

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MAN

Part I

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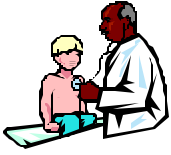
As medical dictionaries grow with newly recognized syndromes and diseases, our society routinely turns to science for an explanation. Individuals want to know what causes certain behaviors, and how we can protect ourselves from becoming the next medical statistic. Researchers have upheld their end of the bargain, and have supplied society with new theories regarding the health, personalities, learning, perception, and motivation of humans. Aside from maybe common laboratory rodents, human beings are the most studied and analyzed creature on this planet. Psychology departments all across America have experienced a surge of enrollment, as students seek to study human behavior and development. However, this sudden wave of interest in the “psychology of man” has left horrible consequences in its wake. As our desire for knowledge has increased, the words of Almighty God have, for many people, become empty words that no longer hold any value. We have forgotten that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10). Instead, freshman psychology classes are filled with young minds that learn the theories of Freud and Pavlov.

In an effort to learn the psychology of man, these young people are memorizing the pages of textbooks written by highly acclaimed scholars in the field—experts in this discipline that claim to hold the answers of why men act the way they do. I would suggest, however, that if people truly desired to learn about the thoughts and intentions of men, they should meditate and study the Bible. What better author to tell us about the mind and how it works than the One Who created it in the first place. The Old Testament is replete with examples of the actions and thoughts of men. However, the Bible is now the object of ridicule and scorn, as men set new parameters for what they consider true “wisdom.”

In an effort to teach and pass along the latest knowledge about the psychology of man, a new discipline now is being taught in many universities—a discipline formed specifically to combat the notion of God. When college freshman peruse course catalogs, they now find courses such as evolutionary psychology or sociobiology. Regardless of the name used to describe the class, the goal is still the same—to explain human behavior in Darwinian/evolutionary terms and remove any biblical implications. College students now sit at the feet of professors who attempt to address—using evolutionary presuppositions—why humans rape, murder, and commit adultery.

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Sick Continue to remember in prayer: Marguerite Charles, Lyn Anderson, Martha Keith, Miriam Majors, Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood, Steve Harrah, Margaret Kratz, Dee House, Jonnie Charles, Buddy Martin, Nelson Gabbard, Betty Buckner, Baby Nikkel.



Several are out with the usual illnesses.

Upcoming Events:



Team 1 (Durham) will be having Le Evening with the Leplantes on Feb. 28 at 5:00. Sign up sheet is located on the board.

Teens



**February Dates
2/22—BB Study**

Mark your calendars now for March 7. We will also be having the Bidy Bible Bowl for the kids ages 5-8.

Happy Birthday this week to:



- Tanner Reed—2/22
- Caroline Harrington—2/23
- Leah Durham—2/23
- Norris Gearhart—2/23
- Chloe Mays—2/26

WOW



Please sign up on the WOW board for the video auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, at 10:30.

If you are going to the Maple Festival in March with the WOW Group – make sure you have paid your \$10 to Don!



FEBRUARY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Meringue powder and Sweet 'n Low packets.

Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



MILITARY

In Iraq: Aaron T Stricklin

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HELP US SAVE- We need your assistance in keeping the electric bill as low as possible. If you are one of the last to leave the building, please check to make sure the lights are turned off. Especially check the east hallway, new ladies restroom

For Your Information

CARDS & CRAFTS

Cards & Crafts ladies will meet today at 4:30 to work on cards.

POWER POINT TRAINING SESSION

There will be a Power Point Training Session for all song leaders today at 4:30. See Eric for details.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Fellowship will be this Wednesday at 5:45. Ham dinner will be served. Sign up by tonight and pay your \$5 at the door.

MARCH & APRIL EVENTS

All **upcoming events** for the months of **March and April** need to be in the office by Wednesday, Feb. 25.

MEN'S RETREAT

The 20th Annual Men's Retreat will be on March 20 & 21 at the 4-H Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Registration forms are located in the tract rack in the foyer.



Big thanks to our Winter Quarter Teachers: Karen Munsey, Sandy Garby, Jean Argabright, Annette Shrader, Melissa Marshall, Charlene Guard, Greg Edwards, David Brown, Squeaky Valentine, Eric Earnhart, Jerry Anderson, Marc Laplante, Jason Oldham and Eddy Gilpin.

Our Spring Quarter starts next Sunday. Make plans now to be here on time and start a new class!

Spring Quarter Classes and teachers:

Primary Teachers: Kristie Jearls, Amanda Brown, Jessica White, Kim Brown, Lisa Valentine, Shree Lowe, Michelle Earnhart.

Middle School: AM: NT - Elders; Wed.: Marc Laplante

High School: AM: NT - Elders; Wed.: Jeremy White

Auditorium: NT - Elders; Wednesday—TBS - Eddy Gilpin

Fellowship Hall: AM: Men's Leadership - Elders

(The elders will be rotating between the Men's Leadership Class, the Auditorium New Testament Class and the combined Middle & High School New Testament Class.)

