**Deep Potato Thoughts**

Everything is either a potato, or it is not a potato.

There is a special place for many of God’s special creatures: right next to the mashed potatoes.

What do you get when it rains potatoes?

Spuddles.

If you are looking for someone to make potato puns, you can always count on me to chip in.

just sometimes wish would go away and leave us alone. We find them to be loud and obnoxious, or rude, or we might disagree strongly with their views on one thing or another. Sometimes God puts abrasive people in our path to sand the rough edges off of ourselves. We need to be kind and love those who are not very lovable.

**Hesitater:** Proverbs 28:1—The wicked man flees, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

Confidence should be one of the standing attributes of a Christian. We have a head knowledge that God is in control, but we may have a heart desire to hold back and wait. We hesitate, even when we know where we are to be going and what we should be doing. The Bible is quite plain regarding God’s expectations for Christians. But we tend to hold back maybe in fear or trepidation. God continually confirms that we can trust him in every circumstance.

**Facilitater:** Galations 6:2—Carry each other’s burdens.

Do we expend our energy on other people’s behalf? Many around us could use help and may not be asking, but a warry eye can spot situations that could use a helping hand. Jesus poured his life into his disciples. They were his greatest concern. Jesus lived for others, to help others, to make a difference in every life he touched. We would do well to live with the same abandonment of our own selfishness.

**Meditater:** Psalm 1:2—But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Our fast paced world shouts for our attention and usually succeeds in getting it. God’s “still small voice” can be heard if we quiet down and consider God and his ways. Often it requires a commitment on our part to actively set aside time to just stop and slow down and consider God and his goodness and mercy. It is always time well spent.

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**Agitater:** I Timothy 6:3—If anyone teaches false doctrines, he has an unhealthy interest in controversies.

There are those who live to stir up controversy. They enjoy the feeling of power that it gives them, to see others get angry and turn on each other. They sit back and watch the show, ever learning how to do it better the next opportunity that comes their way. And because they are in a group, they can usually keep a bit of their “anonymity” and rarely get blamed for their underhanded schemes.

**Cogitater:** I Peter 5:7**—**Cast all of your cares on him for he cares for you.

Cogitaters may tend to think themselves well thought out and simply being conservative minded. While it is good to plan and consider all options before striking out on a plan, there are limits to that part of the process. At some point, it becomes evident that too much consideration leads to confusion and reservation and simply failing to act in a timely fashion.

**Spectater:** James 1:22—Do not merely listen to the Word, do what it says.

How many sit in the stands and watch a few play the game? That may be a great ratio for sports, but a horrible ratio for the Gospel. God needs workers. He desires people willing to play the game. When we study the Bible, we learn that he does expect something of us. And we fail him when we refuse to become involved. While it is easier to sit and watch, those who do not participate miss out on the thrill of being a part of what God wants to do in this world.

**Irritater:** Ephesians 4:32—Be ye kind one to another.

An abrasive personality is difficult to deal with. There are those we

