

CHANGING GLASSES

My part as speaker.. effective even before I got up here. Look at the seats it has emptied. Didn't a lot of adults follow Leroy the Lion out? Tranpling Tim's holy ground.

Thank elders, or apologize for them. Forgive one lapse of judgment. One time: satisfaction in one effort. Purpose: to make you appreciate Tim and Ron more. These men have devoted themselves to excellence. I aimed for mediocrity. Blue Ribbons. Two minutes--300 --10 man-hours. Use that many between Uhs & Ahs. Any time that I start talking too fast for you--

It was hard for me to admit that I needed glasses, but what a relief!
I change with time; so glasses must be changed.

WE ALL WEAR INTERPRETATIVE GLASSES.

How long since you changed glasses?

Don't need to? Then you haven't changed.

No change, no growth.

Your attendance here indicates willingness to change.

Westside is a role model in facing reality.

WEAR MY GLASSES FOR A FEW MINUTES. What will you see?

Unchanging scenery; forget to look

Familiarity breeds contempt.

Glasses of newcomer---62 yr 58 pulpit

A positive group; little criticism or complaining.

A laughing group; tensions not felt.

A caring group:

Building, grounds, built to serve needs.

Supportive of each other...family life groups

Teachers, workers, volunteers, initiators

Set up for assemblies

Coffee, cookies

Greg Humphrey...when speaker is dying

Vern Bissell with international

Bread for communion---Carleen Hamm Vacationing

Singers

Youth

Pulpit.

Christ centered, relevant, creative, intelligent

None better....Keynote speakers

High intensity...burnout.

Elders. Inconspicuous, concerned, sensitive, courageous.

(Negative: Washington preacher: sound, friendliness

MY VISION PROBLEMS

I had none! DEGREE IN LEGALISM from ACC in 1941.

Knew 5 steps, etc. & undenominational

Much print too fine: HS, Marriage, Women, etc.

Reactionary teaching of my upbringing.

Stone-Campbell---1889---1906
LEGALISM---reactionary---simplistic---issue centered
NON-DEFENSIVE...NEW LIBERATING INSIGHTS
Change glasses often:
LAW and GRACE
Legalism, patternism, restorationism.
Christ/doctrine centered
Saved by knowledge of all truth
Gospel/doctrine, preaching/teaching---role
Nature of church
Institutional church/system
Non-denominationalism
Autonomy
Unity by conformity or in diversity
Role of elders
Role of women-- THROWING BALL--Samuel Johnson
Work--gifts--HS
Worship, instrumental music
Lord's Supper
Marriage-divorce-remarriage
QUESTION EACH IDENTIFYING DOCTRINE/PRACTICE
Mary Humphrey

HOW LONG SINCE YOU CHANGED GLASSES?

Congregation has led out.

Not all in same grade.

Challenge congregation to be open and eager to review.

Non-defensive

AMAZING, EXCITING NEW INSIGHTS

Roger Woodward woke Mary to read Romans 14

My conscience offended by COFFEE. Now what?

Don't drink it.

Discuss it with elders.

Force my scruple on all---objector rule

Not weak brother.

Attend where no coffee is served

Have I been presumptuous? Boring?

You have been courteous.