coming back for more AND wishing he would keep on talking!

God bless..

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2011/11/20 10:21

Leeza,
I have no way to contact you, but JiG asked me to tell you that her decision to stop posting had "zero to do with you"....Mama

Re: - posted by browny, on: 2011/11/20 10:29

Dear dear sister,

Please please, stay here and don't go.
You have been such a blessing to me and I know for others as well.
It is simply not true to say you have not the gift for this kind of communication!
We need each other here!

Shalom,
browny.

General Topics :: Where are all the Godly threads?

Re: , on: 2011/11/20 13:53

Brother Jimp writes.....

"hi, if we were to discuss the infallibility of the pope all would jump up and say how unreasonable this statement and doctrine is but when we come on this forum some of us feel that we have the whole truth in some matters"

Amen brother, for me, this is another step forward in the question that started this thread.

As someone who was raised in the Catholic church and came to Jesus at the age of 27, I always appreciate other brothers and sisters who have come to Jesus and come out of the Catholic church. The Catholic church never really had a hold of me at any time, but I was raised in an Irish Catholic community in Scotland and all of my education was Catholic. The reason I appreciate ex-Catholics who are now Christians is because to me they are modern day Bereans.

Every pre-conceived notion has to be re-considered. Every doctrine that was ever taught a Catholic has to be reconsidered in the light of Scripture. There are no sacred cows, its all on the table for any Catholic who experienced the trauma of leaving traditions that in some cases have been in place for not only centuries but millenia. One can only imagine the bravery of the Jewish believers who came to Jesus 2000 years ago whose tradition and interpretation of Scripture had been pretty much locked in place for thousands of years.

Now, what does any of that have to do with this forum and this thread? Well, us modern Christians also have traditions, interpretations, pre-conceived notions, and they are extremely powerful to the point of dis-unity. How can it be, in matters of non-essentials, that even ones salvation would be questioned? Does the sacred cow have that much power? Is ones interpretation of non-essentials more important than loving one another? Is it possible that our sacred cows are not that sacred? Is it possible that there is one more thing that we do not know? Can we be dogmatic in non-essential matters? An example for me would be pre-trib-rap. Now that is a huge and weighty matter. I do not believe in it. Yet I recognize the Scriptures that my brothers and sisters put forward in support of it, but I still don't believe in it.

That does not mean that they are less Godly or less holy or less righteous, it simply means that infallible me disagrees with infallible you. And if we can leave it at that and focus on matters of eternity and work together and love each other despite the fact that I believe that we will all go through the tribulation then that is a good thing. Of course the Cal-Arm debate is another good example and Keith Daniels did a good job of exposing that.

So, what makes a thread "un-Godly?" in my opinion? One that is posted for reasons other than to glorify God and to benefit the reader. Now, only the poster will know his own heart, whether its a post or a comment. There are obviously un-Godly comments and that would be if one attacks another, or tries to tear a person down, ignoring the subject at hand. Or, if one smells "blood in the water," meaning seeing someone say something careless and then piling on with everyone else with comments designed to tear down and personally attack.

If we are dogmatic in matters that are non-essential to the faith, then pride reigns. The proud heart would say "well they are wrong, but if they get smart enough or holy enough or humble enough, they will arrive at my position sometime soon, or later or maybe never and maybe they are just not saved." The truly humble reply to matters of non-essentials is the Berean reply and when one has checked to make sure there are no sacred cows, no pre-conceived notions, no mere tradition and one still finds oneself with the same belief, recognize that since we are infallible and since it is non-essential then we shall put it to one side as far as the other brother or sister is concerned and follow hard after our conscience and our interpretation of that particular subject.....brother Frank

Re: - posted by Leeza, on: 2011/11/20 13:56

Dear all of you!

I came back today to read your post, and was so moved by your kindness. I guess I was confused by the comments, and really don't understand what is the ongoing discussion, and thought that maybe I had said something harsh myself.

I am going to read the area on mortification that you recommended. Sounds like an area that might help me grow, because I am beginning to think this old onion's got a lot more layers.

Thank you so much for your encouragement.

Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2011/11/20 14:40

God bless you, Leeza. Thank you for responding....Pls keep us updated as to your husband's job situation (though on a different thread)....We are all a work in progress. I just hate to see contention and hurt feelings on this site - the enemy would love to keep us down and out....

Re: , on: 2011/11/20 20:27

Jim said:

"If we were to discuss the infallibility of the Pope all would jump up and say how unreasonable this statement and doctrine is but when we come on this forum some of us feel that we have the whole truth in some matters"

I agree.

We have all done this on several occasions.

There are some things that I know about and we all should have some degree of knowing about something and be firm about telling it.

However it's how it's told and by what motive.

I personally can't stand a thread that is started by someone who knows all the answers and is teaching everyone in the "classroom". To them I say, get your own forum and teach to your hearts content. SI is for sharing and discussing, it's for learning and discovering that other believers do hear from God and do speak to them and not just to one person.

I don't know about you but I have written up so many posts and spend about an hour on something only to stop short to ask myself, "Who do you think you are?" and the X is such an easy target for deletion.

Being retaught on a subject that you once knew by heart is a terrible prospect and very very humbling.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/21 6:21

hi, in my Godly garments.lol

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/21 22:49

hi, i feel like i might have killed this thread with my stupid and always present dumb sense of humor.forgive me.jimp