

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

If you feed the birds in your backyard, you probably know that there are some things that work and others that fail miserably. In the spirit of David Letterman’s famous Top Ten Lists, here are the “Top Ten Bird Feeding Mistakes to Avoid.”

No. 10: Filling your tube feeder with mixed seed. If you do this, all the seed will run out onto the ground, making the sparrows, doves and bluebirds very happy. Solution: Use sunflower seed instead.

No. 9: Ground feeding in the same place all winter. If you scatter seed on the ground all winter in one place, you will create a stinky, messy, unhealthy zone that will be hard to clean up in the spring. Solution: Change feeding spots several times, especially during wet weather. If it’s snowing, ground feeding won’t work. I’ve used a table one year to create a protected feeding spot and it worked great. I moved it near the feeders in my front yard and scattered seed on the ground under the table. I had 6-8 inches of snow on the ground, but under the table it was clear of snow and the birds loved having dry seed. One day, I counted 40 to 50 purple finches feeding at one time.

No. 8: Ignoring feeder hygiene. Yes, its cold outside, but dirty feeders can still make birds sick. Solution: Wash your feeders at least monthly in a light (9:1) water to bleach solution. Rinse thoroughly and allow to air dry. Ok, it’s hard to have anything dry out this time

of the year. I watch the weather forecast and clean my feeders when we have 3-4 days of dry weather.

No. 7: Buying your seed at the grocery store. Ok, some stores do sell good seed mixes, but most just sell cheap mixes. There’s a reason this seed is so cheap. Solution: Read the label. The ingredients should be sunflower, millet and cracked corn. If wheat, milo, barley and other seeds are listed as main ingredients, don’t buy it. Get your seed elsewhere. During the winter you will want to use more peanuts for that added protein to keep the birds warm. I’ve seen nut mixes out there. I buy that and seed that has chopped up nuts in with the black oil sunflower seed.

No. 6: Feeding last year’s leftover seed. Seed like any other food, it ages. Moths and weevils eat the seed and lay eggs in it. If your old seed is full of cobwebs, it’s been invaded by flour moths and is no good. Solution: Throw it out and get new seed. You may want to try using plastic cans with lids for storage. That will keep the mice and moths out. Try buying only what you need for the next month.

No. 5: No feeder variety. Ground feeding is fine, but many birds prefer to use hanging or raised feeders. If you’re feeding on the ground and are wondering where the chickadees, nut-hatches and woodpeckers are, try this: Solution: Use hanging feeders and limit the ground feeding, you’ll soon get some other, smaller

songbirds to visit your feeders. I use platform feeders that are 3-4 feed off the ground. I also scatter seed on the ground for those ground feeding birds, but my chickadees love the raised feeder.

No. 4: Believing that no thistle seed means, no goldfinches, siskins and other finches. Yes, they love thistle (or niger) seed, but they will eat other seed. Niger seed is nice, but it’s an expensive seed to offer exclusively. Solution: All these species will come readily to feeders that stock only black-oil sunflower seed with a nut mix. I use the mix of black oil sunflower seed and chopped up nuts. They love it. Augment this with thistle if you wish.

No. 3: Feeding birds lots of stale bread. The birds may seem to love your stale bread, but feeding bread to a hungry bird is like feeding popcorn to hungry people. It has lots of filler with little or no nutritional value. Putting bread out may attract other unwanted visitors to your yard. Here’s a solution: Offer cut up apples, oranges slices and even mealworms to your feeders for that change of food and you’re still giving them nutrition. Your birds will love it. Don’t put too much out at one time, again



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The Return of Christ

Zechariah 14:1-4 1 “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming and your spoil will be divided in your midst. 2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.”

Many people believe that some prophecies have already occurred – the one in the verse above, not so much. The coming to earth of the Messiah will signal the end of this age, the breaking of the power of the nations, the restoration of peace and prosperity to Israel, and the beginning of the reign of the Messiah over the earth. *Revelation 20:4* says the following: “4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” Many believe – I among them – believe there will be a literal 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth.

