

# ***Fort Payne church of Christ***



## **The Weekly Moment**

*A Weekly Motivational Message*

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

### ***The Table***

With all of the seriousness that is all around us every day in dealing with the coronavirus, I thought I'd take a break and share something on a lighter note.

*A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away....*

Actually, it wasn't that long ago – about 30 years – and it wasn't that far away – about 11 hours away. But it is a true story with a little embellishment. This is about a table – a wooden table – that has been in our dining room for about 33 years.

In 1989, a new preacher came to town. He was, and continues to be, a very good preacher and friend. Preacher has numerous talents and one of these was woodworking. Preacher was visiting our house one day and noticed our wooden dining room table. He admired the table, but said it needed refinishing and volunteered to do so. He did a very good job. I asked if he guaranteed his work and he said he did. That was a mistake.

A few years later, after we had both moved to new cities, we crossed paths at a lectureship. We invited preacher to stay with us while he was in town. He noticed the table again and said it needed refinishing. I said, "Great. When do you want to do it?" Well, that guarantee was long forgotten, and excuses started to take its place.

Over the years, every time we would meet or talk on the phone, the subject of the table would come up and I would remind him of his guarantee. "When are you going to refinish my table?" Excuses! Seeing that I was getting nowhere being direct, I decided to enlist the aid of others to help get the point across. Whenever I would run into someone who knew preacher, I would tell them of the table and ask them to remind preacher that he still owed me a refinishing job under the guarantee. I don't know how many times those requests were honored, but I do know that some were.

We talked a couple of weeks ago and preacher actually brought up the table to me, saying, *"I guess we're even on the table by now."*

*"EVEN! I don't think so!"*

I usually try to make a spiritual application to every article I write, but I can't seem to find one here. I would ask one thing. The next time you run into Glenn Colley, preacher, ask him when he is going to honor his guarantee and refinish my table!

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the *"most of your minutes"* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

***Bob Strickland***