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## Handsome Indeed!

Abraham Lincoln was admired by many, but he also had many critics. But even persistent critics in the Government, like Pennsylvania's Thaddeus Stevens, sometimes praised the President's benevolence.

House Speaker Schuyler Colfax recalled that Stevens "used to tell, with great gusto, this story of his own personal experience. Mr. Stevens had gone with an elderly lady from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (his district), to the White House, to ask the pardon of her son, condemned to die for sleeping on his post. The President suddenly turned upon his cynical Pennsylvania friend, whom he knew had so often assailed him for excessive lenity, and said, 'Now, Thad, what would you do in this case if you happened to be President?'"

"Mr. Stevens knew how many hundreds of his constituents were waiting breathlessly to hear the result of that elderly woman's pilgrimage to Washington. Of course, Congressmen who desired to be re-elected liked to carry out the desires of their constituents. Stevens did not relish the President's home-thrust, but replied that, as he knew of the extenuating circumstances, he would certainly pardon him."

"'Well, then,' said Mr. Lincoln, after a moment's writing in silence, 'here, madam, is your son's pardon.'

"Her gratitude filled her heart to overflowing, and it seemed to her as though her son had been snatched from the gateway of the grave. She could

only thank the President with her tears as she began to leave the room. But when she and Mr. Stevens had reached the outer door of the White House she burst out, excitedly, '**I KNEW it was a lie! I KNEW it was a lie!**'"

"What do you mean?" asked her astonished companion.

"Why, when I left my country home in old Lancaster yesterday, the neighbors told me that I would find that Mr. Lincoln was an UGLY man, when in fact... **he is really the most handsome man I have ever seen in my life!**'"

"And certainly, when sympathy and mercy lightened up those rugged features, many a wife and mother pleading for his intervention had reason to think him handsome indeed."

Allen Thorndike Rice, editor, *Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln*, (Schuyler Colfax)

Jesus is described in Isaiah 53:2 this way: "...He has no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him..." Yet, his sympathy and mercy for sinful humanity makes him "the most handsome man who ever lived."

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## Enthusiasm

"Apathy can be overcome by enthusiasm, and enthusiasm can be aroused by two things: first, an idea which takes the imagination by storm; and second, a definite, intelligible plan for carrying that idea into action."

Arnold Toynbee

"Enthusiasm is the best protection in any situation. Wholeheartedness is contagious. Give yourself, if you wish to get others."

David Seabury

"You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm."

Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

"One man has enthusiasm for 30 minutes, another for 30 days, but it is the man who has it for 30 years who makes a success of his life."

Edward B. Butler

"Don't wait for mentors to seek you out. Don't ever wait for your phone calls to be returned, your letters to be answered, your faxes to be responded to. Keep going out and asking questions."

Denis Waitley

"For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Apostles, AD 30 (Acts 4:20)

"...woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!"

Paul, AD 55 (I Cor. 9:16)

## Laughter is Good for the Soul Dept.

DURING A VISIT with a friend at an assisted living center, I was invited to stay for lunch. As we entered the cafeteria, she leaned toward me and whispered, "They have two lines here. We call them cane and able."

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Sunday Morning Assembly  
9:30 AM  
Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7:30 PM

Classes for all ages.

Private classes arranged  
at your convenience.

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# Agenda

## The Lord's Day, October 21, 2007

9:30 AM: Worship: Singing, Lord's Supper, Preaching

Sermon: The Story: Solomon

☪ Preaching: David Posey

5:00 PM: Lord's Supper, Singing, Preaching

☪ Sermon: David Posey, Relationships

5:30 PM: Bible Classes, All Ages

Adult Class Offerings

☪ Room 11-12, SeedSowers

☪ Auditorium, Deuteronomy (Luke Garcia)

## Wednesday, October 24, 2007

10 AM, A Study of the Book of James. At the Building.

7:30 PM, Bible classes for ages 18 mos. and up,

Auditorium: Deuteronomy (David Posey)

### Meeting Notes

Bro. Harrell's sermons and charts are available online on our website ([www.folsomchurch.com](http://www.folsomchurch.com)) or on CD (see a deacon).

## Complacency

Between the Walls is the story of a young man, Peter (Patrick Midgley), who returns to his childhood home after learning it will be repossessed. Peter soon discovers his deceased father had recorded everything that was said in the house. Now Peter must face his memories of a distant, hypocritical father. In this scene, Ryan (Eli Connolly), an old friend, has come to visit Peter.

"Something good came out of this," says Ryan. "A few years after we graduated, I became a Christian."

"Because of dad or in spite of him?" Peter asks.

"Well, because he made me think about a few things. I gave my life to Christ, and I haven't looked back since. What about you? Your dad made you sit in the pew every Sunday—do you guys still go?" Ryan asks.

"I haven't been since we left home," Peter answers.

"Would you think about going back?" asks Ryan.

"No offense, Ryan, but if church can produce a man like my father, then they can go without my 10 percent every week. I can sleep in on Sunday and still be a control freak. I don't need church to help me with that."

Between The Walls (Glowing Nose Films, 2006), directed by Chris Staron

From Thomas à Kempis

Jesus has many who love his kingdom in heaven, but few who bear his cross. He has many who de-

sire comfort, but few who desire suffering. He finds many to share his feast, but few his fasting. All desire to rejoice with him, but few are willing to suffer for his sake. Many follow Jesus to the breaking of bread, but few to the drinking of the cup of his passion. Many admire his miracles, but few follow him in the humiliation of the cross.

Thomas à Kempis, The Imitation of Christ

The following is from a USA Today article detailing the decline of water baptism in many American churches:

There are now baptism-style ceremonies where God is never mentioned by parents seeking to initiate their children into a world of all faiths, says Ema Drouillard of San Francisco, who runs the website Ceremonyway.com.

She conducted such an event for Kirsten and Farnum \_\_\_\_\_ of Marin County, California, for their baby, Greer, in 1998. "We just wanted a larger spirit to guide our daughter, but we didn't want to get specific. I wanted all her bases covered," says Kirsten.

The couple grew up Presbyterian, but now "we just do Christianity L-I-T-E" for Greer, who "believes in angels and fairies, leprechauns and Santa Claus."

Cathy Lynn Grossman, "Rite of Baptism Trickles Away," USA Today (4-13-06), 2D