

Patient decides between surgery and touching up X-ray



America's Heartland

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A rather anxious patient sat in the doctor's office awaiting the diagnosis.

"As you can see on this X-ray," the doctor said, "this small spot right here is your problem."

The patient asked if it could be treated.

"Sure, with surgery," the doctor said. "But it will cost about \$100,000."

"I can't afford that," the patient protested.

"Well," the doctor said, "I can touch up the X-ray for \$100."

All too often, people opt to mask or hide their problems rather than deal with them head on. That human reaction causes us to try to put up a good front when things are going very wrong behind the scenes.

That was the case with King Herod, who put on his royal apparel and looked as sharp as could be. He put up a good front publicly. But inside, he was being eaten alive ... by worms. The Bible tells about the day he made a public appearance dressed in his finest royal apparel. He looked absolutely fabulous as he delivered a speech to his subjects. But when he had uttered his final words, Herod's life ended.

"At once an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give the glory to God, and he became infected with worms and died" (Acts 12:23).

By all accounts, Herod was a wicked ruler and a vile person in general. Behind the scenes, he must have lived with agonizing pain that physicians could do nothing about. The doctors of Old Testament days had some torturous treatments for a man in Herod's

condition. Obviously, none of them worked.

Yet, Herod could make brief public appearances, deliver speeches, and look like nothing was wrong at all.

Spiritually, we can easily find ourselves in that same situation. Everything looks fine on the outside, but inside we're eaten up with sin. Well, there is a cure for that condition. Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, has a standing offer to cleanse us of our sin, thereby removing the guilt and pain it causes.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

If we had a serious condition, we'd want to find a cure as quickly as possible. The truth is sin is a serious condition. And Jesus is the cure.

And when it comes to sin, we don't want to simply touch up the X-ray. We need to turn it over to the Great Physician, Jesus Christ.

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District 10 is winter-weather ready for snow and ice season

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KYTC has entered a partnership with Waze through its Connected Citizens Program, which allows Waze to use information provided by KYTC's Traffic Operations Center, and also makes road condition reports submitted by Waze users available to KYTC.

A comprehensive winter weather website, <http://snow.ky.gov>, has been established to provide up-to-date information on road conditions, as well as providing resources for travelers.

KYTC is responsible for keeping more than 1,800 miles of state-maintained roadway in the 10-county district passable in inclement weather. This amounts to nearly 3,800 lane-miles of highways that must be treated and plowed during each snowstorm. (One mile of two-lane road equals two lane-miles; one mile of four-lane highway equals four lane-miles).

KYTC sets snow removal priorities according to the amount and nature of traffic on the routes within each individual county. Maps showing the snow removal priority routes may be viewed at <http://go.usa.gov/gmDe>.

Priority A routes include major through routes and are those most heavily traveled in each county. They include parkways and other major arterial routes.

Priority B routes include other important but lesser traveled routes in each county.

Other state-maintained roads not fitting into either of the two higher categories fall into Priority C routes.

Plowing and treating schedules may be impacted by the severity of the storm, mechanical breakdowns, salt availability or other factors. During light snowfalls, crews may be able to treat all roads within a county more rapidly. Heavier snows, or varying weather

conditions in different areas of each county, may impact this schedule.

Estill Co. Priority Roads
Priority A: KY 52, KY 82, KY 1571 and portions of KY 89 and KY 499.

Priority B: The remainder of KY 89, KY 213, portions of KY 594 and KY 851, KY 1457 and KY 1705.

Priority C: All other routes.

(See Map Below)



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