



March 7th 2010

Prayer time—soft music

WELCOME -----James

“Step by step / forever we will sing”

Pray as we sing!! “God of this city”—[Db]

*****Choir goes down*****

Baptism

Testimony by Rick Yarbrough

Praise team and Band

“Come Thou Fount of every blessing”—Ch#11—[D-Eb]-v’s 1,3

Message -----Jojo

Inv ---“I surrender all”

Offertory Prayer

OFFERING-----Announcements

Presentation of Decisions & New members

Post-service Music

*******Sunday Night 6:45 service*******

“Jesus paid it all”—with tag of “oh praise the one”

Steve---“Philemon study”

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Music for this week

"Something Happens"-3-14-10
power in the name book

"The Lord reigns" —3-21-10—Holy Says it all Book
Octavo— "Revelation song"— 3-28-10

"Again I say rejoice"—sheet

"Behold the lamb"—The Glory of Christmas book—for Easter

"He lives"—The Glory of Christmas book—for Easter

"At the cross"—Holy Says it all Book—For Easter

**"Wii" begins next
Sunday!! Invite
someone to come
with you!!!**

Do you ever find yourself mindlessly playing and/or singing your worship songs during a rehearsal? What about during an actual service? Do the words ever come flooding out of your mouth when suddenly it dawns on you that your heart has been left behind? I hope you think about this as you read this devotion! I do not want said of me or us:

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me..."

(Matthew 15:8). James \$

Words, Words, Words

by Tom Kraeuter, Hillsboro, Missouri

**This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me...
(Matthew 15:8).**

I recently got an e-book reader. It's a nifty little gizmo used for reading books that have been converted into a digital, electronic format. The screen is really easy to read, much easier to read than the average computer. In fact, with the click of a button I can change the size of the text. This is really helpful for me because then I don't have to go searching for my glasses when I want to read something. Although it is only about the size of a standard paperback book and just a bit more than a quarter inch thick, it will hold nearly a couple hundred average size books. Wow! It will take quite awhile to read that many volumes.

By using a removable storage card, I could add even more reading material. Why, I could have numerous different versions of the Bible on it. In fact, I could put a dictionary and even a set of encyclopedias on it if I wanted to. I would be able to quickly and easily access more information—even at 35,000 feet in the air—than my grandfather or my father ever deemed possible, just by touching a couple of buttons. It is amazing!

Yes indeed, this electronic gadget can spout out words—even really good words—quicker than I can read them. The very Word of God can come flying at me at a hundred miles per hour. But to the e-book reader, those are all just strings of zeroes and ones in binary language. They have no real meaning to the machine at all. It's simply a bunch of electronic blips that have no real value to that electronic marvel, because, just like the Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*, it doesn't have a heart.

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Of course that has never happened to me. Well, at least not since the last time it happened. And, no, I won't tell you how recently that was.

We can too readily pile up lots of information—words, chords, music, harmonies, rhythms, scriptures—and miss the point of all of it. First and foremost, God is looking for our hearts. He's not interested in a bunch of nice-sounding words when our hearts are far away from Him.

I don't know about you, but I don't ever want the words of our opening Scripture said about me. "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me..." (Matthew 15:8).

Lord, forgive me for the times that I have said words and played music, ostensibly to Your glory, and my heart was somewhere else. As I endeavor to help to lead Your people in worship of You, cause me to willfully turn my heart to You, also. Remind me of what's really important. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who died for my forgiveness. Amen.