

## General Topics :: A little levity

### A little levity - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/10/26 12:33

Recently I gave some directions to our house- A King James Version and The Message version:

#### "KING JAMES" VERSION

1. thou shalt proceed eastward on "A" road until thou runnest into "B" road.
2. at the meeting of B road and A road, thou shalt immediately turn to thy left. thou shalt not turn to the right, nor shalt thou proceed straightforward. Left thou shalt turn, and the turn that thou makest shall be to thy left.
3. thou shalt next proceed to the north on B road approximately 50 cubits and a span. thereafter thou shalt see a sign on thy left. thou shalt heed the sign and the location thereof, to assurest that the sign dost read "C lane." when thou seest the sign that dost read "C lane", thou shalt proceed to signal thy intention to turn left. Left shalt thou turn. thou shalt not proceed straightforward, for such way leads to dissipation. rather, thou shalt turn to thy left, and left is the way thou shalt turn.
4. as thou travelst upon C lane, thou shalt immediately notice a sign that dost read "D rd." when this sign shall appear unto you, thou shalt once again signal thy intention to turn left. thou shalt not proceed straight away, for such is the path of destruction. rather shalt thou turn to thy left. left shalt thou turn, and the manner of thy turning shall be to thy left.
5. thou shalt then proceedest to follow D road to the farthest cul-de-sac. thou shalt not stop at the first cul-de-sac, for such is the road to folly. when thou reachest the furthest cul-de-sac, thou shalt search for a house on thy left. thou shalt not look to thy right, neither shalt thou look straightaway. left is the way thou shalt look, and left shall be the direction of thy looking.
6. thou shalt look for a tan colored house with white trimmings thereabout. thou shalt not search for a white house, nor shalt thou search for a green house or a blue house. tan is the color of the house, and the color of the house that thou seest is tan.
7. here is wisdom. let him who hath understanding count the number of the house: for it is the number of a family, and the number is 7-6-1-6.

#### "THE MESSAGE" Version

1. go east on A road
2. turn left on B
3. turn left on C
4. turn left on D
5. drive around to the far end of D to the cul de sac
6. look on your left for a tan house with white trim
7. the house number is 7616.

### Re: A little levity - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/10/26 13:19

This is wonderful!!!!

Thank you for a little bit of levity!!

### Re: A little levity - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/26 13:38

LOL Todd!!

Thanks! ðŸ™,

**Re: A little levity - posted by forrests (), on: 2016/10/26 16:29**

"But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word."  
~ Isaiah 66:2

Trembles at His word...not makes jokes about.

(P.S. I also don't find that to be a fair or accurate representation of 'The Message' "Bible".)

**Re: A little levity - posted by jochbaptist (), on: 2016/10/26 17:49**

To be fair, "THE MESSAGE" Version should be more like this .....

1. Explore eastward on A road from the depths of your heart
2. turn to YOUR left on B without concern for gawking eyes
3. Or be concerned with nitwits, boldly turn left on C
4. turn left on D to your Fathers bursting delight
5. Dear friend drive around to the far end of D to the rounded space
6. look on your left for a blessed tan dwelling with a freshly fallen snow white trim
7. Donâ€™t assume that you know it all but seek the house whose number is 7616.

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**Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2016/10/26 19:25**

LOL @ jochbaptist

For some more levity here are some church bulletin bloopers, these have been posted here from time to time and are good for a laugh.

Return of the Church Bulletins. . .

They're back! Church Bulletins: Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday, there will be try outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A Bean Supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be, "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck Supper Sunday at 5:00 p.m. - Prayer and medication to follow.

This evening at 7:00 p.m., there will be a hymn-singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church Basement on Friday at 7:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/10/26 19:41**

Since it was brought up I did want to clarify that I was not making fun of the scriptures; I was simply doing gross caricatures of the KJ style and The Message style. Making fun of scripture would require taking a passage and ridiculing its content. I feel like a dweeb having to defend my intent because I assumed it was obvious.

It was for folks in my Bible study so they could appreciate it.

JB- your MSG parody was great!

**Re: , on: 2016/10/26 20:03**

oh Todd you dweeb lol. This was brilliant btw.

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/26 22:17**

The opposite of levity is gravity, which is related to "grave," as in, "'Trembles at His word...not makes jokes about,' said Forrest gravely."

