

The Lowedown

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Working the Bugs Out!

Have you ever noticed how much bugs are a part of our life? We have computer bugs that wreak havoc on our systems at the most inopportune times.

We have people who bug us too. I get bugged when people let their animals poo on my lawn and they don't pick it up.

Jen and I live right next to a school. There's a back entrance to the school that separates us from our neighbor. Everyday, a lot of kids walk right by my house to enter the back of the school.

Somehow, my yard has become a dumping ground for empty juice boxes, unwanted lunches and other various trash. That really bugs me!

Currently in Davis, there's a local proposition on the ballot. Jen and I are in favor of it so we agreed to place a **"Yes on Measure X"** sign in our front yard.

Almost everyday, I go outside and see the sign laying flat on our lawn. Someone keeps coming by and taking the sign out and laying it flat so that it isn't visible to the many people who walk by. Whoever this person is, they are really bugging me.

Recently, Jen and I returned to our home to find that we are being "bugged" for real.

We noticed a few tiny pinholes in one of the walls in our den. We decided to call our exterminator and have it checked out.

When our exterminator examined our walls, he informed us that we have been invaded by subterranean TERMITES!

My first reaction when I saw the

pinholes was to ignore it. I mean, I really didn't want to entertain the thought that there might be something major like termites.

However, addressing the problem early was wise because we learned that the termites had not been in the wall long enough to really cause any structural damage. The amount of money we had to shell out to address the problem, though significant to us, was nothing compared to what we would have had to pay if we had neglected the problem and let it go untreated.

I think my spiritual life is similar sometimes. There are issues in my life—character flaws and sinful habits that I often ignore, not wanting to deal with them. Yet if I don't deal with them, I find that they often get worse.

I think this is what Paul meant in Ephesians 4.22 when he encouraged us to "lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,"

The tense of the verb indicates that the corruption of our sinful nature is ongoing. In other words, it's getting worse.

Please pray for us, that we would address the "spiritual bugs" that can wreak havoc on our character. Pray that we would not ignore the things that have the potential to cause damage to our spiritual foundation.

Thanks for your partnership with us in reaching students for Jesus.

HURRICANE KATRINA & UC DAVIS

Last Saturday, I was at a men's breakfast that some of our students put together. Over 40 UC Davis guys crammed into a student's house and ate eggs, pancakes and sausage and just had good ol' male bonding.

At my table was a student named Lance whom I'd never met. He was wearing a shirt that said, "You know you're a Tulane student if..."

As we got to talking, I found out that Lance is a Tulane student who has been displaced by Hurricane Katrina. He has transferred to UC Davis for this term and is seeking to make his transfer permanent.

I wondered how he ended up at our breakfast, so I asked him if he was involved in Campus Crusade back at Tulane. He said, "no, I'm new to this whole thing." Lance came to the breakfast because one of our new students, who himself is a transfer from Fresno Community College, invited him to come.

I'm not quite sure where Lance is at spiritually, but I'm hoping to connect with him more on a spiritual level.

Please pray for Lance, as well as other Tulane students. Pray that this disruption in their lives will cause them to think more about spiritual things. Pray that Lance would come to know Jesus.