



# The Instructor The Instructor

|| Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

**"George & The Dragon" November 11, 2012**

A weary beggar approached a roadside inn that wore the name, "George and the Dragon." Knocking on the office door, he was met by a hateful and bitter



woman who screamed for him to leave the property.

Mustering up enough nerve, he knocked a second time and asked, "May I have a word with George?"

I guess we have all encountered "dragons" in real life. They are found down at the grocery store, on school property, in shopping malls, at work, and sometimes even in church and at home! Maybe, if we

are honest, we would admit to being a "dragon" at certain times.

Some advice here from Jesus: "You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world, glorify God" (Matthew 5:13-16) and "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12). More advice from Paul: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). These verses are "dragon killers." - Glad Tidings

**"And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32**

## “An Egg or a Tennis Ball?”

You may have had the unpleasant experience of learning first-hand what an egg does when it hits the floor. It bursts. A tennis ball, on the other hand, bounces back up when it hits the ground.



There is not a single person reading this article who has never made a mistake - who has never fallen. A distinction is made in the way we react to a fall. Some, like the egg, burst, while others, like the tennis ball, bounce back. For example, Judas was overcome with grief and took his own life after he betrayed his Lord. Peter, though, after he denied Jesus, went on to become a great leader in the early church. You see, when Judas fell he burst like an egg. But Peter responded to his fall like a tennis ball - he bounced back. Successful people are people who are able to bounce back from failure. General George Patton once stated, Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom. When asked the secret to his success, Paul Harvey responded, I get up when I fall down. Basically, success is getting up one more time than you fall down. I'm sure the following people would agree with me: Kristi Yamaguchi won the gold medal in the 1992 Winter Olympics after falling down in the middle of one of her routines. Michael Jordan, perhaps the greatest basketball player of all time, got cut from his high school basketball team and missed 9,000 shots in his NBA career, 26 of which lost the game for his team. Abraham Lincoln, this country's most popular president, lost 8 elections, failed in business twice, and had a nervous breakdown. Walt Disney got fired from a newspaper for lack of ideas. It was said of Fred Astaire after his first screen test, He can't act, he's slightly bald, but he can dance a little. Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times in his career. Macy failed in business 7 times before his department store caught on. Henry Ford went broke 5 times prior to his Model T. Just think of all the light bulbs Thomas Edison blew up before he found one that actually stayed lit!

Much like these successful individuals, those who are successful in living the Christian life need to learn how to get up when they fall down. The two greatest preachers in the early church - Peter and Paul - both had a past full of failure. The secret to their success lies in the statement Paul made: *“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 3:13-14). Their lives teach us that a sinful past can be the black velvet on which the diamond of God's forgiving grace is displayed.

Never forget: grace is greater than guilt. Forgiveness is greater than failure. Paul warned the Corinthian Christians, *“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall”* (1 Corinthians 10:12). Let's also remember the other side of that coin: *Let him who has fallen take heed lest he not stand back up.*  
- Daniel Hope, House To House, Heart To Heart



### “Unblessed Are The Strifemakers”

1. According to Proverbs, “Only by \_\_\_\_\_ comes contention.” – 13:10
2. Who lamented that some Christians “are still carnal, for there is among you envying and strife and division”? – 1 Corinthians 3:3
3. What caused a quarrel among Jesus’ disciples? - Luke 22:24
4. What rebellious son of David almost split the kingdom in two by his conspiracy? – 2 Samuel 15-18
5. Proverbs says that “hatred stirs up quarrels, but \_\_\_\_\_ covers all sins.” – 10:12
6. Who had to send his many brothers on a journey with the reminder not to quarrel along the way? – Genesis 45:24
7. What caused an ugly quarrel between David and his wife Michal? – 2 Sam.6:16-23

### “Just To Brighten Your Day”

#### ‘Say What?’

- ‘While the kids were visiting one weekend, we all awoke before their grandpa and decided to make him some coffee. After he woke up and had a sip, he went on about how good it was. I told him that was because it was made with love, but our 3-year-old granddaughter exclaimed, “No, it wasn’t! It was made with water!” - grandma2many

- “[I] once asked my granddaughter if she knew what her whole name was. Proudly she stated, “Fallyn Reese Lorimer Come Here.”



“A merry heart doeth good...” – Proverbs 17:22

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**Remember:**

**Battling With Cancer:** Ms. Frances Ponder, Ms. Annette Hebert, Ms. Debbie Stevenson, Bro. Joe Buck Strong, Mr. G.W. Strong, Carli, Priscilla Shoop, Bro. Bruce James' Brother, Mrs. Pam Halbert, Mrs. Glenda Scruggs, Cecil Jones, Gary Tidwell, Judy Goodson

Sister Gayle Spruiell – recently in hospital; currently in rehab at Pine Grove in Center.

Steve Cox—upcoming surgery on eye (11/16)

Ellen Cogswell—recently been dealing with a case of bursitis; awaiting further test results.

David Stross' grandson—newborn to possibly undergo heart surgery.

Peggy Watlington's father, Rex Howard—recent medical complications.

**Loss of Loved Ones:** The families of Mrs. Patricia Roberts, Ms. Evelyn Harbison, Ms. Fay Fern Keeling, Mr. R.J. Stevens, Mr. Verl 'Pete' Windham,

Also others who are mentioned, in our prayers.

**Notes:**

**Evening Sermon: "Our Omniscient God"**

**Ladies' Bible Study—November 14th, 11 am @ Sister Eva's house.**

**November Birthday Get Together—November 18th, following Evening services @ the Cox's house.**

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We would like to welcome the visitors and we ask that you come back at every opportunity you can. Thank you for worshipping with us.

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