

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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OCTOJAX

Our grandbaby Jaxsen – 10 months – is a hot boy! He doesn't like to be bundled up. His Momma, Jes, and 'big brother' Jericho (9), are both 'skinny little things' that need lots of clothes on when it's cold and like to bundle up. Not Jax! Cover him up when he sleeps and he'll kick off all the covers for sure. When Jes has to work late we put Jax to sleep in a little bed beside of Cathy & my bed. The other night we put him to sleep and I put him in his bed and tucked him all in. The next thing I knew I looked down and all I could see were arms and legs flying! He was sound asleep but throwing & kicking the covers in every direction. As I laughed I told Cathy, "He looks like a little octopus down there, all I can see are arms and legs waving!" I still have to smile as I think about how furiously he was working to get uncovered.

The Bible tells us to "flee" from ways that are not of the Lord. The implication is that we, like Baby OctoJax, ought to furiously get away from all kinds of sexual impurity, gossip, hate & discord, worldliness. Not just 'avoid' it ... no, 'flee' from it. The off color jokes at work. The little gossip circle in the parking lot after church. The TV shows and movies that glamorize sexual immorality. The mean spirited political rhetoric that plagues our nation today. The Lottery insanity. The "me first" mentality of our day. The denial of absolute Biblical authority rummaging through churches today. The cultural & church acceptance of things as 'good' that the Bible clearly defines as 'sin.' Brothers & Sisters, don't just try to stay away from these things, don't just keep your distance ... flee! When we hear or see a hint of anything that goes against the clear teachings of the Bible, against the clear example of our Lord Jesus ... let your arms flail and your feet fly! Separate yourself ... at once ... from all this evil!

"Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body." 1 Corinthians 6:18 NIV

"Have nothing to do with the worthless things that people do, things that belong to the darkness. Instead, bring them out to the light." Ephesians 5:11 GNT

The world's ways can surely sneak up on us. Like getting too warm under the covers. One moment everything seems fine and the next moment we are falling for the latest trick of Satan to cozy up to sin which always destroys our relationship with the Lord. Brothers & Sisters, be discerning, and like Baby Jax kicks off his covers, flee from anything that would separate you from the Truth of God and the comfort of close fellowship with the Lord!

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