

Kingston Church of Christ

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Quote of the Week:

"God has given us two ears, but one tongue, to show that we should be swift to hear, but slow to speak. God has set a double fence before the tongue, the teeth and the lips, to teach us to be wary that we offend not with our tongue."

—Thomas Watson

Let's Keep Praying For

- Robyn and her siblings as they mourn their mother's passing
- Ron C as he continues his recovery at home
- Levi's recovery
- Alex as she faces ongoing health issues
- Ruby during her ongoing recovery
- Anne
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Glenn and Betty
- Jerry's cancer
- Dan's father, Tim F
- Franco S with cancer
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues

**Now meeting virtually
at 10:00 a.m. Sundays**

Read the New Testament in a Year: May 31-June 5

Mon Rom 6:1-11
Tues Rom 6:12-23
Wed Rom 7:1-12
Thurs Rom 7:13-25
Fri Rom 8:1-11
Sat Rom 8:12-25
Sun make-up day

News:

Glenn and Betty will celebrate their anniversary on June 30.

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Key to the Kingdom – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in every garden.

Back in the winter a lady likely gave a lot of people a laugh. She was standing by her car in very poor visibility caused by blowing snow and a television reporter asked her about the weather. She very quickly replied that no one should be out today. He called to her attention that she was out. To which she replied. "I had to run a couple of errands. I'm heading home now."

By the grin on the reporter's face "errands" means the same thing to him as it means to me. Something that could have waited to be done in safer weather. Anyway, I shouldn't be judgmental.

A policeman who officiated at a six-car pile up on the same day made the statement that titles this article. "Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in every garden."

So why should a subject like this appear in a church bulletin? Sometimes we get all caught up in what we think just has to be done and we don't use the common sense God gave us. It comes back to putting God first. What would God want me to do in a situation like this?

A beloved teacher of mine once said during a casual conversation. "The best time anyone ever spends is the time spent asking God, what he wants us to do right now." Well someone says God isn't going to shout down and tell us what to do. I agree he isn't. But we limit God. If we ask God for direction first of all, he knows we are including him in what we are grappling with. That is in itself an honor to God. It is also a benefit to our-selves because if nothing else it slows us down. Invoking the involvement of God and Holy Spirit makes us think. If evil is involved in what we are thinking it changes our thoughts because we are hesitant to present evil to God. If carelessness is involved, we may also be hesitant to present carelessness to God.

I said earlier, we limit God. God has a million ways in every scenario to be involved in our decisions if we ask him to be. We may limit God because of our limited thinking but God is not limited. He doesn't have to shout down and give us directions. He can use tools that we don't even know exist to help us if he knows we want it. We wait for him to give us an answer when many times he already has and we didn't realize it.

This brings us to the next point. God is willing and able to help us but he does not force himself upon us. Did you ever offer to help someone and they refuse your offer? What is your response? "Well, I'm going to help you whether you want it or not!" Not likely! It is more likely, okay I offered and then you go on your way. God lets us know he is willing to help. He lets us know he is able to help. He lets us know the medium to use to invoke his assistance. He gives examples of how he has helped in the past. But with all that, God doesn't force himself upon us.

Where does common sense come in? To me it is just common sense to involve God and not make unwise, self-devised decisions because we think something just has to be done. We all need to plant another flower in our gardens. Perhaps three or four plants in fact. Maybe Common Sense is one of those flowers that will just take over the garden. Wouldn't that be neat?

~ Les Cramp