

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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TELL THE TRUTH

My son John, his wife Erica, and their family were recently in Texas to see the ceremony marking the graduation of our grandson Mason from Air Force basic training. When they were waiting for their flight home, they met the pilot who was going to be flying their plane. He too was waiting in the lobby for the plane to be readied for him. He entered into a discussion with four year old Natalie who will talk with anyone. She enjoyed talking with him, and he enjoyed her. They were talking about the flight and flying an airplane. At one point the pilot was talking about seat belts and said,

*“Yes it’s important to wear your seatbelt when I tell you to, because sometimes we **hit** turbulence while we are flying the plane.”*

Natalie gave him “the look!” And then in her most stern voice she told the pilot,

*“When you are flying the airplane you shouldn’t **hit** anything!”*

John said the startled pilot laughed and laughed at Natalie’s “*tell-it-like-it-is*” demeanor!

But you can’t argue with her can you? When you are flying an airplane you shouldn’t hit anything!

Oh the perfect unrestrained honesty of the little ones! Oh that more of us would live our lives and interact with others with such perfect honesty. Tell it like it is. Tell the truth in love. Let our “yes” be “yes,” and our “no” be “no!” But way too often these days we are trying to be politically correct. Someone may disagree with that statement. Someone may be offended with that idea. And so we bite our lip, hold our tongue, and don’t say the obvious, the truthful, the necessary, the Biblical, the honest. Like in the classic Hans Christian Andersen’s children’s story, “*The Emperor’s New Clothes*,” where the King is naked and no one wants to say it, our culture, and unfortunately even too many within the Body of Christ, are running around naked ... silly ... sinful ... foolish ... ridiculous ... and no one will speak the truth! Except for a child. Hmm? Could this be what Jesus meant when he said we must all become as a child?

“Say only ‘yes’ if you mean ‘yes,’ and say only ‘no’ if you mean ‘no.’ If you say more than that, it is from the Evil One.” Matthew 5:37 ERV

“We will not be tossed about like a ship that the waves carry one way and then another. We will not be influenced by every new teaching we hear from people who are trying to fool us. They make plans and try any kind of trick to fool people into following the wrong path. No! Speaking the truth with love, we will grow up in every way into Christ, who is the Head.”

Ephesians 4:14-15 NCV

“Unless you change your whole outlook and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 18:3 Phillips

In your journey through life today, speak the truth in love. You might offend someone ... yes, but maybe you'll offend them right out of Hell! When you fly an airplane ... you shouldn't hit anything! And other clear truth! Thanks for the reminder Natty girl! Pap loves you!

Blessings, Pastor Larry <><