

Cutting Things Out



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In the movies, a woman who's on the run stands before a nasty sink with a pair of rusty scissors. She clips her long locks here and then, there without

even looking. Suddenly her appearance is transformed! Looking nothing like before, she is now a darling with the cutest haircut on earth. No one will be searching for her! (It happened twice in the Bourne series!)

In reality, a 50+ not on-the-run female stands before a clean sink with a pair of shiny, like new scissors and clips her shoulder length hair here and there without looking. Too many snips later, hoping to even things out, she must call her husband from the other room to repair the damage. He might even have to shave her neck because it's now so short in the back.

I texted my beautician to tell her what I had done. When she saw me later in town, I didn't want her to think I had turned to another for hair care.

I'm a hair cutter from way back. In second grade, I cut my bangs to the scalp the day before school pictures were taken. I've given myself bad cuts too many times to count and have

learned the hard way to never say, "How bad could this be?" with scissors in hand.

Haircuts are mentioned several times in the Bible. (Delilah couldn't be trusted with scissors, either.) Though Scripture doesn't mention much about how to cut hair in a stylish way, it does give us guidance on what we need to "cut out" of our lives.

In the book of Colossians, Paul wrote from prison: "... rid yourselves of (or "cut out") ... anger, rage, slander and filthy language from your lips." Anger is a strong spirit of dislike or animosity, a settled feeling of hatred. Rage (or wrath) describes violent uncontrollable anger. Slander is defined as making false and damaging statements about someone. Filthy language means filthy language.

Life, regarding the Coronavirus or not, can be frustrating. In our frustration, it's easy to get angry. Anger, expressed or held in, gives way to rage.

Rage's lips are filled with hurtful, damaging words and suddenly, we find we have lost complete control of our tongues or minds. As followers of Christ, Paul calls us in Colossians 3:9-10 to put off the old ways and put on the new. We can't do it alone. Our Heavenly Father waits for us to bring Him our frustrations and anger. He is big enough to have answers and help us deal with it.

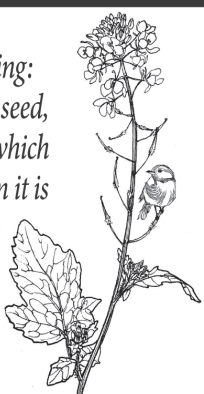
After the cutting out or getting rid of, Paul challenges us to put on some things: "Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, accepting one another and forgiving one another..." These days, compassion and kindness are more refreshing than a handful of sanitizer!

No worries about my not-so-great haircut. It will grow out-again. And with an N95 mask, a surgical mask, and a face shield, it'll look fine.

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Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

Matthew 13:31,32



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"Wrinkles are hereditary. Parents get them from their children."
— Doris Day

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Isaiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. A number of herbs and spices are mentioned in the Bible (KJV). Which one is mentioned the most? Salt, Pepper, Sage, Thyme
3. Whose first chapter begins, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus"? Matthew,

Luke, John, Acts

4. In 2 Kings 1, what Philistine city worshiped Baal-zebub? Ekron, Succoth, Gomorrah, Antipatris

5. From Acts 9, where did Peter cure Aeneas? Tyre, Neapolis, Lydda, Gibeon

6. In Numbers 20, where did Aaron die? Mount of Olives, Pisgah, Mount Hor, Gilboa

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Stickeler's Puzzle



Match the geography term on the left with its definition on the right.

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| 1. Palouse | a. A line of bold cliffs. |
| 2. Pampas | b. Scenic, hilly region in Washington and Idaho |
| 3. Piedmont | c. Fertile lowlands in South America. |
| 4. Palisades | d. Land lying or formed at the base of mountains |
| 5. Polder | e. An area of low-lying land reclaimed from a sea, lake, or river, as by the building of dikes |

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Blessed Assurance?

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A very fine hymn writer by the name of Fanny J. Crosby was one who wrote many great hymns in her lifetime of which many we still sing today. But there is one that stands out in my memory to be the greatest. It is called, "Blessed Assurance," and goes like this, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine; Heir of salvation, purchase of God; Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood."

Even though she was bedfast nearly all her life, her relationship with Christ was on an even scale.

I believe that the Apostle Paul had a relationship with the Lord in this same manner, for he wrote these words to his son-in-the-Gospel, namely Timothy, saying unto him from a prison cell. And it was the last of his letters before he was executed for his faith. "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works (ideas), but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Timothy 1:8-12

So, even though he was in danger of earthly mortality; yet his spirit was rejoicing in the very reality of his immortality, because he was assured that when the day came, he would receive a crown of righteousness which the Lord would give him on that day. See 2 Timothy 1:9-12 and 2 Timothy 6-8.

I believe that all faithful Christians have the same assurance that these mentioned have had!

I once had a friend and acquaintance who was finishing out his earthly days in a local nursing facility which I visited very frequently. He had been very well noted in the community as a good house builder and also as an auctioneer, and he was well-liked. But one thing I knew of him, he did not build a very good reputation as a faithful Christian. So, when I would visit him, I would ask him, "How are you doing today?" To the which he would say, "Not too good." "What is bothering you," I said? He finally said, "The thought of my mortality."

So, the thought came to me, he had been successful in life; yet, he did not seem to be secure as he was approaching his death.

There may be many folks in this same position today: God has awarded them to be filled with the good things in this life, but they may be failing to thank him for all he has done for them. Even though my friend made a good mark upon society, he may have left out the most important thing. Psalms 100 says, "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100:1-5

In John 4:17-18, it is written, "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

So, men do not have to live in fear of The Judgment if they consecrate their lives to Christ while living here on earth. I hope that you are now doing this, but if you find yourself not walking wholeheartedly with the Lord, why not start today? We at Cornerstone are willing to aid you in getting your life right with the Lord. I will make all the difference at The Judgment.

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Seeds of Hope



"Brother," said St. Francis of Assisi to a young monk who had just entered the monastery, "let's go to town and preach." They left the monastery and walked to the town and did not say a word to each other or the people they passed in the marketplace. After several hours they retraced their steps and returned to the monastery.

The young monk wondered what was going on and after waiting for what seemed like an eternity he finally broke his silence and asked, "I thought we were going to town to preach. When are we going to preach?"

"We have been preaching," replied St. Francis. "As we walked, we were observed: people watched our manners,

our faces, our behavior, and our clothes, what people thought we stood for. We have been preaching."

All of us preach all of the time. Our behavior is our message and our places of interest our pulpits. Our lives become lectures and our pursuits are examples of our priorities. People watch us even as we watch them. And each time we pass from view and our words can no longer be heard our sermon ends and a decision about the value and importance we place on being like Christ in all we do and whatever we say is made.

The problem we face today is not the quantity of Christians but the quality. And if we want to win more, we must be more. How different would the world be if when we "declared God's glory," we also lived God's glory. How we live is more important than words.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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JEREMIAH 15:21

"I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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