"P.S. I also don't find that to be a fair or accurate representation of 'The Message' 'Bible'", added Forrest in a voice that sounded like two gravestones rubbing together."

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/10/26 22:36**

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I love this thread!! LOL

More, more levity, you guys!!!

**Re: , on: 2016/10/26 23:24**

levity: "the treatment of a serious matter with humour or lack of due respect"

Quotes from various sources:

Remember, we are dealing with God's holy unchangeable Word - not an ordinary book. God owns His message, we don't. Only His own, well-guarded words can be presented as absolute truth

â€œas above, so belowâ€• is deep in occult practice and philosophy.

The Message uses â€œhipâ€• language to make it easier to read. What it does is profane the sanctity of His Word and conforms it to the world, attempting to make the Bible worldly and in sync with the times.

The Message â€œBibleâ€• is gaining popularity in leaps and bounds, deceiving readers and pointing them towards the new age and a one world religion.

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 7:09**

This is grave news indeed.

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/10/27 10:09**

I personally find the anything goes with Bible translation very disturbing.

This is a thread from the past concerning the message bible :

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic\\_id=49296&forum=36&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id=49296&forum=36&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0)

I personally believe that the KJV has a special anointing on it, that I am not convinced that the modern versions have.

I personally believe that the KJV is the crowning of Tyndales translation.

I have many books and have studied what many of the modern translators have to say.

Some of them I like, such as many of the translators that worked on the ESV, they seem sincere and I like their translation philosophy of "essentially literal".

But I personally am not convinced that they nor any of the other modern translations originated from a calling.

When challenged about the trustworthiness of these translations, modern translators will often provide their academic credentials, translation philosophy, their doctrinal background etc etc.

I am yet to read any that defends the trustworthiness of these translations the way that the martyr Tyndale did of which he said :

"I call God to record against the day we shall appear before our Lord Jesus, that I never altered one syllable of God's Word against my conscience, nor would do this day, if all that is in earth, whether it be honor, pleasure, or riches, might be given me." - William Tyndale

**Re: , on: 2016/10/27 10:24**

I am ready to defend my King James version to the death...off with ye heads ye mockers!!!

**Re: - posted by ThyKingCome (), on: 2016/10/27 10:40**

Todd, you don't need to defend yourself brother. I think God has a better sense of humor than we do sometimes. "A merry heart does good like medicine". King James language is not equal to the Scriptures.

There are always those who will capitalize on an opportunity to hyper-spiritualize something and self aggrandize their own spirituality - this in itself is a demonstration of fleshly promotion. How can I say this? Because I have been that guy a LOT in my life - and it's just not of God.

If I was part of your home fellowship I would have loved those directions. Thank God for sanctified humor that brings mirth and fellowship.

God bless you brother,

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/10/27 11:34**

Kevin wrote: "King James language is not equal to the Scriptures."

Thanks Kevin- that is what I was trying to say.

I certainly don't have any issues with the KJ translation of the Bible- I am quite fond of it and use it often. It was not my intent to denigrate the translation- so there is no reason for folks to feel they have to defend it.

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 11:45**

Henceforth we shall restrict our jokes to religiously-correct Baptist humor,e.g.

If God meant for man to smoke he would have put a chimney on his head.

It was Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve.

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection, so they were sad, you see.

These are examples of what is within the bounds of acceptable religious humor.

**Another smoking joke - posted by jochbaptist (), on: 2016/10/27 11:58**

Remember. It is not you that is smoking. The cigarette is. You are just the sucker at the other end. ;0

**Re: Quieter in the woods - posted by docs (), on: 2016/10/27 13:52**

So not so long ago a fellow in our church testified that he was losing his hearing a bit but at least it helped him walk through the woods quieter when he was hunting!

**Re: trembling - posted by savannah, on: 2016/10/27 14:42**

These are they who take God's Word in vain, go to the church house/house church, then go to the movie house!

They then go to prayer and pray for revival!

And what's even worse than all that is that they try to get others to think that God is laughing along with them at it all, and that He will look favorably upon them and their prayers.

But...then come others to rain on their parade...

And so they, 'blame it on the rain'!

And so they protest with their umbrellas in hand!

