



Thursday Thought

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“Pushing the right button”

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Verse for the week: “Colossians 3:2 (KJV) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

At our church we have a portable baptistery. When the church was built there wasn't one included so after years of not having one, we were finally able to purchase one a few years ago. We were excited because it was so much better than the inflatable pool we had used before. It has a pump to circulate the water and a heater. We had used it twice when the pump and heater stopped working. For the past 3 years we have filled it up with hot water in hopes that it would stay warm until the baptisms took place. We have had several people look at the pump to see if there was an issue but nobody could figure out what the problem was, until recently. We were getting ready to have another baptism and had someone come out to put a new element in the hot water heater so there would be hot water to fill it. After he repaired the water heater we then asked him to look at the baptistery. He took plates off that covered wires and used his electrical tester but all seemed to be in order. But then he pulled out a cord that had a large white button on it and when he pressed it, all things kicked into gear. The following Sunday we were able to have the baptistery filled with circulating, warm water. It was a beautiful experience.

So what spiritual insight does this story have? We like to be comfortable and content. Just look at all the bed commercials out there: Sleep Number, Tempur-pedic, Posture-pedic, Beauty Rest and so on. I can tell you that those who were baptized when the water was cold did not prefer it. (My oldest brother was baptized in a creek where they had to bust the ice out of it. – I DON'T THINK SO!) The Apostle Paul writes in **Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV), I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.** What was the secret? He realized that nothing in this world could truly make us content. Things may give us comfort and contentment for a moment, but true contentment comes only from Christ and lasts forever. **Hebrews 13:5 (NLT) says, Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”**

Question to ask yourself: What are you striving to fill your life with that will bring you contentment? Is it found in the things of this world or in Jesus Christ?