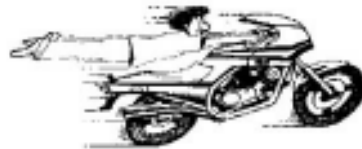


WHAT'S ON?

Bikers 4 Christ Ride: Sunday 25th April meeting at Roscoe's at 12 midday (with a full tank) for a "navigational ride" leaving at 12.30 (you will need a pen to write down answers on a sheet of questions),. Bring a couple of dollars for lunch at a great restaurant I have found, lunch will be a little late though approx 2.30pm and should not cost you no more than \$10.

Bikers 4 Christ Ride: Saturday 29th May meeting at Roscoe's at 8.30am (with a full tank) we are headed North for an endurance ride of about 6 hours with some excellent views along the way.

Bikers 4 Christ Whitsundays June 12-14: Aussie in Bowen Nth QLD is involved with helping out at a Motorcycle and Hotrod Show, he has organised various evangelistic outreaches, if anyone is interested contact me ASAP as I may be going up but I am not sure how yet, depends on who comes.



Other Biker Events

August 6-8. Tinny Rally. Approx 22km north of Kingaroy, the site is just off the Bunya Highway directly opposite the Tingoorra Hotel. Admission is \$10, fully catered. For more info to visit the web site One of QLD's only few rallies left because of insurances and garbage like that. For more info: http://maneater_ulysses.tripod.com/page2.html.

August 27th, 28th Back to the Future Rally. Put on by the Virago owners club this great rally is held at the Lowood Showgrounds. Catering, Showers and toilets all available and entry is \$15 for the weekend, all normal Gymkhana events, prizes and trophies are on. The gate prize usually is a new Virago 250cc Bike. (Bikers 4 Christ will be in attendance and having church Sunday morning at the rally)

September 14 - 20 Gold Coast Bike Week: Held at Carrarra Sports grounds for more info see www.goldcoastbikeweek.com various different rides are on and events.

September 18th Memorial Run: Held by the God's Squad this is an excellent ride that only costs \$15. It finishes at the Gold Coast Bike Week, entry fee is included. More info 5578 3553 B/Hrs or email brisbane@gsmc.com

September 18th, 19th Flyaway Rally. Held at Toogoolawah more info soon.

November 20 & 21. Imbil Rally. Imbil 2004 The 15th Annual Imbil Rally "Its the social event of the year !" Hot food and cold drinks available or BYO Fresh Roast Pork Rolls Saturday night Free tea & coffee all weekend (bring a mug) GYMKHANA Saturday afternoon Shady riverside camping Great swimming areas Toilets that flush ! Hot Showers! More Info can be found at http://www.leisure-riders.com/imbil_rally.htm

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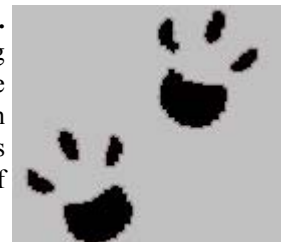
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TRAITS OF THE PHARISEE

Luke 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: **10.** Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. **11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. **12** I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. **13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. **15** And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. **16** But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. **17** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Read the above scripture and see if you can see what I see, the traits of the pharisee. Who were the Pharisees? The Pharisees were the set apart ones within the Jewish community at the time, they had nothing to do with common people as they believed they had bad morals due to them not following the law to the letter and yet they had bad morals spiritually and in their thinking, they were a grade above the rest! Not only were the Pharisees rapt in the law of Moses but also the "Jewish Laws" which were basic traditions of the Jews, these are the basics lets take a look at the above verses.

1. They trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: 2. They prayed by themselves being self righteous and stating they were not like others (sinners). 3. They brag about their fasting and tithing, 4. They exalt themselves and NOT Jesus, 5. When people try getting close they are rebuked by the pharisee especially 'children' in the faith. So what is the problem here, Jesus said let the little children come unto me, if we are to be "Christ" ians we need to be like Jesus allowing the little ones in the faith to approach us "for the kingdom of God belongs to them".



Traits of the Pharisee continued...

All through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we see Jesus rebuking the Pharisee, the religious rulers who place burdens on people and don't lift a finger to help them when they need it (**Matthew 23v24**). I have known a few people like this over my 23 years as a Christian and then again I have known thousands more who are not like this. We need to keep watch over our lives and how we treat others and our walk with God that we don't allow pride to creep in and we don't become religious in our thinking and ways, so what does religious mean, it means bondage, we need to be like the publican in these verses.

