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## "You May Never Know What Impact You Have On Others"

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In my early, post college days, I volunteer coached a middle school church basketball team. We played in and were affiliated with a Louisiana statewide Baptist youth league. We practiced once each week on Thursday afternoons and played in league and tournament games each Friday and/or Saturday during basketball season.

One Thursday, I arrived late for practice. Thankfully, the assistant coach had the team running and loosening up for practice. One of the players ran up to me and asked where I was. I replied I needed to complete some work before leaving the office today. He replied, NO! Where were you Sunday morning! You were not in choir! I felt like I had been kicked in the gut. I had NO idea those middle school eyes were looking for and watching me each Sunday!

That was a great learning moment that continues to impact me each day. Who is watching you and are you being a good Christian example for those searching eyes and minds?

Wendell "Bubba" Collins is a long-time member of Shades and supporter of the Men's Ministry.

### Men of Shades Devotional

How about writing one devotion to share with the Men of Shades. Share your thoughts on a favorite Bible verse, a story from your life with an application from Scripture, or share a devotion written by a favorite writer that was particularly meaningful to you. Follow the parameters below and then send it to Steve Grissett at [s\\_grissett@yahoo.com](mailto:s_grissett@yahoo.com).

- Choose a favorite verse or verses (2 or 3).
- Write a short devotion of 200 to 300 words max.
- Add a title.
- Add one thought-provoking or reflective question at the end.
- Include a one or two sentence introduction of yourself.

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