Ladies: Wed.—Fellowship Hall: Heirlooms - Jeanny Gilpin

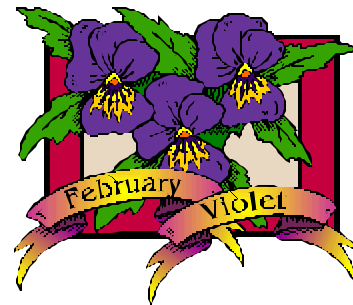
Weekly Reminders

Prayer list:

Lyn Anderson
Marguerite Charles
Steve Harrah
Dee House
Betty Jenkins
Martha Keith
Martha Keplinger
Margaret Kratz
Miriam Majors
Buddy Martin
Amanda Brown
Jonnie Charles
Nelson Gabbard
Joanne Paul
Baby Nikkel
Glann Lee

Activities:

BB Study—2/22
Cards & Crafts—2/22
PP Training Session—2/22
Wednesday Fellowship—2/25
Le Evening w/ Laplantes—2/28



“They Haven’t Even Read It!”

Last week the record \$787 billion “stimulus package” (H.R. 1) was signed into law by President Obama. The proposal caused quite a stir among the citizens of this country for many reasons. One of the outcries that was heard regarding the 1100-page document was, “they [referring to Congressmen] haven’t even read it.” Indeed, the timeframe between when the bill was completed and passed was so short that it made it impossible for anyone to have read its contents. Thus, those who bemoaned the fact that it was passed even though it had not even been read were justified in their objections.

However, how many people make a claim to be a follower of Christ and pledge their allegiance to His Word, yet “they haven’t even read it?” Paul told Timothy, “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine” (I Tim. 4:13). Jesus often posed the question, “Have ye not read...?” (Mt. 12:3, 5; 19:4; 22:31; Mk. 12:10, 26; Lk. 6:3). In Nehemiah’s day “they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading” (Neh. 8:8). Paul told the Ephesians that they may understand his knowledge regarding the mystery of Christ through reading (Eph. 3:4). The commendable Ethiopian eunuch was reading from the book of Isaiah when Philip caught up with him (Acts 8:28).

One of the fundamentals of the educational system is reading. Through the years scores of programs have been put into place to encourage youngsters to read. Even more important, our Lord shed His blood to make His New Testament a reality for man (Mt. 26:28; Mk. 14:24; Heb. 9:15), yet men “haven’t even read it.” How about you? Have you read God’s great Book? Do you read it on a regular basis? Aside from knowing the contents of God’s Word through study and application, it is sadly the case that the vast majority of people “haven’t even read it.”

-Eddy

Feb. 22 (Acts 25)

- Read Acts 25 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 25—Paul appeals to Caesar
- Paul before Agrippa
- Write a note or card this week
- *Increase your contribution by \$1 today

Feb. 23 (Acts 26)

- Read Acts 26 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 26—Paul relates his conversion to Agrippa

Feb. 24 (Acts 27)

- Read Acts 27 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 27—Sea voyage to Rome begins
- Euroclydon (storm) & shipwreck

Feb. 25 (Acts 28)

- Read Acts 28 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 28—Paul snake bit while gathering wood
- Arrival in Rome
- Paul meets with Jews at Rome

Feb. 26 (Acts 1)

- Read Acts 1 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 1—Ascension of Christ
- Matthias appointed in Judas’ place

Feb. 27 (Acts 2)

- Read Acts 2 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 2—Apostles receive Holy Spirit
- Sermon on Pentecost

Feb. 28 (Acts 3)

- Read Acts 3 three times today
- Pray today
- Memorize contents of Acts 3—Peter & John heal lame man at Beautiful Gate
- Increase your contribution by \$1 Sunday

Those to Serve in February

Announcements: Charlie Gwaltney
Preside at Communion: Don Pettit

Opening Prayer: Bobby Martin
Next Week: Charlie Maness

PM Song Leader: Adam House
Opening Prayer: Jim Harrington
Next Week: Glenn Gabbard

Serve Communion: Garrett Durham, Shawn Simms

Wednesday Song Leader: Josh Whitlow

Open/Close Bldg: Jerry Anderson
Ushers: Norris Gearhart, Curtis Oakes
Greeters: Peverall/Hartman

Last weeks attendance (2/15&18/09)

Bible Class: 148 Worship Service: 193

Contribution: \$4719

Song Leader: Eric Earnhart
Serve Table: Glenn Gabbard, Jim Bush
Herb Baker, Bradford Durham

Closing Prayer: Collin Gregory
Next Week: Charlie Gwaltney

Scripture Reader: Ethan Rogers
Closing Prayer: Eric Earnhart
Next Week: Don Pettit

Prayer: Walter Jenkins

Prepare Communion: Crowe/Garby
Cards/Pencils: Jimmy & Caroline Harrington
Nursery Attend: T. Gibson, Melissa Oldham

Sunday Evening: 129

Wednesday: 125

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