**Re: Savannah, on: 2016/10/27 15:58**

Bro regarding your post...you lost ne.

**Re: , on: 2016/10/27 16:04**

Know how many pretribbers it takes to change a light bulb?

Don't know. They all were secretly raptured.

-bbs-

**Re: , on: 2016/10/27 16:06**

Here about the Calvinist who stumbled down the stairs?

He got up and said Praise God...Sure glad that's over.

-bbs-

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2016/10/27 16:51**

Hi docs,

Quote:

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So not so long ago a fellow in our church testified that he was losing his hearing a bit but at least it helped him walk through the woods quieter when he was hunting!  
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I heard a preacher say that he was in a church setting up a table when he overheard a couple of elderly gentlemen.

The first man was going on and on about how his new hearing aid was amazing -- a marvelous step-forward in technology. He said that he can now hear things that he had not heard in years.

After several minutes of listening to so many good things about the hearing aid, the other man asked, "What kind is it?"

The first man looked at his watch and said, "Oh, about 9:45."

:-)

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 17:00**

Savannah, thank you for apprising us of the gravity of the situation.

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/10/27 17:57**

Two Alabama State Troopers, both Auburn graduates, stopped a man for speeding. One of them got out his ticket book and asked the other as he started filling out the citation, "What town is closest to us?" His partner said, "Andalusia." The first trooper folded his ticket book and put it in his pocket and said, "Let him go. We'll catch him again when he gets to Opp."

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/10/27 18:13**

An Auburn graduate and his LSU buddy fell on hard times and needed a new job. They moved to Huntsville, AL and hoped to find a higher paying job at one of the rocket part plants. They went to the unemployment office. The Auburn man interviewed first and told the lady he had spent his whole adult life making women's athletic socks at the Russell Athletic factory in

Lee County. The interviewer said she had such a job nearby in Elkmont and it paid \$300 a week. The LSU guy interviewed next. He told the interviewer that he moved from Baton Rouge to Lee County, AL and that he was a diesel fitter. The interviewer said, "Oh good. There is a new engine manufacturer right here in Huntsville and you can go to work next week. It pays \$700 a week." The Auburn graduate overheard her and said, "How's that? I only get \$300 a week!" She explained, "Well yours is unskilled labor sir and his is as a skilled diesel fitter." The LSU grad just beamed. The Auburn graduate said, "Skilled huh? How bout that? \$700! I sewed elastic into women's socks and he slipped them over his arms and said 'Yep, deez'll fit 'er.'"

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2016/10/27 18:19**

AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU HERE, and appreciated so many of your posts,....

This is absolutely shameful ! ....

I have often heard it said,...when one wanted to justify their joke / laughter,..  
'...they say,..'You know,God has a sense of humor',..Well,I have never been able to see that....

Since God is The Word, and EVERYTHING that is in That Word, is His Name,...I find Him to be Truth , and only serious.

And, I believe some here may have humiliated a dear bro. that we all love here.

It is a grief.

Or have I understood something wrong here ?...  
I would gladly ask / beg your forgiveness  
if I may have.

In His Love for you and for Him,

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elizabeth

**Re: shameful - posted by savannah, on: 2016/10/27 18:36**

So many americans have so much time on their hands, they fall into all sorts of folly, not realizing that they are amusing themselves to spiritual death.

Oh...I almost forgot...don't forget to do your 1 minute devotional this evening, and then throw in a prayer for God to send revival!

Ya'll have a good ole time at church this Sunday!!!

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 18:47**

I don't know why this levity thread is attracting so many gravity-mongers. It reminds me of Shakespeare's King John: "Th at idiot laughter, a passion hateful to my purposes!" Todd, on the other hand, is "poor Yarrick, that fellow of infinite jest."

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 18:48**

P.S.--If you Sentinels of Seriousness keep provoking me, I won't have time to squeeze in my one-minute devotional tonight!

**Re: , on: 2016/10/27 18:55**

Savanah,

It is you who ought to be ashamed. Get off your spiritual high horse and stop judging others. If a thread doesn't interest you then just stay out of it, simple, everyone is happy. But just keep talking bro you are exposing exactly what type of person you are!

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/10/27 19:01**

God laughs.

A merry heart makes a cheerful face.

Jesus told jokes. The whole plank in the eye analogy? It was hyperbole, intended to make people laugh to get the point.

