

Squeeky says...

Hi everybody...Being aware that scripture says our bodies are the temple of GOD, I maintain an exercise regimen of racquetball with some notable players in the BODY. But recently I was reminded by the elders that I have a responsibility to be spiritually fit as well. So as the apostle Peter says in 2Peter 1:5 & 6 "...Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge self control; and to self control patience and



The Tabernacle's resident church mouse, philosopher and occasional complainer

to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness

love.”

With

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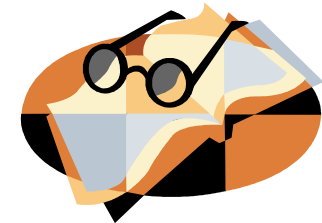
active and growing in our lives, no grass will grow under our feet, no day will pass without its reward as we mature in the character of our Master Jesus. Pray for me though. Lately I've been struggling wanting to tie RM's and BW's shoestrings together so they don't beat me so bad at racquetball. Be sure to say, " hi," when you see me. Luv Ya !!

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**Learning to love GOD
And one another**



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John 13:3435

Increasing our appetite for GOD... tidbits from Don & Linda

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Welcome to the first issue of TIDBITS. The Body of Christ is growing in the land and our purpose is to introduce new and long time members to others in the Body so we are better connected with each other. Linda and I will be around talking to many of you so we can communicate who you are to the rest of the Body and how GOD is working in your life.

In each issue we also plan to share a timely word that we believe GOD is speaking to HIS BODY. Hopefully this will be useful in helping to build GOD's Kingdom and communicate HIS purposes in connecting the BODY.

One important contributor to this publication is Squeeky, the resident church mouse. Squeeky's column is on the back of this publication. Because of Squeeky's long tenure in church and mischievous nature there is a lot of healing and understanding needed.

Recently GOD has emphasized to us the importance of the Matthew 25:35 Food Bank Ministry in reaching out to those in our community in need of food. Each bag distributed at the Food Bank will have a flyer inviting the people to have breakfast, coffee and fellowship with us Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall starting at 9 AM. Please pray for Jimmy McClellan, Eunice Randall and Anna Demelli as they serve in leadership of the Matthew 25:35 ministry team.

The Body of Christ...

Several months ago Linda decided we shouldn't be eating sweets after dinner and suggested we snack on fruit. Now, fruit has become a healthy way to please my taste buds and satisfy my appetite. Good, tasty fruit is the result of a healthy plant or tree which has within itself the inherent energy, through its seeds, to reproduce more plants or trees that bear fruit.

The fruit of the SPIRIT is like that also. It contains the inherent energy that its host, the HOLY SPIRIT, possesses. The apostle Paul, in Galatians 5, describes the fruit of the SPIRIT as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. When you and I were touched by GOD and birthed anew by the HOLY SPIRIT and received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit took up residence in us. Sometimes the circumstances I am in make me wonder if the Holy Spirit forgot to bring the fruit with HIM. Maybe we can remind each other that good fruit is a healthy alternative for us to possess and share abundantly.

Practical Suggestions...

First of all, let me clarify something. It was not Don that needed to stop the sweets after dinner. Now, to practical matters. If we receive the fruit of the Spirit when we receive Jesus, how are we able to see evidence of that fruit in our lives? The best way I know is to position myself for the fruit



Don Lees



Linda Lees

to grow. How do I do that? For me personally, the most effective way is to line up with God's values. If He says I should be meek and I find myself being proud, something is wrong. I am not exhibiting God's character. I am not on God's team for His Kingdom purposes. Being aware of where I fall short, and believing I have a significant contribution to make for the furthering of God's Kingdom, are great motivators for being willing to let God form the character of Christ in me. I can't grow the fruit myself, but I can believe the fruit is already there and I can cooperate with God as He creates the environment for that fruit to grow.

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