

"Merchants of Chaos – Part II"

In Part I of our article last week, we considered *active instinct vs. reactive instinct*, the latter of the two allowing influence to come from outside factors (e.g., politics, television, social media, etc.). The former, the *active instinct*, counter to the *reactive*, is the one we cultivate because it is so different than that which we are accustomed to – it is against our nature. We are, in a sense, *programmed* to react. This week, we will see some ways to nurture this *active instinct*, and they are not all that you may think.

First, try a *media fast*. Typically, when we hear the word *fast*, we think of depriving ourselves of food or drink. However, this is not that. A *media fast* is removing items such as television, radio, film, social media, etc., from your life. Studies have shown that, by doing this, you will begin to develop a more positive outlook. Typically, it is best to do this for 30 days but try starting with just a few days. When you ask, "What am I going to do with all of that free time?" Ahem, read your Bible. Or, go outside and breathe in the fresh air.

Second, if a *media fast* does not sound like something you need or anything you are remotely interested in but want to get closer to God, learn to study. Many people are unsure how to study their Bibles. They read their Bible, look up a word they are uncertain of, but then stop. There are several different ways to study Scripture (e.g., word studies, character studies, historical evidences, etc.). You could try "verse-mapping," which assists in learning all there is about a particular passage. Are you artistic? You might consider what is called a "Scripture Garden." These "gardens" help to visualize things more – you can look at them as a cross between scrapbooking and Bible study. There are several articles online or YouTube videos that provide details on all of these.

I'm only going to provide these two because the truth is, when you start getting into some of these things, they can come across as a lot of "fluff," and they are of no interest to anyone. Your goal should be to *act* as a Christian and not *react* like everyone else. It is to walk in the fruit of the Spirit.

During the congregational meeting (4-17-2021), it was decided that Mike Lane and the Trustees would set aside time to meet with the elders of New York Avenue church of Christ. An elder from NYA approached Mike regarding a possible "merger". At this point, it was only agreed that Freetown would be open to listen to their proposal. Copies for the minutes will be available in the foyer.



Wednesday evening meals will restart on April 28. Barbara Tillman will be the lead on this. More information will follow.

To: Freetown Road Church of Christ:



I would like to thank everyone who sent cards brought food, and visited during Janith's long illness and passing.

Although she wasn't able to attend church but a couple of months, she felt at home.

Thanks also for the food for the family and the beautiful plant brought to the house on the day of her funeral.

She believed in the power of prayer, and knew your prayers got her through the past few years.

Judy Burge and family

To: Freetown Road Church of Christ:



Thank you for all your tokens of love. The plant was beautiful. Thank you for all the cards of concern.

The Holveck and Feuerbacher families

Directory



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Special Announcement:

Beginning Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 P.M., we will be having a "Men's Training Class." This is to assist with subjects such as "Serving at the Lord's Table," "Praying in Public," "Reading in Public," etc. There will be a short video presentation, and then it will be open to discussion. It is open to all men of the congregation. This will be the first in a series.



Ladies' Inspiration Day
May 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
"Stirring the Pot"

Prayer Requests & Concerns



Sharon Jordan requests prayers for Eric's Mom (Stacy's boyfriend). She fell Wednesday (April 14) and has a sub arachnoid bleed. She has been in and out of consciousness but does not recognize her kids when she is awake. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Rita Anguiano continues to be in pain. Pray that the doctors will be able to determine the reason for the pain.

Continue in prayer for our shut ins:
Mary Busby Joyce Singleton
Jimmie Newton Weldon Smith
Carolyn Roblez Bonnie Willman
Peggy Schubert

Daily Bible Reading

- April 18** Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30; Luke 9:51-10:12; Psalm 74:12-11; Proverbs 12:11
- April 19** Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19; Luke 10:13-37; Psalm 75:1-10; Proverbs 12:12-14
- April 20** Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26; Luke 10:38-11:13; Psalm 76:1-12; Proverbs 12:15-17
- April 21** Deuteronomy 28:1-68; Luke 11:14-36; Psalm 77:1-20; Proverbs 12:18
- April 22** Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20; Luke 11:37-12:7; Psalm 78:1-31; Proverbs 12:19-20
- April 23** Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27; Luke 12:8-34; Psalm 78:32-55; Proverbs 21-23
- April 24** Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Luke 12:35-59; Psalm 78:56-64; Proverbs 12:24

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Service & Class Times

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 5:00

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

**Minister:
Mike Lane**

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Sunday Attendance-AM Worship: 48
2021 Budget: \$3,405.77
Contribution: \$2,641.80



April 20, 9:30, Ladies Bible Workers
April 22, 7:00 p.m., Men's Training Class
April 28, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday evening meal
May 15, 9:00, Ladies' Inspiration 1/2 Day



April 19—Mary Heflin
April 21—Abigail Green

Welcome Guests!

Please Stop By Our Visitor Center Located in the Foyer!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us. You honor us with your presence. We pray you find your time with us uplifting and encouraging and that our worship will honor our God and bring you closer to Him. If you have any questions, simply ask one of our members, or speak to one of our ministers. Please take a moment to fill out one of our visitors' cards, so we can have a record of your visit with us. Feel free to let us know what you think by writing comments on that card. You are always welcome!

Those to Serve

April 25, 2021

Song Leader: Perry Grace
Welcome & Opening Prayer, and Family Matters:
Mike Lane
Family prayer: Mike Lennard
Communion Leader: Tommy Seymour
Scripture Reading: Brandon Anguiano
Closing Prayer: Joey Anguiano

Greeters: Pam Gough
Building Lock Up: Perry Grace
Cleaning Crew: Purple (Sharon Jordan)

The Family Gram

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Becoming a Rainmaker

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Mike Lennard
Hymn
Come, Share the Lord
Welcome & Opening Prayer
Perry Grace
Hymn
Higher Ground
Family Prayer
Gary Gough
Hymn
Behold the Lamb
Hymn
When My Love to Christ
Grows Weak
Scripture Reading
Joey Anguiano
Isaiah 9:3

Sermon
The Happy Life (Pt. 2)
Hymn
Open Our Eyes Lord
Jesus, Let Us Come to
Know You
Hymn
I Exalt Thee
Communion Leader
Israel Esparza
Family Matters
Perry Grace
Hymn
I Will Call Upon the Lord
Closing Prayer
Dwaine Gough

Greeters: Pam Gough
Building Lock Up: Perry Grace
Cleaning Crew: Pink (Erica Alvarado)