

# BITS & PIECES

## CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

### ROLLAND C. STARR, PASTOR

[WWW.CORNERSTONEBAPTISTMETROBOSTON.ORG](http://WWW.CORNERSTONEBAPTISTMETROBOSTON.ORG)

NOVEMBER 2016

#### ME FIRST MENTALITY

I, “Me first”, or self will, is the essence of human nature. In the summer of 1986, two ships collided in the Black Sea, causing the tragic loss of life. An investigation revealed the cause of the accident which hurled hundreds of passengers into the icy waters. The tragedy was not traced to some major problem like a breakdown in radar or a thick fog. The blame was attributed to human stubbornness. Each captain was aware of the other’s presence. Both could have taken evasive action to avert the collision. But according to the news reports, neither wanted to give way to the other. It seems that each was too proud to yield and make the first move. This is often the problem when members of the church “collide.” How often church squabbles could be avoided if one of the parties would just humble himself. In Philippians 4:5 it says, **“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.”** Moderation means *reasonableness or the ability to yield.*

#### BEWARE THE WILES OF THE DEVIL

D.L. Moody was warning the congregation about the “wiles of the devil.” He said that during the Franco-German war, the German drummers and trumpeters used to give the French beats and calls in order to deceive the enemy. The command to halt or cease firing was often given by the Germans and it has been said that the French soldiers were thus placed in positions where they could be easily shot down like cattle. One of the great “wiles” of the devil is to counterfeit the truth. This is true in many areas, none more important relative to the Bible. Modern versions are nothing but counterfeits of God Holy Word!

#### A GOOD TESTIMONY

D.L. Moody told of an incident concerning one of the students in their Bible Institute. This young man was riding the street car and when it stopped near the Institute he jumped off without paying the fare. But shortly afterwards, his conscience bothered him. So after school he went down to the car barn and found the conductor and told him the story and gave him the fare. The conductor said that he was a fool not to keep it. After all, the man said, “It was my job to catch you.” The young man said, “No, I got my ride and I need to pay the fare.” The conductor said, “You must be from that Bible Institute.” If we claim to be Christians and believe the Bible, we need to do right. You never know what effect your testimony might have on someone. We need to remember that we not only represent the Lord Jesus Christ at all times, but we also represent His Church. **“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”** ~Matthew 5:16