Have mercy.

**Re: Type C - posted by savannah, on: 2016/10/27 19:02**

Thanks for the encouragement!

I will keep to my calling, and you keep to yours!

"Who can make straight what He has made crooked?", asked the wise man!

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 19:23**

In Isaiah 44 God Himself makes fun of the man who uses half a log to make a god and the other half to cook his dinner.

"The people of God are a people of joy, and it is not until they hear this God-Laughter in their souls that they have attained to their heritage." Walter Lanyon



**Re: , on: 2016/10/27 19:33**

Savannah - I fully understand what you are saying, I appreciate your posts!

Elibeth - you are right "This is absolutly shameful ! ...."

If I remember correctly you started a thread long time ago about the Word of God and what it means to you.

I understand how you feel - the same way as I do.

I don't know how many saints died for printing scriptures or just reading it etc.

In Russia I talked to a believer who "ilegaly " printed scriptures during communist time and the KGB came and searched his house.

And now we "Westerners" ask the question what is wrong with this thread?

What is wrong with us ?

Help us Lord and have mercy on us !

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 19:52**

Thank you for adding gravitas to the conversation.

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiss (), on: 2016/10/27 19:57**

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven....A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4

I read some words of Corrie ten Boom recently. I remember how she described how her heart was enraptured by the joy of the Lord while still confined as an inmate under horrific conditions in a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. I've read other stories in which people in concentration camps or gulags found laughter and humor (not in an inappropriate sense) even in the midst of such terrible sorrow.

Yes, there is much to weep over in this world. This world has largely rejected Christ. Believers are persecuted for their faith around the world. Babies are killed because they are unwanted by their own mothers. People proudly march to win the right to justify their sins and then demand that the government force others to also acknowledge, accept or even celebrate it.

The impending countdown of eternity for each individual is a terrible sadness and the motivation for our mission to introduce the GOOD NEWS to a world that doesn't even know that it is lost.

Yet, at the same time, there are anecdotes from life that can't help me laugh. You can't help but laugh in certain scenarios of life -- especially when you're around the people of the Lord.

I remember reading an article by Melody Green (the widow of the late Keith Green) entitled "A Happy Heart Is Good Medicine." She wrote:

"I'll close with a story about a man who wouldn't get dressed for church one Sunday. He told his wife, 'I'm not going to church for three reasons. 1.) The congregation is cold. 2.) Nobody likes me. 3.) And besides, I just don't want to go.' His wife gently replied, 'I'll give you three reasons why you should go. 1.) The congregation is really very warm. 2.) A few people like you. And besides, 3.) You have to go - you're the pastor!'"

**Re: , on: 2016/10/27 20:01**

Markus if you are speaking about brother Todd for making fun of the scriptures you are 100% wrong and should apologize for bearing false witness against him. He was simply sharing a humorous tale of the difference between two translations in the way they "sound". No actual scripture was mentioned. Sheesh! For you and Savannah and others to get offended over this shows you have not taken the time to read his words or it shows you are immature and offended over every little thing in life. The solution is to stay out of discussions that you do not enjoy. Its not a complicated arrangement.

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 20:07**

I was only 18 when my dad died and cried my eyes out at his funeral, but at the reception a lady told me a ridiculous story about the weird family on her street who held a funeral service for their dog and I never laughed harder in my life before or since. I don't know if it's true that laughter is the best medicine, but it's pretty good medicine.

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/27 20:11**

And anyway I would rather be "wrong" with Todd and his Band of Jolly Jesters than be "right" with grim religionists.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/10/27 20:16**

I guess ones view will hinge somewhat on whether you believe God created us with a sense of humor. I find it exceedingly hard to believe that Jesus spent three years in close fellowship with 12 disciples and He never displayed any sense of humor. My impression is that his disciples actually LIKED Him. I am not suggesting that he was always cracking jokes, but to suggest there was no laughter in his group is stretching a point too far.

I feel a tad sorry for folks who believe it is a sin to laugh or to think something is funny. Sounds like a miserable sort of existence.

Nothing in this thread has been irreverent or sinful. I am sorry that it has caused consternation. It was not my intent and actually it took me by surprise.

If you think humor is inappropriate in the Christian life, better tell Vance Havner and Leonard Ravenhill.

