

The Ripley Reminder



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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

Service Times
Sunday Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning 10:20 AM
Sunday Evening..... 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 PM

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DO YOU DESERVE ANY “PINOCCHIOS?”

“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.”

Romans 10:17

Among today’s current events is the practice of determining truth and error by awarding news articles or oral speeches with “Pinocchios” – a way of measuring the number of lies contained in an either oral or written presentation.

This process is based on the Disney character of Pinocchio, the animated wooden puppet known for his nose getting longer each time he told a lie! Thus, the more Pinocchios given a speech or written article, the more the author or speaker is deemed to be lying.

Traditionally, lies have been divided into different stages ranging from the worst – “A bold-face lie,” to one considered more innocent – “the little white lie.” But the Scriptures do not characterize a “lie” in such a way. To God, a lie is a lie and has even been defined as “any effort to deceive!” That is, even silence can be classified as a lie if to say nothing leaves a wrong impression!

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The Scriptures are replete with admonitions against lying. For example, in Eph. 4:25, Paul said, “Wherefore, put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one with another.” Then in Col. 3:9, he wrote: “Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds.” Finally, a clear warning is given in Rev. 21:8 in which the seriousness against lying is given: “. . .all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone. . .!”

So, “Let your speech be sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.” (Titus 2:8)

As God’s children. May we never be deserving of even one “Pinocchio” in our speech, but always “speak the truth in love!” (Eph. 4:15)

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton



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 so 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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Savannah Orman has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for her and her family.
- Brother James Horton has been in ICU in Tupelo and needs our prayers.
- James Johnston had surgery Monday to repair his knee from a prior surgery. He is at home recovering today. Pray that the surgery is successful, his recovery is speedy and complete.
- Clay Crawford is having cancer surgery the 26th of this month. Remember him in your prayers.
- Sherry Bennett, Justin Bennett's mother, had pacemaker surgery. Remember her in your prayers.
- Bobby Mays of our community passed away this week. Pray for his friends and family.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, Cora Chills, Alice Cross, Paula Dowty, Roger Cunningham, Grevil Flores, Chris Grisham, Shan Grisham, Ann Izard, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Vince Jordan, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Billy Hugh McBryde, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Savannah Orman, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Brandie Rutgers, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Wallis, Austin Wentz, Jimmy Willingham, Betty Stubblefeild, Dennis Woods

Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- Remember our weekly fellowship meal on Wednesday night at 6:00.
- Links for the yearly Bible reading are: <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/24> and fishshare.net. These links are on Facebook pages, Ripley Church of Christ Reminder and Donnie DeBord. For questions or help contact Donnie.
- FHU Lectureship will be February 1-5. Information can be found on-line.
- We are currently trying to change our communication app over to Light Post. See Cole or Tucker if you are having issues with it.
- If you are willing to help in the nursery or preparing for the Lord's Supper in 2026, sign up lists are in the foyer. There is also an Invasion list on the youth table.
- If you would like to help with the ELL classes, a link to sign up can be found on Light Post.
- Nathan Stanford and Sam Green will be going on a mission trip to Alaska in March. If you would like to aid them in doing this good work, donations can be given to one of our Elders. Please pray that they have a safe and successful trip.
- Lexi Jean Jeter was born December 30, 2025 to Chanston and Megan Jeter. Her proud grandparents are Missy and Richard Jeter and great parents are Margie and James Wilburn.

Worship Service January 18, 2026

Welcome.....	Michael Harrison
Song Leader AM.....	Caleb James
Opening Prayer AM.....	Nathan Robertson
Read Scripture.....	Jonah James
Lord' Supper AM.....	David Cook
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	Mike Hudson, Robert Elliott, Damon Mock
.....	Brad Pounders, Billy Morton, Scott Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM.....	Rodney Chapman
Song Leader PM.....	Anderson Thompson
Opening Prayer PM.....	Mark Martindale
Lord's Supper PM.....	Ronald Chapman
Closing Prayer PM.....	Mike Bennett