

The Ripley Reminder



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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

WHEN DID YOU LAST HAVE A "HISSY FIT?"

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." (James 1:19-20)

You've heard of a "hissy fit!" It refers to a spirit of anger or loss of temper most often used to describe the reaction of a child, rather than the response expected of an adult!

But who would deny that adults are sometimes guilty of losing their temper and responding in a "fit" of anger? One of the qualifications of an elder given in Titus 1:7 is that "He be not soon angry." That is, he should not "fly of the handle;" a phrase which is sometimes used to describe a man with a short temper who may respond to a situation in anger.

We all struggle with times of anger. Even our Lord was angry with the Pharisees who plotted to kill Him for healing a man's hand. (Mark 3:5) Yes, Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are (Heb. 4:15) and whether we go through minor frustrations, or overwhelming fits of anger, the Scriptures provide plenty of help in dealing with controlling our emotions,

Let's take the advice given by Solomon in Eccl. 7:9, "Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools." Perhaps the admonition given by Paul would be most helpful in our effort to curb anger. In Ep. 4:26, he wrote: "Be angry and sin not. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath." (Referencing Psalm 4:4)

In Psalm 37:8, David said, "Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil." So, the next time you tend to flare up in anger, like a child having a "Hissy Fit," and maybe stomping his feet and rolling in the floor to get his way, just remember the Lord expects us to act more mature than a child out of control.

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study9:30 AM

Sunday Morning 10:20 AM

Sunday Evening5:00 PM

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

MINISTERS

Dr. Donnie DeBord
Cody Hardin

ELDERS

David Cook
Michael Harrison
Mark Martindale

DEACONS

Ronald Chapman
Rob Elliott
Shane Green
David Hudson
Mike Hurst
Sonny Meeks
Brad Pounders
Nathan Robertson
Kenny Schmitz
Justin Thompson
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How to Read the Book

One of the best books I ever read was *How To Read A Book*. That may seem like an odd book title, especially when it is assigned in a doctoral program. But how do you read a book? Reading is more than just putting sounds and words together. Reading is a tough exercise. As we read God's book, we know that we want to be careful. This is a sacred work and the sacred Text.

So, here are some important concepts that help me read God's book better. I hope they can be helpful to you as well.

1. Remember this is God's Book. "All Scripture is inspired" (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).
2. Remember to pray for help. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God" (Js. 1:5).
3. Remember where you are. Every word of every verse is somewhere. Location influences interpretation (how we understand what we read). Scriptures in Psalms aren't always literally true in the same way that Romans is literally true. Apocalyptic sections carry a meaning hidden beneath symbols. Parables are generally true, but they aren't always true.
4. Remember where the Scripture is. Every passage must be read in its context. When you read a word, that word only makes sense as it is understood around other words. Meaning is determined by context. So we examine the words and sentences to understand meaning (syntax). We also look at the bigger picture to see what a verse or paragraph means within the context of the book and also within the context of the entire Bible. Many problems are avoided when we remember to read in context.
5. Remember who both authors are. Every Scripture has two authors: one human and one divine. The human author is guided by God, but the human author often is not aware of the full meaning of his own words (1 Pet. 1:10-12). Luke 24:27 records Jesus' claim on all the OT Scripture as being about himself.
6. Remember the union shared between Christ and his people. G. K. Beale notes the following realities that should influence our understanding of Scriptures."1. Corporate solidarity or representation is assumed.2.On the basis of point 1 above, Christ is viewed as representing the *true Israel* of the OT *and* the true Israel—the church—in the NT. 3. *History is unified* by a wise and sovereign plan so that the earlier parts are designed to correspond and point to the later parts (cf. Matt. 11:13–14)." This helps us understand why some passages are applied to Christ when, at first, we might not think they have anything to do with Christ.
7. Remember your friends have read the text before. Christian, you are blessed with 2000 years of interpreters trying to help. They can help either by showing you something good in the text or by showing you their mistake. But they can be helpful.

February 2023 Worklist

Sunday Song Leader

Feb 5 Dan Shappley

Feb 12 Ronald Chapman

Feb 19 Josh James

Feb 26 Tucker Shappley

Read Scripture

Sam Green

Hunter Kuhl

Cooper Pounders

Nathan Stanford

Opening Prayer AM PM

Feb 5 Kenny Schmitz

Rob Elliott

Closing Prayer AM PM

David Hudson

James Wilburn

Feb 12 Michael Harrison

Justin Thompson

James Horton

Cole Chapman

Feb 19 Barry Grisham

Benny Wallis

Rodney Chapman

Mike Hudson

Feb 26 Mark Martindale

Paul Macaluso

Clay Crawford

Charles Shelton

Lord's Table AM

Lord's Table PM

Ushers:

Feb 5 David Cook

Robert Elliott

Charles Ellis

Feb 12 Brad Pounders

Jerry Green

Edward Willingham

Feb 19 Caleb James

Roger McAlister

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Feb 26 Nathan Roberson

Mike Hurst

Billy Morton

Lock Doors: Benny Wallis

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Miranda Medlin’s brother’s funeral service was last week. Remember her in your prayers.
- Lorilyn Thompson will have foot surgery in Corinth this Friday. Please remember her in your prayers.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Peggy Wallis, Johnie Jumper, April & Olivia Pounders, James Nunnally, Pattie Box, Theo Smith, Everette Hurt, Jr., Brenda Koon, Carol Smith, Ali Rae Barkley, Debbie McCoy, Trey Smith, Jacob Johnston, Ann Kesterson, Austin Wentz, Lori Chapman, Jan Rooker, Lenox Kennamore, James Allen Johnston, Jan Rooker, Billy Hue McBryde, Sam Vaughn, Tommy Simpson, Phil Young,

Rest Haven: Johnnie Stroupe Carpenter-204
Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- Anyone that helps or would like to help prepare the Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals, please, meet Sunday at 4:00 in the fellowship hall.
- Tommy Walker and Linda Willingham will be in the nursery during services.

Worship Service January 22, 2023

Announcements.....	Dan Shappley
Song Leader	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer AM	Cody Hardin
Read Scripture.....	Cooper Pounders
Lord’ Supper AM.....	David Hudson
Closing Prayer AM	Dean Caviness
Opening Prayer PM.....	James Wilburn
Lord’s Supper PM.....	Mike Hurst
Closing Prayer PM	Roger McAlister
Ushers.....	Charles Ellis & Edward Willingham
Lock Doors.....	Kenny Schmitz