

Bermudian Church of the Brethren

WEDNESDAY'S WORD – a midweek thought from Pastor Larry M. Dentler
to share a word of inspiration ... encouragement ... challenge ... a smile ... in the middle of your week
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The Question

Last Thursday was a full & busy day like most of my Thursdays which is my day off. It included: several loads of laundry, some house cleaning, bill paying, banking, errands, a doctor appointment for Cathy, grocery shopping, and some family stopping by for a visit after supper. About 9:30pm I went to our bedroom and stretched out on the bed. I did a little reading then turned on the TV and immediately fell asleep. I woke with the 11pm news and then got up for my before bed ritual: take dog for a short walk, brush teeth, devotions. I got up and put on my socks and sneakers and then hooked up Bella's leash. My hand was on the door knob to go outside when Cathy asked a question.

A very good question.

A very important question.

In her soft, easy going manner she asked, *"Are you going to put some pants on before you go outside?"*

Yep ... there I stood ... socks & sneakers on ... leash on puppy ... hand on door knob ... in my underwear!

Good questions are important!!! I fear that most of us have become a little too lax in asking the good questions. Do you have family members, co-workers, friends who don't know the Lord? Who aren't living in faith? When's the last time you spoke with them about it? How concerned for them are you? Too often we just don't want to be uncomfortable asking the hard questions. And of course we don't want to be obnoxious, or mean spirited, or come off holier-than-thou. So we just stay quiet. Never asking the hard questions.

Cathy was embarrassed to ask me! But she loves me and so she sweetly asked. And I'm so glad she did! Your loved one may not appreciate your pressing ... your asking. But maybe, when the moment is right, when something has happened to make them think about spiritual things ... your question may just open the door to a good conversation ... may just open the door to eternity!

So don't be shy. Pray for heavenly guidance and ask. Ask respectfully. Ask lovingly. Ask often. Ask repeatedly. It really is a matter of life & death for the ones you love!

"Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone." Colossians 4:6 NLT

"Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy...." Jude 22, 23 NIV

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” James 1:5 NIV

“Pray that God will give us an opportunity to tell people His message.”

Colossians 4:3 ICB

And Dear Ones ... I'm praying for you ... Ask! Pastor Larry <><
(And if I've left a really nasty word picture stuck in your mind ... forgive me!)