

Family

Finding the right angle takes grace instead of effort

Recently, I was working on making a dining room table. As I was creating it I was taking my time to “measure twice, cut once.” When I would get in a hurry then I paid the price. Part way through the project I checked how square the apron was to the top – it wasn’t a right angle. It seemed that the work that I did to fasten it all down didn’t create the right angle I wanted. This made me concerned about how the legs would look by the end. (If you ever come and see it, don’t look too closely.)

To ensure getting a right angle, there are lots of precautions to take into consideration. There are lots of tools and rules to follow in order to make sure that the angle is specifically 90 degrees. It doesn’t take much, especially when human error is involved, to be off a few degrees.

One can try and try and try, but there is still the chance that the project will be off – then what is one to do? All that work, and not a perfect angle to show for it. It can drive some people crazy. Those that suffer with any part of obsessive compulsive disorder would be spinning in circles over something not correct.

Trying to find the right angle is how some people approach God. All they know is to follow the rules. Trying to do all the correct things so they can feel they have done all they can do to make sure, “in the end,” they can stand before Him knowing they did the correct things.

They may read their Bible so that they can feel good about themselves. They are a part of a church and go for the purpose of feeling good about themselves. They behave, both in church and society in a way that makes sure they are doing right.

Just as it was a lot of effort to make sure my project’s angles were square, it is a lot of effort to make sure that you achieve a right angle with God. But what will you do if you are off by any fraction of a



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degree? What will you do if you find out that an error you’d committed when you were 20 years old took you away from being at a right angle and caused you to lose out on any hope of heaven? You would do anything to go back to that day and change it, right?

Don’t misunderstand, thinking one can do things at the other end of the spectrum and be okay with God. God is just, which, to me, means that sometimes He must show “tough” love and will hold people accountable for what they’ve done or not done while they lived their life.

What I am getting at is that grace, which God has given mankind, is something that shouldn’t make us worry if we are at a “right angle” with God, or not. We can be a few degrees off and still look good to God. One person once described grace as “God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.” The first letter of each of those words spells out grace.

That description is so true! We are able to be a few degrees off, because we are sinners. We are able to be right with God because of the grace that has been given to us, through Christ paying the price.

I tried to make sure that my project had right angles. However, if it does not have every angle the way it is supposed to be, that doesn’t make it a total waste. Let us not get caught up in being too concerned about filling our lives with right angles, but rather understand that as Christians, we can be a few degrees off and God will still give us the opportunity to be in heaven.

Enjoy life, even if you are a few degrees off a right angle!

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Senior Center

Shuffle board at the Center on Wednesday. Come play with friends.

Activities for the week: Monday: popcorn day. Tuesday: 10 a.m., exercise; 10:30 a.m., pinochle game. Wednesday: 10:30 a.m., shuffle board. Thursday: 10 a.m., exercise; 10:30 a.m., Wii bowling. Friday: 10 a.m., exercise; 10:30 a.m., shuffle board.

Menus for the week: Monday: cook’s choice entree, green beans, mandarin oranges, yogurt. Tuesday: baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, rolls, gelatin with fruit. Wednesday: chef salad, pineapple, bread sticks, fruit cobbler. Thursday: turkey and rice soup, broccoli salad, crackers, bread pudding with peaches. Friday: sausage gravy, mashed potatoes, cook’s choice vegetables, biscuit, pears.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch at the senior center. A contribution of \$2.75 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5 for others.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Hays postpones flu shots

Hays Medical Center has postponed its annual drive-through flu shots scheduled for Sunday, since the hospital received only part of the vaccine it ordered.

Officials said they are working on alternate plans once the remaining vaccine is received.

The event typically vaccinates 3,500 people, the hospital says. This year the goal is to vaccinate everyone considered high risk,

Concussion, burns addressed in Hays

An emergency medical services seminar on the concussions, detecting child abuse, case studies and burns will be held by the Hays Medical Center Education Department on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24 and 25. Saturday’s registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the program running until 4:30 p.m. Sunday’s registration will be at 8 a.m. with the program running to 4:30 p.m. The program will be in the Hadley Conference Rooms, Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury.

Speakers include: John Freisen, Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Services; Scot Hubbell; Dr. David Fitzhugh, director of athletic programs for Fort Hays State University; Emily Burkett, Fort Hays State; Dr. Tara Weiser, Pediatric Center of the medical center; Darren Haynes, Eagle Med head flight nurse; Lisa Burdett, Kansas Bureau of Investigation forensic scientist; Tom Drees El-

lis County attorney; Bill Poland, Kansas Highway Patrol; Rhonda Williams, Via Christi Burn Center; Tim Davis; Jason Fawver and Chy Miller, Hutchinson Community College.

The program is designed for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, first responders and other healthcare professionals. It is approved for fourteen contact hours for recertification and nursing relicensure.

The program fees are \$15 for one day and \$25 for both days. There is an additional \$10 fee for nursing continuing education credits.

Registration is due Tuesday, Oct. 20. To register, call (800) 248-0073, extension 5500, or email dmclaren@haysmed.com.

Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.78
Corn (bushel)	\$2.90
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.39
Soybeans (bushel)	\$7.89

Rotary Club

Colby Rotary met Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Colby Community College with 33 members and guests in attendance. Guests included Barry Blount and Patrick Toth.

Birthday wishes were extended to Wayne Horlacher.

The program was provided by Thomas County Coalition members Sue Evans, Brenda Platt, Melissa Augustine, Melany Wilks, and Melinda Olson. Coalition

members provided the club with an overview of upcoming events and programs.

Carolyn Armstrong was the Roto-Lotto winner.

The club meets at noon each Tuesday in the Student Union at Colby Community College.

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Thank You!  
Thank You, Thank You, Thank you to promoters Kerry and Leesa Wark of the Thomas County Speedway and all the volunteers who helped with hosting the Jeff Hartwell Memorial Race. Thank you to all the fans who donated to the American Cancer Society during the intermission when helmets were provided by drivers for the collection. Jeff had a hard and long battle against the disease which takes millions of Americans each year. It gives us such great pleasure to have a race in tribute to the driver of 23X who put his whole heart into every race and for him not to be forgotten. It lifts our hearts to have such an awesome collection to the disease and get closer to a cure. Thank you again for lifting our hearts for a man we miss dearly everyday.  
Irene, Kayla, Chase and Jordan Hartwell.  
Hope to see everyone again next year.

Shirley Malcolm's 70th Birthday Celebration  
The family of Mrs. Shirley Malcolm would like to invite the public to attend a 70th birthday celebration in her honor on December 26, 2009 at Colby United Methodist Church. The festivities begin at 1:30 pm with a tribute to Mrs. Malcolm for her 50 years of teaching piano lessons. A reception will follow from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Colby UMC. Please share your stories and memories in a Card Shower for Mrs. Malcolm.  
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Schedule of church services  
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