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/10/27 20:23**

You can't be optimistic if you've got a misty optic. Vance Havner

**Re: , on: 2016/10/27 21:03**

"I feel a tad sorry for folks who believe it is a sin to laugh or to think something is funny. Sounds like a miserable sort of existence."

Yep, they need to get baptized in the Holy Ghost if they are that miserable. Some Christians come across as if they have been baptized in lemon juice.

**Re: , on: 2016/10/27 21:15**

One of the reasons why people were attracted to Jesus was because He was full of life and joy. They wanted to be around someone like Him. He lifted them and encouraged them and His life giving spirit was infectious. He was not miserable or a killjoy or a wet blanket. This thread is a very helpful thread because it reveals the heart of those who are not like Jesus in this regard. Those of you who interjected your sad-sack attitude into light hearted joyful banter need to have a serious heart check and let the Lord do a new thing in your lives. Or you could harden your heart and not accept this admonishment and stay the way you are for the rest of your lives.

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/28 1:21**

Dear brothers,

I appreciate humor as much as any one of you, however, let not our sense of humor become a cause of stumbling for weaker brothers (not weaker as in immature but as to conscience)

I often think, before posting, whether I would say the same thing the same way if doing so face to face.

Let us follow James's admonition: "be quick to hear and slow to speak"

God bless,

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/28 6:36**

Well, we're all a lot braver when hiding behind Internet anonymity than we are face to face. But a spirit of self-importance can be a stumbling block too. A sour religious attitude and hyper-sensitivity are offensive to a LOT of people. People whose religion runs that way may want to be more mindful of how they are affecting others.

**Re: Does God Have a Sense of Humor? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2016/10/28 6:55**

Does God really have a sense of humor? Really? When you think of issues of sin/hell - eternal fate of the rebellious, can God laugh?

Many years ago I was challenged to study Isaiah. My heart and soul really got into it and as a result it ranks among my favorite books in the Bible.

In studying Isaiah I came upon something that took me totally by surprise: it was the humor of God! At times I felt if I were to look up I would see God Almighty looking down at me with a twinkle in his eye!

The first incident of humor I became aware of is in Isaiah 7:18: "In that day the LORD will whistle for the fly that is in the remotest part of the rivers of Egypt and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria." God whistles? Imagine anyone whistling for a fly....

Another: Isaiah 22:18b-19a: "And He is about to grasp you firmly And roll you tightly like a ball, To be cast into a vast country". God play ball with people as the ball? You read along and it is so serious and suddenly you have this word picture and it stops me in my tracks - amused.

Humor in Isaiah includes irony, satire - the kind where one has to understand the context in order to comprehend it. In conclusion I understood Isaiah to be a man of humor yet at the same time it was inspired by God because he only spoke what God told him to.

My maternal grandparents (he was a preacher, BTW) were people of humor which was passed onto their children, grandchildren. A lot of it is the ability to laugh at themselves....

My understanding and I hope this will edify...

Sandra Miller

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/28 7:07**

I hear you brother Wayne,

I myself initially responded to Todd and laughed with him and clearly his intent was not to cause offense or disrespect God's Word.

Only the brethren themselves will know why they are so sensitive concerning this.

I feel, though, that as soon as we became aware that certain brethren were offended it is our responsibility to consider them and refrain from aggravating the situation.

"be being filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your hearts"

rights to the Lord, giving thanks to God the Father through Him...submitting to one another out of common reverence for Christ...

In His Love,

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/28 7:19**

Hey, you two, those scripture quotations aren't from the KJV!!!

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/10/28 7:21**

I believe it is wrong to joke about the holy things of God. Clean humour in other areas is good! But when we bring joking into the presence of God it just does not work with the Scriptures and the way the Early believers worshipped God.

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/28 7:21**

My apologies Wayne :)

Mine was a combination, from memory.

**Re: , on: 2016/10/28 8:30**

"Only the brethren themselves will know why they are so sensitive concerning this."

Brother William,

If I am having a light hearted conversation with my friends and someone with a religious/pharisaical spirit overhears and is offended do you honestly believe that your scripture references apply? I don't. In fact I believe that Jesus offended these sorts of people all the time and did not change his conversation or behaviour to pander to them. Internet forums are a lot like television channels...if you don't like what you are seeing or hearing just change the channel or turn it off.

