

Amy: Welcome to A Word Fitly Spoken, a podcast about Jesus, His Word, and our joy in following Him. I'm Amy Spreeman.

Michelle: And I'm Michelle Lesley. And listeners, today we're going to kick things off with a few Scriptures to set the stage for our topic today:

Proverbs 15:13: A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.

Proverbs 17:22: A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Ecclesiastes 3:1&4a: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to weep, and a time to laugh

Amy: That's right, Michelle. Today, we're talking about joy, laughter, cheerfulness, and humor in the church and in the Christian life! And in just a moment we are going to introduce you to our friend, Pastor Keith Foskey. You might know Keith best as the creator of the funny videos with titles like, "If They Were Churches" and "Denominational Meetings" -- where he uses his unique humor to compare the differences between various denominations and churches. It's a great way to get us to laugh at ourselves and not take our differences too seriously. For example: "If Star Wars Characters Were Churches, "If Princess Bride Characters Were Churches," and "The Denominations Throw a Super Bowl Party".

Michelle: You really have to watch the videos to get the full effect, but let's listen in to "If Churches Made Survival Buckets". What would Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and other churches pack into a prepper survival bucket? Let's find out:

Play video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivAXaG2-23Y&list=PLczriqVOY-tmfAVxw5rpd1cc1cH_1lZFG&index=20

Amy: You can't see it, but Keith has a different outfit for each of the denominations he's portraying! Those videos will certainly put a smile on your face, but that's not all Keith does. He's also a husband, father, pastor, teacher, and podcaster. With that. Let's welcome Keith Foskey! Keith, why don't you tell us a little about yourself and what you do?

Keith: Introduces himself.

Michelle:

Questions:

- ☐ Most pastors and Christian podcasters only put out serious material like sermons or discussions of Christian issues. Why did you decide to create humorous videos in addition to your more serious materials?

- ☐ Would you say that Scripture supports using appropriate humor at appropriate times as a way of teaching, expressing truth, and exposing the unbiblical?
- ☐ Is your church supportive of your use of humor in your videos? Do you use humor when you preach? How much humor is too much humor in a sermon?
- ☐ How have viewers responded to your comedic videos?
- ☐ Over the years, I've (Michelle) encountered a few - mainly Reformed - Christians who don't seem to think humor is *ever* appropriate and have scolded me for making even the mildest of jokes. Have you ever received any criticism like that, or people telling you it's unChristlike to make fun of other denominations and churches? That it's slanderous, scoffing, mocking, unkind, etc.? How do you respond to that accusation?
- ☐ From time to time, we hear from followers in good, doctrinally sound, Reformed churches that their congregations are cold, and it's impossible to develop close-knit relationships with others. These women are lonely and friendless right in their own churches! Why do you think that is? Is there anything that can be done about it? Could appropriate humor at appropriate times be one of the factors that helps bring a little warmth into these congregations?

Amy: Keith, it's been great to have you on the show today. As we wrap up, is there anything else you'd like to share with the listeners that we haven't asked you about?

Keith: ... *answers* ...

Michelle: And, of course, we'll put all your links in the show notes, but can you tell our listeners where on the world wide web they can find your podcast, videos, and social media?

Keith: ... *answers* ...

Amy: Keith, thanks so much for coming on the show today. We really enjoyed it, and I know our listeners did, too!

Michelle: Yes, thank you so much!

Keith: ... *thanks 'n' bye* ...

Amy: Well listeners, we tackled a unique subject today. What did you think? What did you learn about humor in the church and the Christian life? Head on over to our Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram pages and leave a comment to let us know! You can find the direct links to all of our social media pages at our website, AWFS.Life.

Michelle: And until next time, smile and laugh, be cheerful and joyful, and walk worthy.