In the 2010 Pew Survey, 41 percent of Americans – not just

Christians but all Americans – believed that Jesus will return to earth before 2050. The U.S. has been somewhat isolated from direct impact of much of the world crises, but this cannot last forever. From the perspective of 2016, we can see that there are likely difficult days ahead. Yet it remains to be seen if those difficulties will be interpreted in light of a Christian end-times scenario or not.

What I am personally watching for, in addition to the things we have talked about in the previous articles, are as follows: 1) A strong leader to rise in Europe with solutions to the terrific problems that now surround them; 2) Continued and greater problems in the European Union with nations either leaving or attempting to leave; 3) A growing rejection by popular culture of a ‘Christ as Savior’ centered Christian message; 4) An electronic/computerized monetary system and the attempt to eliminate cash transactions from society; 5) The continued growth of a Russian presence in the Middle East; and 6) A continued and increasing rejection of Israel throughout the world. There are others, but I think that’s enough.

My hope throughout this series of articles has been simply to get you to look at the world around you and to watch for what is coming. May the Lord direct your thinking. May the Lord direct you to a church where Jesus is honored and salvation in Him alone is preached.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

Ministry at CBC

Wednesday, April 27
A.W.A.N.A. Awards Night
6:30 p.m. – Bring cookies

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The Love Test

How would we score if there was a love test? How would we score on a test of how faithful and devout a Christian we are; on how much we love Christ?

Most of the time we think that things are going pretty well and we’re doing a pretty good job of being a Christian but in fact, I’m convinced that most people if asked, “How are you doing?” would answer, “I’m doing just fine.” But in reality, when it comes to our spiritual lives, things may not be going very well. We may not be growing spiritually, but still we consider ourselves, “Just fine.”

But what if we had a test that could really measure the level of our commitment to Christ, and of our discipleship? Well, maybe we do.

It seems that in *John 13:31-35* Jesus provides us with the marks of true discipleship, and gives us a measuring stick to show

us how well we’re doing spiritually. That’s when Jesus begins to talk about what it means to be His disciple, and he shares with them two marks of what it takes to follow Him.

First of all, in verse 31 Jesus tells them that a mark of discipleship is a desire to glorify God: “...Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him.’”

Jesus is saying, “I’m going to be glorified,” and it is evident that He is talking about His own crucifixion. But how can any glory come out of that? How can glory come out of the Son of God hanging on an old rugged, bloody cross? How can glory come out of suffering and pain and death?

There’s just one way. On the cross Jesus became the sacrifice to redeem us from all the sins that separate us from God. He restored our relationship with the Father. On the cross He built a bridge between man and God so that we could be together again.

But there’s more. He also says, “God will also be glorified through Me.” What a strange statement! How could God be glorified through Jesus Christ? Well again, the answer is found in the cross.

On the cross Jesus reveals once again what God is really like. On the cross we see the love and mercy of God, the grace and justice of God. On the cross we see the righteousness, the holiness, and the power of God. It’s all right there, and Jesus willingly gave Himself upon the cross so that we could see it.

Jesus is telling us, “Whenever we show the world the love and mercy and grace of God in our lives, then God is being glorified through us.”

The second mark of discipleship is found in verse 34 when Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

er. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

God’s Word says that the world will know we are Christians by our love, not by our Scripture memorization, or the amount of money we’ve given. Christ wants His followers to be known for their love; by how they minister to one another.

Maybe it’s in comforting someone who is hurting from the loss of a loved one, or having struggles at the task of putting together a blended family. Maybe it’s helping and understanding the trials of someone who has lost a job, or who struggles with alcohol or drugs.

Let’s get back to the place where people can truly say about us, “Behold those Christians, how they love one another!” That’s how we, too, can pass the ‘love test’ set for us by Jesus.

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