"The publican cried out "Oh God be merciful to me a sinner". Why did he do this? Was he saying woe unto me I am nothing but a scumbag? A Beggar? I am not good enough to be a Christian? No! He was repeating what Jesus had said in **Matthew 5v1-11** Blessed are they that know they need God and seek after God. I have heard many different versions of the Prosperity message, of preachers repeatedly spending 20 to 30 minutes on speaking on tithes and offerings, saying look how blessed I am, but little do the people know that those new cars are leased and not owned, the house is financed and the church pays for it, the Pastor is on a nice wage, one we would love to receive as much as half ourselves, and at the same time they do little to help a person struggling in their very own congregation.

Right now people are thinking Roscoe you are being judgemental, no I am not; I am stating facts! Wake up church, the church is not the building, quite often I hear my Pastor say this, "the church has nothing to do with buildings the church is the people" and it brings a tear to my eye, because not many people realise this, they think about the building when you mention church. Jesus said "they will know you by your fruits", what fruits? The love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, meekness the fruits of the Spirit. Jesus also said by our love for one another they will know you are my disciples (**John 13:35**), what does he mean by Love? It does not matter what dictionary or commentary you look into for this verse, LOVE is the attitude and working out of yourself to help another, to be a blessing to another, to go out of your way for another, and it is all summed up in the verse **John 3:16** For god so LOVED the world that **he gave** his only Son Jesus... What do the pharisees do?

The traits of a pharisee is someone who always knocks others, puts others down, looks down upon someone who is struggling and disregards to help them, has nothing to do with new Christians in case they "steal their anointing", (actually we should be the influence on the New Christians). Some of the best times of fellowship I have had, has been one on one with a hungry for God young believer just asking questions. The Pharisee doesn't have Love in his or her life and therefore they don't have Faith either because Faith works by Love **Galatians 5:6** so lets look at **James 2v20** faith without works is dead, so works and Love are they same thing really or can be applied as the same anyway in this context.

Don't be like the pharisee, if you see a need and you can help out, do so and God will also bless you back "Pressed down shaken together and flowing over", Yes God does want to prosper us financially, and spiritually but he wants us to walk in Love first toward our neighbour. If we are faithful with little he will place us in charge of much, 'much' not millions! **God Bless and stay upright - Roscoe**



JUST FOR A GIGGLE

Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Brisbane to Warwick. He got as far as Aratula before the mountains just became too much and he could go no farther. He stuck his thumb out, but after 3 hours he hadn't gotten a single person to stop.

Finally a guy in a WRX pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wouldn't fit in the car. The owner of the WRX found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he got to going too fast to honk the horn on his bike and he would slow down. Everything went fine for the first 30 Klm's.

Suddenly, another WRX flew past them. Not to be outdone, the WRX pulling the bike took off after the other. A short distance down the road, the WRX's — both going well over 160 Km/hr—blew through a speed trap. The police officer noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had 2 WRX's headed his way at over 160 Km/hr. He then relayed, "And you're not going to believe this, but there's bloke on a 10-speed bike honking his horn to pass."

TECH TIPS: by Don Fenby

Factors to consider when riding a motorcycle are the torsional forces of the crankshaft and the up and down movement of the pistons, the wheel base and suspension. As well as this, the rake of the front forks and the centrifugal forces of the wheels spinning. All of these factors are considered and used in construction to balance the bike and help it perform better. The rake in the front end causes the bike to sit upright and travel in a straight line.

Every rider should be able to ride in a circle while holding the steering on full lock with their feet on the pegs, governing their speed by dragging the rear brake, feathering the clutch and using engine revs. In order for a bike to go around a corner slowly the bike leans in the wanted direction, therefore it is necessary to offset weight by shifting your body to the opposite side you are turning (only for slow turns). Once the bike travels over 20 Klm / Hr a different dynamic takes over. This is called counter steering.

Counter Steering Formula. Look Right, Push right, Go right.

Look Right indicates we need to look to where we are going, in any corner your head must be tilted so your eyes see parallel to the road surface and look to where you want to go. Once this has registered, look beyond that point, this has a major effect when steering a motorcycle.

Push Right by pushing the bar on the side you want to turn toward, this momentarily steers the bike of course and causes the bike to lean to the right ready for the corner.

Go Right once the lean is initiated, you can steer the bike where you want it to go, when you want the bike to come out of the lean you steer the bike harder into the lean (right) and this will cause the bike to sit upright again.

Remember: Backing off the throttle causes the bike to dip at the front; Brake before a corner and pick your speed under power using the rear brake lightly to lean more into the corner, don't use the front brake as this can be dangerous.