Brother Greg, are you insinuating that brother Todd is joking about the holy things of God? If so then you are doing what the others here with a religious spirit are doing. Misrepresenting a humorous anecdote that draws out the differences between outdated archaic and overly wordy English speaking styles from 500 years ago vs the way people speak today in the 21st century.

You are my friend and I love you very much but I wish you had called out those with a religious spirit instead of coming across as if you support them.

**Re: , on: 2016/10/28 8:55**

What did Jesus say to those with a religious spirit who were offended? Did he wring His hands in despair and run after them to make them feel better? That's what some of you are in danger of doing here.

"Then the disciples came to him and asked, 'Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?'. Jesus replied, 'Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted, so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch.' (Matthew 15:14)

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/28 9:10**

Brothers, I love you all and appreciate the different points of view and want to protect our unity on the forum.

I guess I see it more like an extended lounge in someones house and we are having "church" than just a public forum where here we can say what we want and have no consequences.

Perhaps I have not been on the forum for long enough to discern "religious" spirits?  
Can a burning zeal and jealousy for God's Word be perceived as a "religious" spirit? Just asking...

Any way, I bow to the superior experience and knowledge of my brethren in this case.

God bless,

**Re: , on: 2016/10/28 9:32**

"Can a burning zeal and jealousy for God's Word be perceived as a "religious" spirit?"

Again dear brother you are misrepresenting brother Todds post. He is poking fun at the archaic language of the King James time period. Why would you suggest that this is the same as poking fun at Gods word?

I like you a lot brother but honestly, if you were truly serious about unity you would rightly divide truth in this thread and ignore those with a religious spirit who are upset over a little levity.

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/28 9:41**

Brother Mark,

I like you a lot too but you may be misunderstanding my response :)

I defended Todd in an earlier post saying that I know he meant no offense or disrespect to God's Word (and yes, King James English does not equal God's Word)

I am merely trying to ascertain what can be viewed as a religious spirit and why the offended brethren reacted the way they did.

Maybe one of them (or all) can give us an answer.

Blessings,

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/10/28 9:45**

KJV Romans 8:35-37:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

The Message: Romans 8:35-37:

"Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, NOT EVEN THE WORST SINS LISTED IN SCRIPTURE."

Romans 15:13

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13

.....! May the God of (green) hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 KJV

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 from The Message:

“Don’t you realize that this is not the way to live? Unjust people who do not care about God will not be joining in his ki

ngdom. Those who use and abuse each other, use and abuse sex,  
(((use and abuse the earth and everything in it)))  
, don't qualify as citizens in God's kingdom. A number of you know what I'm talking about, for not so long ago you were on that list. Since then, you've been cleaned up and given a fresh start by Jesus, our Master, our Messiah, and by our God present in us, the Spirit.

Matthew 5:5

King James Version (KJV)

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:5

The Message (MSG)

5 "You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/10/28 9:51**

Why do people spend so much time studying the Bible? How much do you need to know? We invest all this time in understanding the text which has a separate life of its own and we think we're being more pious and spiritual when we're doing it. I should be studying it less, not more. You need just enough to pay attention to God. I'm just not at all pleased with the emphasis on Bible study as if it's some kind of special thing that Christians do, and the more the better. - Eugene Peterson

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"I defie the Pope and all his lawes. If God spare my life, ere many yeares I wyl cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scripture, than he doust." - William Tyndale"

**Re: Unity Before Laughter - posted by ThyKingCome (), on: 2016/10/28 11:02**

Hi Beloved,

I've been thinking about this thread quite a bit, and I've been grieved. Not grieved that there has not been a common consensus, but grieved that what began as a harmless motive in our brother to share something it has brought out a clear line of contrast and some less than gracious things have been said.

I for one would like to ask for forgiveness for not promoting unity as I should, and instead for speaking too rashly and insincerely. I have been a "wet blanket" in many instances in my life and now regret it, and I have judge others MUCH for not being as serious as "I (thought) I was" Believe me, I truly have been on both sides of the laughter vs seriousness and sobriety perspective.

