

MEDITATIONS

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. - Psa 19:14

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READY TO SERVE

As a member of the body of Christ, I've learned a few things along the way that you may find interesting. This walk with Jesus Christ is a fascinating journey that is best shared with friends.

The articles presented on this site are just a small token of the enormity of God in my life. He has taken me through many tests, trials, struggles, pains, heartaches, and tribulations. However, I've found him to be true to his word. *"I will never leave you nor forsake you"*.

Please feel free to contact me if you need a prayer partner, a friend to speak with, or you just want to say hello.

- Tim Hamner



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The new dating paradigm: "hook up, break up, and get even"



Boy how things have changed in the world today. It seems like it was just yesterday when you could watch television shows like *The Courtship of Eddie's Father*, *The Brady Bunch*, *Good Times*, and *Different Strokes* during the afternoon or family hour programming time slots.

When the topic of dating was presented on these family shows, the "ah moments" were when a boy and girl kissed on the first date. In some cases, you could hear the studio audience say "ooooooh" or a serious music tone would take the scene to black then to a commercial break. Today, we witness two individuals fall in love, go to bed, simulate a sex act, smoke a cigarette, argue over something dumb, break up, and then find a new partner to repeat the cycle.

Some lovers even take the relationship to "another level" by moving in together to express their commitment to one another. In the late 1970's, Lawrence Stone, the distinguished Oxford historian on

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Message for the Month

The “power of choice” is a strong statement that we need to consider on a daily. Our daily decisions dictate the quality of our lives now and as we grow older. The process of “growing old” happens to everyone on the earth just as the changing of the seasons. In the Hebrew scriptures, also known as the Old Testament, Joshua says in 24:15, “choose you this day whom ye will serve; the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD (Elohim).” Joshua made an excellent choice to serve the Lord; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. What is your choice?

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family life, saw signs that the existing family structure was changing to a loosely held confederation and he documented this social shift. The arrangements that Lawrence Stone observed were a “new, more loosely structured, less emotional and sexually cohesive, far more temporary” relationship that couples



were engaged. Barbara Dafoe Whitehead defined this new paradigm as the “hook up, break up, and get even” way of mating and dating.

As followers of Jesus Christ, I thank God we do not engage in pre-marital sexual activities and cohabitation outside of marriage. Our minds have been renewed. Apostle Paul says this, “Don’t copy the behaviors and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” Romans 12:2 NLT. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are able to enter into loving, committed

relationships that are based on the teachings of Christ. Love for God, our neighbor and oneself is the foundation on which Christian relationships are founded. If you are living a lifestyle that is inconsistent with the teachings of Christ, you can be in fulfilling and meaningful relationship, when you repent and accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior. Upon acceptance, Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you unto all truth regarding a holy and acceptable lifestyle.