NEEDED

Aussie in northern QLD town of Bowen works with Street Kids at various time and is in need of a 250cc Motorcycle in any condition to rebuild with the teenagers as a project, the bike will be kept for Bikers for Christ to teach people to ride on at the end of the project, if anyone can help email Roscoe at b4christ@bikers4christ.org or mobile 0412 490 115

Home Church

Home church is going well, with an average attendance of a dozen or more at times, pray for me as I lead this that God will give me Direction, Wisdom and Knowledge, that He will lead me along the right pathways for my life.

Home church is held every Wednesday night at approximately 7pm through to 8.30pm at a different house every month, if you would like more information or like to be a part of it ring **Roscoe on 0412 490 115.**

Monthly Rides

The rides are going well some times we have about 12 or so bikes and other times we have 3 or 4, but altogether it has been an enjoyable year so far with a lot of the country side seen, and others getting in on the act and leading rides (lets see more of it) I just have to learn to relax and let others lead and not get in the way - **Sorry Rod!** The BBQ's have been great with around 20 or more people turning up and everyone having some great fellowship together which is what Bikers 4 Christ are all about - Fellowship.

We have Email from our web site.

Dear Sir,

I like motorbikes and being a Christian I was interested in your site. I would like to say how much I enjoyed your site and specially the best explanation I have ever had as to why bikers wear patches or not. I would like to thank you for your web site and the information on it. My wife and I are planning to get back into bikes within the next 12 months or so, we would like to get back into touring around the country. Thank you again for your site, I really enjoyed it.

God Bless.

Andrew H. Dubbo. NSW

Prayer Needs / Praise Points

1. Recently at our Home Church we prayed for a gentleman who had been falsely accused and imprisoned for a serious crime, his bail application was not until June and we prayed for the hearing to be brought forward, he was released from jail within a week. Thankyou Jesus!

If you have a prayer request send them to us via email, sms, or telephone call. All details are on the front page heading of this newsletter.



Welcome To:

More riders have become part of Bikers 4 Christ and we welcome them and pray that God blesses them and keeps you upright not only on your bike but also in Jesus!

Aussie: It is "official" Aussie is the coordinator for the Whitsundays Bikers 4 Christ, keep him in your prayers and also pray for the Queens birthday weekend of June as he organises outreaches and Bike events in the town of Bowen where he lives.

Mal Cavenett: Lives at Beerwah and has recently become a part of Bikers 4 Christ and is also involved with another Christian Motorcycle group called "Remnants in Christ" keep Mal and his group in your prayers.

Michael Rohrlach: Lives at Woombye and shared his home with us a couple of months ago where we all had a great time around the BBQ. Thanks Michael!

School Visit.

Last Month Bikers 4 Christ were invited to Sheldon College tucked away in behind Capalaba in the bayside suburbs. So 5 Bikes were rounded up (thanks to the guys who took time off work to come along as well) and met at Roscoe's for a cuppa and headed off, well we turned up at the school easy enough, but the wrong part of it.

Instead of being at the Primary section we were at the Seniors section and the mathematics class thought that a gang of bikies had arrived to cause problems and telephoned through to the principals office with an emergency situation. Well thankfully the principal knew what was happening and let them know, we were then redirected to the correct part of the school and had an excellent time with about 60 year 3 students asking a million questions. Kawasaki Posters were handed out as well as the BFC Cards and at the end Roscoe done his usual stunts and a burnout (*with permission*) for the kids, and I didn't fall off either for a change!

Concerning Spiritual Gifts - Don't be Ignorant! by Don Fenby

1 Corinthians 12v1 says “*Now concerning Spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant*”. I have had it on my heart to talk about spiritual gifts because there seems to be some confusion about the gifts and what gifts do I have as a Christian. I want to explain some things about spiritual gifts to clear up any confusion you may have.

To me, gifts fall into four categories: The first is the natural gifts and abilities and the other three refer to spiritual gifts and abilities, as **1 Corinthians 14v46** states, ‘the natural and then the spiritual’ so here I go.

Natural Talents

The first category I will talk about are talents that Jesus spoke about in Matthew 25v15. Every person regardless of who you are, born again or not, have been given a talent of some kind. The talents you have been given will lead you to have certain interests or hobbies and help you choose your vocation in life. Jesus tells about the 3 servants who were given some talents by their master before he went away on a journey. The talents in this verse relate to money, but they can also relate to personal abilities or gifts. The moral of the story is not how many you have, but what you do with them before the master returns (Jesus). Every one of the servants were given at least on talent, but the ones who were rewarded were the ones who put them to work and gained more. In this world people use their talents to become rich or break the law, but some use the gifts to help others and in doing so are rewarded by God. The lazy servant refuses to use his talent at all, this results in him being refused into the kingdom of God. If you don't know what your natural talents are, just follow the direction given to us in Ecclesiastes 9v9,10 “Do whatever you can with whatever you have and do it with all your might”.