What I know for certain, is that this thread is not going in a direction that pleases the Father, promotes unity nor allows for diversity in the Body of Christ. So I want to ask for forgiveness and also say a few things:

I REALLY APPRECIATE those whom the Lord has given a prophetic ministry on this forum and who have a special and unique role in surveying the land and calling the Body to "come higher, go deeper and stay urgent and alert". This is so needed! Think of where the Body of Christ would be without these wonderfully needed saints! I also really appreciate the heart that can rejoice, laugh and be merry even in the midst of a world that is crumbling, and I believe there is a place for this also. And just because someone demonstrates a side of laughter in one setting, does not indicate that they are not serious about the things of God, or foolishly laughing their way to hell and destruction. It's so easy to make quick, harsh sweeping judgments with a minuscule amount of knowledge or insight.

This thread reminds me of the lyrics of a song written by Casting Crowns that speaks of how a City on A Hill was once light and full of glory and diversity, however each individual group began turning on each other because they could not respect or appreciate the differences that made them strong together. As a result the light began to fade.

Here are the lyrics:

"Did you hear of the city on the hill?

Said one old man to the other  
It once shined bright and it would be shining still  
But they all started turning on each other

You see, the poets thought the dancers were shallow  
And the soldiers thought the poets were weak  
And the elders saw the young ones as foolish  
And the rich man never heard the poor man speak

And one by one, they ran away  
With their made up minds, to leave it all behind  
And the light began to fade, in the city on the hill  
The city on the hill

Each one thought that they knew better  
That they were different by design  
Instead of standing strong together  
They let their differences divide

And one by one, they ran away  
With their made up minds, to leave it all behind  
And the light began to fade, in the city on the hill  
The city on the hill

And the world is searching still  
But it was the rhythm of the dancers  
That gave the poets life  
It was the spirit of the poets  
That gave the soldiers strength to fight  
It was the fire of the young ones

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It was the wisdom of the old  
It was the story of the poor man  
That needed to be told

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It is the wisdom of the old  
It is the story of the poor man  
That's needing to be told

One by one, we'll be running away  
With our made up minds to leave it all behind  
As the light begins to fade, in the city on the hill  
The city on the hill

One by one, we'll be running away  
With our made up minds, to leave it all behind  
As the light begins to fade, in the city on the hill  
The city on the hill

Come home  
And the Father's calling still

Come home  
To the city on the hill  
Come home"

You can find the song simply by searching for "City on a Hill Casting Crowns"

We have all been made to drink of ONE SPIRIT together, and I am thankful for you, precious brothers and sisters.

Unto Him who has loved us and washed us in His blood,

Read more at <http://www.songlyrics.com/casting-crowns/city-on-the-hill-lyrics/#vkhQh0ke7EuyDK7m.99>

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/10/28 11:21**

Hey PP-

I don't think you need to convince anyone here that the KJV is better than The Message.

That certainly was not what my OP was about- ie I was not trying to demonstrate that The Message is a more readable than the KJV. It may be more readable to modern audiences, but that does not mean that it is a superior version. Heavens no.

The OP was just a goofy note I sent to people I have known for years in my Bible study.

**Re: , on: 2016/10/28 11:58**

"I am merely trying to ascertain what can be viewed as a religious spirit and why the offended brethren reacted the way they did."

I started a new thread on the signs of a religious spirit in operation in our lives. I also posted a video by brother Zac Poonen and the first point he makes (as do many others) is that if we have a religious spirit we are very easily offended. About anything and everything.

Such as finding fault with brother Todd's OP. I think this thread speaks for itself, no need to ask anymore questions, it's as clear as day who was offended for none other than religious/tradition reasons.

My thoughts all along is that the main reason most people were upset is because the OP touched on the sacred cow of the King James version. That's the same kind of religious spirit that gets offended at the a million and one things that go on in their cloistered little religious bubble. If you do not line up perfectly with their religious views and traditions they will write you off, mock and deride you and suggest you are backslidden or not even saved.

Like I said, the fruit coming out from some on this thread speaks for itself.

**Re: , on: 2016/10/28 12:05**

Dear brother Kevin,  
What a precious and powerful message thank you.

However I slightly disagree about one thing:  
"What I know for certain, is that this thread is not going in a direction that pleases the Father..."

Personally I think that the Lord can and is using this thread to expose the religious spirit that operates in our lives. Go back and read some of the terrible things that were written about brothers simply because they were enjoying a little humor.

