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# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### "The Liked Cow/Sermons Needing Tipped"

By Preacher/Teacher Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Ministries

My wife, Pennie, was telling me about cow tipping, I had never heard of it. So I did what every modern day "teacher" (Ephesians 4:11) of God's Word would do, I got on the internet, found my Google search and typed in "cow tipping." Sure enough, there is such a thing as "cow tipping." Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia, has this information: Cow tipping is the purported activity of sneaking up on an unsuspecting cow and pushing it over for entertainment." According to Wikipedia, popular culture grasps cow tipping. "In the 2006 animated movie Barnyard, a group of tough talking cattle from New Jersey go 'boy-tipping' in response to similar behavior against cattle. A website in the 1990s provided a virtual cow tipping game. In the 1989 black comedy Heathers, two teenaged characters attempt to tip a cow when drunk. In the 1995 Paramount Pictures movie Tommy Boy, Tommy attempts to tip over a cow, only to slip in cow manure. In the graphic game Day of the Tentacle, Purple Tentacle indulges in some cow tipping as the beginning of his crime wave." (Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia, Cow Tipping, Popular Culture). The research I have done personally, indicates that most attempts to do cow tipping is usually done under

the influence of a mind-altering drug or under the peer pressure from foolish friends. My wife also informed me that most attempts to cow tipping are unsuccessful.

I bring to your attention a sacred cow that needs to be tipped in most modern day Institutionalized churches: the Liked Cow. This cow represents those sermons that proclaim messages that are pleasing to the ear of mankind. A real temptation is quite prevalent among hirelings to proclaim

messages that intrigue listeners to like them. Paul warns young Timothy, "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths." (2 Timothy 4:3) Myths (múthos) in the New Testament denote stories having falsehoods and pretense in order make teachers to appear

wise. (The Complete Word Study of the New Testament) People who prefer myths find many different teachers who speak messages that make them feel good, rather than having to deal with sin in the heart before receiving blessings from God. They love messages that are full of some kind of prosperity: promising happiness, bright future and recognition without a full surrender to the Lordship of Christ. They like messages that promote a subtle authority and power without a full submission to the full authority of Jesus Christ. They like messages that give approval to lifestyles, attitudes, and speech which breaks the heart of God.

The hard truth is when itching ear messages are given to please hearers, it shows the true heart of the teachers.

True Christ-appointed teachers tip the like cow messages by believing that God's Word is living and active. They do not feel the need to become comedians, give motivational speeches, or create flamboyant stories to capture or keep their listeners' attention. They depend on the truth of Scripture and the Holy Spirit to feed the Body of Christ as well as call the lost world to God.

What messages do you feed your spiritual heart and soul?

### A PIECE OF THE PAST



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Have you ever wondered why people love to collect antiques? Certainly, things were built differently way back then...each piece was carefully made by hand...no assembly line construction. Perhaps we want to preserve that uniqueness by owning a piece of the past. Today nearly every item we purchase is a clone of the others on the shelf. But we are each unique and precious to God. Our Heavenly Father hears our words and knows our thoughts the same as He did a hundred or a thousand years ago. Today, as in the past, we can praise Him at our house of worship.

#### Weekly Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:18-38	Matthew 10:1-15	Matthew 10:16-31	Matthew 10:32-42	Matthew 11:1-19	Matthew 11:20-30	Matthew 16:13-28
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