Spiritual Gifts: Spiritual gifts are placed in 3 categories, **first** are the basic life purpose and motivational gifts (referred to as the gifts of the Father). They are called motivational gifts because these gifts place you into a role within the church (the body of Christ). The Apostle Paul outlines these gifts in Romans 12v4-8, and 1Corinthians 12. They are prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leadership, mercy, helps, administrations, and varieties of tongues. Every willing Born Again believer will be placed within the body of Christ according to their individual gift from God. We need leaders in our churches but we also need servants to keep the place going and there is to be NO distinctions between them. God places people where He pleases; we are ALL part of HIS body As we need we all need parts of our body to function correctly, the body of Christ also needs a variety of gifts and abilities to work in harmony and function correctly also.

Not everyone is a prophet and not everyone is a leader, but there are those that show mercy to the sick and helpless, there are those that serve at tables and those who are able to give finances to them ministry, Jesus displayed all the se ministries here while on earth. Two examples of giving and serving are shown to us in the book of Acts. In Acts chapter 6 we read about Stephen who was a man full of faith who had the ministry of serving. Acts 10v1 is a man in Ceasarea called Cornelius, a Centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and on who feared God with all his household, who gave generously to the people, and prayed to God always. There are Questionnaires that you can obtain to help you identify your gifts and abilities, but ask yourself “what do I enjoy doing most”? This will give a strong indication to as where you fit within the body of Christ.



Secondly there are “The gifts of the Holy Spirit” based on 1Corinthians 12 of which there 9 gifts listed. They are word of wisdom, word of knowledge, the gift of faith, gifts of healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues. As you can see some of these gifts interrelate with motivational gifts, but with a different emphasis. These gifts are very important to the body of Christ, they are the power gifts. Jesus told his disciples to wait for after his accension to heaven. Luke 24v19 states “behold I send the promise of the Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high”.

Every Spirit filled believer at some time, will operate in these gifts, although not always when we want to. Usually there is a need within the body and yet there are some people who operate in them quite freely, but this comes with maturity of the persons walk with Jesus. There are times where I have had a word of knowledge or wisdom for a person, but it was when they were seeking the Lord for an answer in their life. The disciples were able to heal the sick with the authority that Jesus gave to them while he was here on earth. That power was an external power or on loan, it belonged to Jesus and went with him to the cross. When the disciples received the baptism of the Holy Spirit they received a personal anointing to operate in spiritual gifts empowered by the Holy Spirit. That same power is available to us as born again believers, as Jesus says “The works that I do, greater works shall you do because I go to the Father”.

I experienced this when I fellowshipped at Clark Taylor's ministry and was a home group leader of his church, Clark operated strongly in the gifts of the word of knowledge and healing, While I was part of his ministry, I also operated in these gifts, but once I left that anointing also left my life. I had to build God's anointing in my life for myself to be effective for the kingdom of God. Whereas the motivational gifts are there for the function of the church, the gifts of the Spirit are there as tools of warfare to fight the devil and bring deliverance to the oppressed, unfortunately some mainline denominations have discredited the gifts of the Holy Spirit and dis-empowered the body of Christ, But as the coming of Christ draws near so to the power of the gifts to bring deliverance to the church and revival to the nations.

The third category.

I call the “office gifts” (gifts of the son) which we read about in Ephesians 4v11. These are offices within the body of Christ that have a specific call on their lives, these people called are trained by the Lord for the building of His church and edification of the body. The “office’ gifts have large responsibilities and in some instances are required many years of training because they are frontline ministries of the world. The apostle Paul spent 18 years in training after his conversion.

The fruit of the spirit is mentioned in Galatians 5v22 Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self control against such there is no law. As you can see there nine fruits of the Spirit as there nine gifts of the Spirit, now I can not tell you which fruit relates to which gift but I can tell you without the fruit operating in your life the gifts **WILL NOT** operate either. Many people want to be able to prophesy, but if you can not give a word in love and gentleness you are better of not giving it at all. Many people want to cast out devils but if you can not exercise self control against sin in your own life, then what right do you have to cast a devil out of another's life? A Pastor once said to me the key for the anointing is Praise, Now if you can not give praise back to God when you do some thing under the anointing, through his ability, then you may find that our God is a jealous God and you may not operate in the anointing as much as you would like.

God Bless you - Don Fenby.