

THE TRENTON BULLETIN

Which Father's Name Do You Wear? (Max Dawson)

The story is told of a Jewish couple who argued over the name to give their firstborn son. Since they could not agree, they asked the rabbi to come and settle the matter for them.

"What is the problem?" the rabbi asked.

The wife spoke first. "My husband wants to name our son after his father, and I want to name the boy after my father."

What is your father's name? he asked the man.

"Joseph."

"And what is your father's name?" he asked the woman.

"Joseph."

The rabbi was stunned. "So what's the problem?"

The wife spoke again. "My husband's father was a horse thief, and my father was a righteous man. How can I know our son is named after my father and not his?"

The rabbi thought for a moment and then replied, "Call the boy Joseph. Then watch how he acts. If he turns out to be a horse thief, then you will know he was named after your husband's father. If he turns out to be a righteous man, then he was named after your father. You will know which name he wears by his actions."

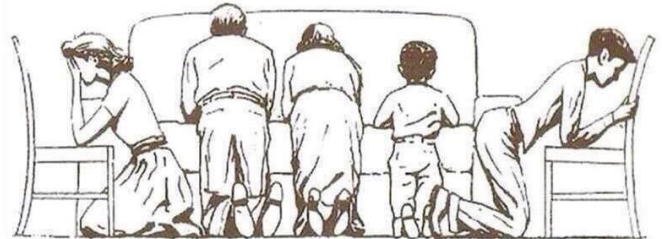
The name a person wears may not always mean a lot. But their actions mean plenty. You can say you follow Jesus and that God is your father, but if a godly character is not found in your life, something is wrong. You may only be wearing a name.

The lesson: There is more to being a follower of God than just wearing a name. When others watch your life, what does your life tell them about who you really are?

What is your name? Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself,

but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:42-44)

THE OLD FAMILY



THE NEW FAMILY

Humility (Selected)

Alex Haley, the late author of 'Roots,' had a unique picture in his office. Framed on his wall was a shot of a turtle sitting on top of a fence post. Haley prized the picture because it was a constant reminder of a lesson he had learned long ago: "If you see a turtle on a fence post, you know he had some help. Any time I start thinking, 'Wow, isn't this marvelous what I've done!' I look at that picture and remember how this turtle, me, got up on that post." If you're sitting on the fence post enjoying the view, remember, you had help.

The history of the human race can be divided into two chapters – the fight to get leisure; what to do with it when we get it.
James A. Garfield

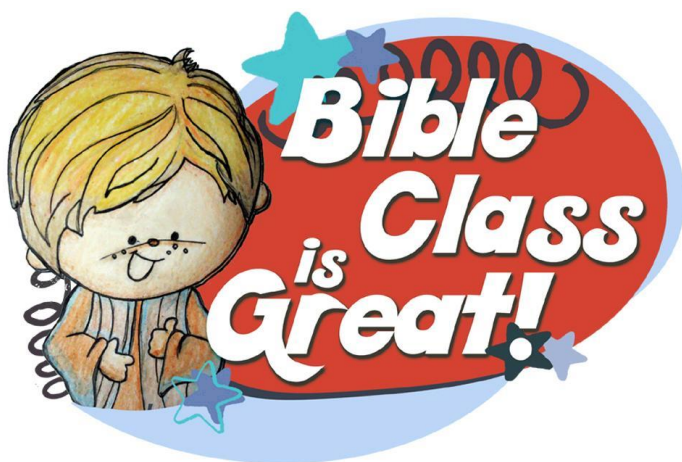
Deception Of Sin (Selected)

Years ago, Paul Harvey described how an Eskimo kills a wolf. He first coats his knife with animal blood then allows it to freeze. He later adds another layer of blood and lets it freeze. This process is repeated until the knife is completely concealed by the frozen blood.

The Artic hunter then fixes his knife to the ground with the blade facing up. The unsuspecting wolf senses the blood and begins to lick the frozen blood. His appetite for more blood increases with each lick.

He begins to lick more vigorously and unknowingly starts slicing his own tongue on the razor-sharp knife. The wolf then continues to satiate his thirst for blood with his own warm blood. His perpetual desire will not be satisfied until death overtakes him.

Sin is packaged in an attractive manner but always contains the blade of destruction.



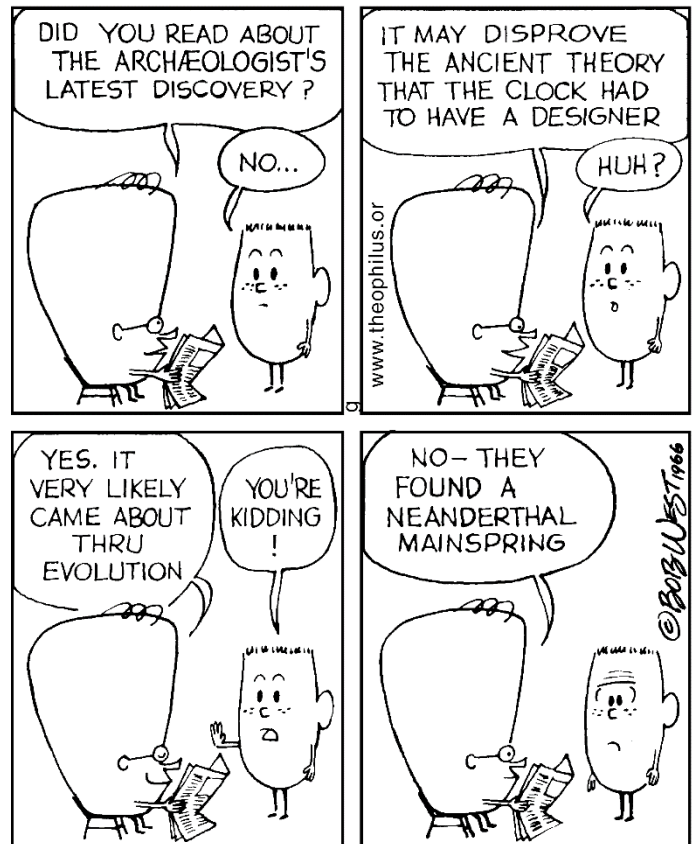
Make Bible Class A Family Affair

SO THEN FAITH COMES BY HEARING, AND
HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.

(ROMANS 10:17)

THEOPHILUS

Evolution of the Clock



Sermons In Sentence

- ✓ One sure way to lose friends is to win all the arguments.
- ✓ It is good to wait for the Lord – as long as you're busy while you wait.
- ✓ All that stands between some people and the top of the ladder is the ladder.
- ✓ Success is getting what want; happiness is wanting what you get.
- ✓ One of the hard things about business is minding your own.
- ✓ A person hasn't failed until he begins to blame someone else for his failure.
- ✓ Hard knocks won't hurt you – unless you are doing the knocking.
- ✓ A loose tongue often gets its owner into a tight place.
- ✓ It's all right to hold a conversation, but you should let go of it now and then.
- ✓ Don't pray for rain if you intend to complain about the mud.
- ✓ Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.
- ✓ Choice, not chance, determines destiny.