

THE TATER FAMILY

Phil. 4:8

INTRO: When digging a basket full of potatoes, you find many different shapes and sizes, yet all are members of the potato family. This is true with member of the church. We are all different, yet all members of the body. Some potatoes are good, and some are bad. The best thing to do is to try to get the bad potatoes out least they spoil the rest of the basket. This is also true with members of the church. We need to try to get those that are a bad influence to change. At this time we want to notice some of the bad members of the Tater family. We will then compare them to members of the church.

I. SPEC-TATER.

He is one who looks on. He does not do anything; he just looks on. He never sings, prays, teaches, converts, attends business meetings, or takes any active part. Jesus told of a spectator in Luke 10:32.

II. AGI-TATER.

He is a disturber. He is not happy with peace. He cannot stand to see things run smoothly. This is what happened with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch of Pisidia. Acts 13:50. Some members are like these Jews. They have to find something to cause trouble about.

III. DEVAS-TATER.

This is the twin brother of Agi-Tater. He wastes, tears down, and never builds. Read Jude 4-12. Some members tear down. Some may not realize it; others do, but enjoy it.

IV. LAMEN-TATER.

They are mournful and bewail (express grief). They always see hard times and depression. Obadiah. 1 Kings 18:9-15. Some can never see anything good; everything to them is always bad.

V. DIC-TATER.

Their attitude is rule or ruin; they must have their own way. Elymas. Acts 13:8-12. Diotrephes. 3 John 9-11.

VI. COMMENT-TATER.

They are full of advice, comments, and criticism. They never do anything. Most of the time they never tell the person involved. Prov. 25:9.

VII. IMA-TATER.

These copy others. Many times they imitate others without weighing the matter. They just follow whatever is done; they go along with others whether right or wrong. We should be ima-taters of God. 1 Pet. 2:21; Phil. 3:17; 1 Cor. 4:16; 1 Cor. 11:1.

VIII. MEDI-TATER.

They are thinking or studying. This person is always thinking; he takes so much time he never gets around to doing. Phil. 4:8. Here is where so many stop reading. We must note the next verse. Phil. 4:9.

IX. HESI-TATER.

He never chooses; he cannot decide. He never does anything because he never gets started. The convenient season for him never comes. Felix. Acts 24-25.

CONCL: If you have had some of these bad points, hesitate no longer. Obey today.