I do not see Jesus trying to encourage unity with the Pharisees, he let them go on their way and remain offended. They were blind leaders who thought they were spiritual and he warned his disciples to not pander after them lest they all fall into the pit (of hell).



May the Lord give us wisdom and understanding in seeing these things clearly.

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/28 13:10**

Proud papa,

Where did you get the Peterson quote from?

I am shocked and in disbelief that a bible professor and teacher who himself spent so much time translating the bible would say such things.

Please let us know.

Blessings,

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/28 13:11**

Thanks brother Mark,

Speaking the truth in love is always helpful.

God bless,

**Re: StirltUp - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/10/28 13:28**

RE : /// Where did you get the Peterson quote from?///

It was in this link :

<http://solasisisters.blogspot.com/2011/05/message-bible-inserts-earth-reverence.html>

The Link was shared by Bro Greg in the thread that I posted in my first post :

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic\\_id=49296&forum=36&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id=49296&forum=36&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0)

I personally hold to a view of God's Sovereign hand on the Bible very similar to my understanding of how Bro Keith Daniel believes on the subject.

edit add : words for clarity

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/10/28 13:41**

I call the KJV the real NIV - Never Improved Version." - Leonard Ravenhill

quote from Ravenhill's endorsement of G. A. Riplingers New Age Bible Versions.

note : I personally do not endorse the works of Riplinger just quoting to show where Ravenhill stood on the Subject.

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/28 13:47**

Thanks brother,

Scary stuff!

**Re: , on: 2016/10/28 16:31**

Some final thoughts

I wasn't too concerned that TMK started the thread, I know what he meant.

But the fact that the "Message" is now so widespread and deceives so many is a huge concern, yes it is "Scary stuff!"

When some of us had different opinions and tried to point out a few things the conversation dropped to a very low, worldly level. Brother Kevin has already pointed this out - thank you for that post.

We now have a division between believers and "religious people" This is not the Spirit of God.

As I pointed out in a previous post, Zinsendorf was very concerned about the unity and he realised that what was missing was Christ and His love. Out of true unity started a wonderful Missionary movement.

To all those who think I have a "miserable sort of existence" and "a sour religious attitude" I can tell you that "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart And I'm so happy So very happy I have the love of Jesus in my heart..." There is no substitute for that.

Recently I traveled to the other side of the world and back. The world is a complete mess and there is a lot of misery out there. If our main concern is how much humor we can have then I think we are missing something.

Blessings

**Re: , on: 2016/10/29 11:54**

If nothing else, this thread serves to highlight just how difficult it is for Christians to get along with one another. I have heard stories of churches splitting over the color of the carpet but when we argue and fuss over how much humor is too much humor, it shows just how far we will go to prove ourselves right. All of us need a heart check over this one; but what's new? Since I have been a part of this forum it never fails to amaze me how quickly our spiritual pride manages to surface in our dealings with one another. And how much more we need to allow love to cover the multitude of sins (faults) we see in each other. I apologize for my part in failing to do this.

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2016/10/29 13:05**

"The Small Sects of America" mentions a little church called the River Brethren, who practised the rite of foot-washing. But then a controversy arose: should one brother wash and another dry, or should both functions be performed by the same brother? They split up into the One-Mode and Two-Mode River Brethren.

As long as people have schismata in their hearts, there will be schisms, even when there is no good reason for it.

**Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2016/10/29 13:24**

We played a flute for you and you did not dance; we sang a dirge for you and you did not mourn. (Matt 11:17)

**Re: A little levity, on: 2016/10/29 14:00**

Let's move past this, only the Lord knows the intentions of the heart. Does it really do any good to go back and forth with what "sounds like" sarcasm? Can we share our convictions without giving the devil a foothold... diligently defending the Word of God without slinging mud...respecting the convictions of others and not taking offense?

love you all in Christ Jesus

Ephesians 4

4 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to

preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says,

“When He ascended on high,  
He led captive a host of captives,  
And He gave gifts to men.”

9 (Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity. 28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. 29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

**Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/10/29 20:48**

I was not overly offended in my replies, mostly because I have a fondness for Todd, Mark and Wayne.

I simply was sharing my perspective.

edit: change word 'much' to 'mostly' for clarity