

Morning Lesson

KNICKKNACKS AND BRIC-A-BRAC

Zech. 4:10

INTRO:

1. My bookshelves have a lot of knickknacks on display.
2. Most have little if any monetary value.

I. FORTY ISN'T OLD...IF YOU'RE A TREE.

- A. Several things were given to me when I turned 40.
- B. The reality of life is that either we pass on or we grow old.

Psalms 71:9, 18

- C. Whether we like or not, things change as we age.

Eccl. 12:1-7

- D. A child of God can wear his age as a crown. **Prov. 16:31**
- E. Every day I am one day closer to meeting God in judgment.

II. BOTTLES FROM GUYANA.

- A. I have several bottles that were given to me by a young man in Guyana, South America.

- B. Paul talked about us as earthen vessels. **2 Cor. 4:7**

- C. We should be evangelistic...reaching out with the good news of Christ. **Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:1-4**

- D. This is our purpose. **Eph. 3:10, 11**

III. HOW CORNY CAN IT GET?

- A. This was given to me by Gary Powell a few years before he died. He said I was the corniest preacher that he knew.

- B. There is a great lesson in corn. I can plant one seed and it produces one stalk with two ears. The ear Janice counted had 746 kernels. That is almost 1500 seeds from one seed being planted in productive soil.

- C. When we plant the seed of the gospel in a heart it can produce more than we planted. **Matt. 13:3-9**

CONC:

1. How do we tie all this together?
2. Each of these knickknacks were given to me by someone.
3. They are the result of a relationship.
4. That is what life is all about: relationships.
5. My life will never have a proper focus without a relationship with my creator. **Eccl. 12:13**