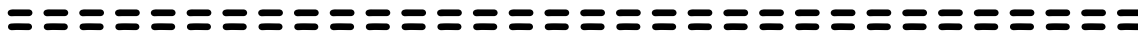


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Packing out of our house, knee injection, wedding and a few other things

We have/had a lot of things going on over here.

-- Carolyn and I are sorting and packing because we plan to leave our Parkwood house mid-September. Our mailing address will remain the 101 Washington address.

--A week ago, I tried a new treatment for my knee. (Google "PRP")

They took my blood, spun it in a centrifuge and injected the platelet-rich plasma into my knee. I will get my report in a few weeks and know if the treatment worked.

--I officiated at one of our grand daughter's wedding.

And now back to work overseas. I have been doing some counseling by email, skype and phone. The Lord willing, I will be in Ecuador in early September, East Africa later September. Nigeria in October and Cambodia and the Philippines in November. By God's grace I will be able to have a manageable knee.

"The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible." Winston Churchill

A few months ago, A mother and daughter came to see me. I will call them, Tess (mom), and Dana (daughter). In their words, "every issue they faced became a conflict." I was so happy that they recognized a problem and wanted help. That makes life easier for me. Often, I meet parents or children who have given up on each other.

First, I asked Dana to tell me three of the best things about her mom. Then Tess would do the same thing about Dana. The rules were simple. They could not talk (or make any noise) while the other was talking.

After that I asked each, Tess (mom first on this one), how she felt when Dana talked about the "best things". Then Dana had to say how she felt when Mom told her "best" things. After that exercise, it was a lot easier for them to talk about issues that they were unable to discuss previously without getting angry. By God's grace, their relationship has improved, and they are enjoying a relationship that "they never had before".

(Giving a person an opportunity to state their position goes a long way in resolving personal conflicts)

This will be a short newsletter. I am running behind schedule and I leave home at the end of this week.

I have again been reminded of how we (and most of you also), are blessed because of our Christian heritage, families, and training. What brings that to a focus again is that **one of the ladies I worked with this year was raised with non-Christian alcoholic parents who divorced throwing her into a home with a new (step) dad who was also an alcoholic.** With that kind of exposure to life, her own life was a mess until the Lord Jesus Christ reached down and gave her hope. While she has a new life with Him, she lives with a lot of baggage and still needs help.

THANK THE LORD FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS.

"Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord." I Cor. 1:31

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