

Who IS in the Room?

The Bible reminds us regularly that the Lord's eyes and ears are always open, watching, and listening, no matter where we are. Psalm 139:7 considers these words, "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?" Consequently then, "No creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account" (Hebrews 4:13), and "the eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3). No doubt this was part of the reason why Paul wrote "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29)

These are important truths for us to remember, both out of respect for God's holiness, and out of a sense of self-control and integrity. It is good to control ourselves out of respect for "the other people in the room." But let's not forget that *they* are not the ones to whom we will give account for every word spoken (see Matthew 12:36). That position is reserved for God.

**God is everywhere,
so pray anywhere!**

People like to mix and mingle. We are social creatures (yes, some more so than others). When people find out what I do for a living, the "mixing and mingling" often takes on a different "tone" so to speak. It's not uncommon for people to apologize for what they just said. I realize they're trying to be respectful, and I do appreciate that. But the thought occurs to me, "If you'd apologize for your words or actions, then why are you saying or doing whatever it is to begin with?" What should I say when that happens? Sometimes I simply say "Thanks for noticing me (in an Eeyore type voice). Sometimes I remind them who is truly "listening in" on our conversation. I rarely "let it go" when others apologize. They did so for a reason and it needs to be acknowledged. By the way, you who are spiritual should remind others of who's truly listening.

Despite the obvious implication of pointing out the obvious, God did create us in His image. Right? Have you ever considered what that statement "His image" truly means? Do you and I believe we represent God? Do we believe He is the motivating force behind what we do each day? Is our heart, soul, mind and strength guided by Him? Is it?

The truth is, I'm not the one whose presence anyone should be concerned about, because whether a "preacher" is in the room or not, ***God is in the room!***

Bday/Anniv Lunch: ...when **we** can!

Bible Study: Consider your study of God's Word (**2 Timothy 2:15**) Make time to learn Scripture that may apply to your life today...

NMCCH: For pick up Wednesday, October 7, collecting canned pears and pancake syrup.

— THANK YOU for reading!