



Lemoore church of Christ

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When Paul Gets Personal

Figures of speech are used in every language to color, emphasize ideas and make each language more expressive. Examples such as "I've got a mountain of work ahead of me" or "I bit the bullet." The south seems to take this practice and ramp it up to a new level. Being from the south, I know one can construct an entire language out of idioms. People are always "fixin" to do something and being "up a creek" is a negative thing. I could go on until the cows come home, but being Southerners yourself, you get the picture. Colloquial language can be fun and, when both the speaker and the hearer understand such language, it can make conversation meaningful.

Interestingly, various figures of speech (including regional idioms and colloquial phrases) can be seen throughout Scripture. Some of these instances are extremely powerful as the writer seeks to make a point. Perhaps one of the more heartfelt images can be found in the first chapter of 1 Timothy. Within this letter, Paul is expressing to the young preacher the necessity of remaining godly. Notice 1:19, "holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith."

The only other time the word for "shipwreck" appears in the New Testament is in [2 Corinthians 11:25](#). Within that context, Paul explains several tragic events that have inflicted pain on him. If anyone knew the devastating forces of a shipwreck, it'd be Paul. With this personal and experiential knowledge, Paul now makes the point that there are those who are shipwrecking their faith because they are rejecting a godly lifestyle.

I know several people who have been in car accidents so severe it put their lives in jeopardy. If one of them came to me after his/her recovery and said, "by rejecting godly living, there are those who make a car wreck of their faith," I would listen. Imagine being in the shoes of Timothy as he reads this statement from his father in the faith. Two great lessons can be gleaned from this one verse. First, it shows the passion that Paul had

behind his teachings. I don't remember who said it, but they said "religion isn't powerful until it's personal." Second, we need to hear his words and recognize the role that a steady, godly life plays in aiding our faith.

Five Minutes with God: This week:

Sunday	Day 285	John 14:1-6
Monday	Day 286	John 14:7-11
Tuesday	Day 287	John 14:12-14
Wednesday	Day 288	John 14:15-18
Thursday	Day 289	John 14:19-24
Friday	Day 290	John 14:25-31
Saturday	Day 291	John 15:1-8

Prayer List:

Cleta Sisk, Eula Rhoads' sister spine injury and testing for other medical issues
Betty Standridge has a soft tissue injury in her foot
Kerri Hodgson's brother Don suffering from hypothermia following a kayak accident.
 Megan, Garth's Brother-in-law's niece has cancer
The Garcia Family co-worker of Denise Dean - Evelia's mom passed away suddenly last Tues.
Michael Davis, from Springfield congregation (son Aaron and family have visited here) is very ill.
Raquel Lopez Hyperthyroidism
Kathy Shough, relative of Lynda Sander, - cancer
Kim Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepmom
Doug Standridge
Red and Marjory Cooper
Richard Hunsberger, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepdad,
Meryl Wamhoff, friend of Lisa Butts, has months of chemo ahead. Still needs prayers, please
Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, started chemo
Linda Frye, Cancer
Bill Fox, co-worker of Frank Baldwin, clots in his legs
Angie and Tito Cano- Tito on maintenance meds
Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, stomach cancer
Casey Case Jr ongoing oncology treatment

Our Mission Work:

- First Responders
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting