

The Ripley Reminder



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Let's Take A Minute. . .

THE LITTLE MAN OF THE EYE

"Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings." Psalm 17:8

David's use of the word "apple" refers to the "pupil" of the eye. David prayed that he would be protected as the "ishon, meaning" the "little man" of the eye. When one looks closely into another person's eye, he can see himself in miniature: he sees himself as the "little man" in that person's pupil! The eye is carefully protected. No part of the body is more precious, more tender, and more carefully guarded than the eye and no part of the eye is more protected than the central 'apple,' the pupil of the eye. It is surrounded with projecting bone, eyebrows, eyelids and eye lashes. All of this means 'protection' and 'safety!' This was the essence of David's prayer to God – protection from his enemies!

David came to understand that God loved him as well as all of humanity whom He created. He had come under God's loving care and protection. He was the "little man" in God's pupil. This meant love and preciousness and it brought David inner calm. Samson's eyes could be punched out (Judges 16:21) but not God's eyes! And in God's eye's was David's dwelling place. He was "The Little Man In God's Eye!"

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study..... 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning 10:20 AM

Sunday Evening..... 5:00 PM

Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 PM

MINISTERS

Dr. Donnie DeBord
Cole Chapman
Tucker Shappley

ELDERS

David Cook
Michael Harrison
Mark Martindale

DEACONS

Ronald Chapman
Rob Elliott
Shane Green
David Hudson
Sonny Meeks
Brad Pounders
Nathan Robertson
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LIVING INSIDE OUT

A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left."

Ecclesiastes 10:2

If you have ever read this verse, you have probably wondered, "What in the world is Solomon talking about? What does this verse mean?"

One of the best ways to understand a verse is to look at various translations. The verse just quoted is from the King James Version (KJV) New International Version (NIV) "The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of a fool is to the left." New American Standard Version: (NASV) "A wise man's heart directs him toward the right, but the foolish man's heart directs him toward the left." The Living Bible: A wise man's heart leads him to do right, and a fool's heart leads him to do evil." There – does the verse have more meaning to you now?

From these translations, one may conclude that Solomon is referring to a manner of life. The wise man chooses to follow the will of God while the fool determines to do evil. It appears, then, that it is what we are on the inside that determines what we are on the outside! "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7) Jesus taught His disciples in Matthew 23:2 that they were to follow the teachings of the Pharisees and those who taught the law. But He warned them: "Therefore, whatever they tell you observe and do, but do not do according to their works: for they say, and do not do."

In verses 27 & 28, Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees, "Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." Be reminded that God said, "The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks upon the heart." (I Sam. 16:5)

What we are on the INSIDE is what is going to happen to us on the OUTSIDE! In other words, the inside influences the outside! Remember, God sees and knows what we are on the inside!

The outcome of our life will be determined by whether we are bigger on the inside than we are on the outside, and not by what we appear to be by others! So, let's follow David's plea in prayer to God: "Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps. 51:10)

My minute's up!

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MOTHER'S DAY

Moses said, "Honor your father and mother, as the Lord God has commanded you. . ." (Deut. 5:16) Paul wrote, "Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise. . ." Eph. 6:2) Prov. 31:28 states, "Her children rise up and called her blessed."

Our entire nation has made a practice of honoring mothers since 1907! This was the year that Anne Jarvis called her friends together to honor her mother, who had passed away a year earlier.

The next year – and for years following – with the help of some religious groups and non-profit organizations, the idea quickly spread until a bill was brought before the U.S. Congress to have a specific day set aside on which the entire nation would pause and thank the Good Lord for the mothers of our entire nation!

With the approval of the House and Senate, "Mother's Day" was given national sanction to occur on the second Sunday in May every year.

Most of us cannot remember a time when – as a nation –we did not observe the second Sunday in May as a designated day to especially honor the nation's mothers.

Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying, "All that I am, or ever hope to become, I owe to my angel mother!"

M - Is for the million things she gave to me.

O - Means only that she is growing old.

T - Is for the tears she shed to save me.

H – Is for her heart of purest gold.

E – Is for her eyes with love light shining.

R – Means right and right she will always be.

Put them all together and they spell

MOTHER

The word that means the world to me!

May God's blessings abide with each mother within our congregation as we thank God for you!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Allie Wallis will have gallbladder surgery this Thursday. Please pray that her surgery is successful and her recovery is speedy.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Sadella Dickerson. She passed away recently after a fall. She was a faithful member of Tiplersville Church of Christ and visited with us often with Mrs. Johnnie Jumper and Mrs. Bonnie Wallace.

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, Ann Izard, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Billy Hugh McBryde, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Brandie Rutgers, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Wallis, Austin Wentz, Jimmy Willingham
Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- Our weekly fellowship meals will be paused for the summer. Meals will resume in the fall.
- Andy and Sharon Clemmer have placed membership with our congregation. Be sure that you introduce yourself and make them feel welcome .
- Congratulations to Kate and Christian Campbell who were married May 2, 2026. May God bless them with many years of happiness.
- The new ladies Bible class being taught by April Pounders will move to the fellowship hall because they have outgrown their classroom.
- There will be a L2L’s Recognition/Kickoff Ice-Cream Supper on May 17th after evening services. Everyone is encouraged to attend. A signup sheet will be placed in the foyer.
- Cole Chapman, Caroline Chapman, and Sophie DeBord will be traveling to El Salvadore this summer on a mission trip. 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.
- Brittany and Emry Tatum will care for the nursery during our worship services.

Worship Service May 10, 2026

Welcome.....	Mark Martindale
Song Leader AM.....	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	Justin Thompson
Read Scripture.....	Noah Robertson
Lord’s Supper AM.....	Nathan Robertson
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM.....	Mike Hudson, Damon Mock, Justin Luster
.....	David Hudson, Rodney Chapman, Scott Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM.....	Paul Macaluso
Song Leader PM.....	Anderson Thompson
Opening Prayer PM.....	Ben Wallis
Lord’s Supper PM.....	Nathan Robertson
Closing Prayer PM.....	Mike Bennett