

Chaplains Corner

Hot Head or Cool Cat? You can choose!

We sure did have a good time out here at East Bay Raceway Park last Saturday night! It all started two weeks ago when East Bay owner, Al Varnadore, out of desperation about hotheads on the clay, suggested that before a racer could get out of the car to confront another racer, he or she would have to quote a portion of scripture. It seemed like the perfect antidote for bad attitudes to us, so we offered to help implement the plan.

For the first test of the new rule we chose these inspiring words from the Proverbs:

***A hothead starts fights;
A cool-tempered person tries to stop them.***
Proverbs 15:18

That sums it up real good doesn't it? If we all followed just that one Proverb, we'd be making our world a better place. How about learning it right along with the racers? Maybe we'll ask you to recite it from the stands. We could all yell it out to the racers in unison. Wouldn't that be an encouragement? We think this is such a pithy and easy Proverb to learn that it deserves a second week. All of us could probably use to let it sink in a little deeper.

Being a **true cool cat** means more than just avoiding fights at the racetrack. The genuine article is a peacemaker behind closed doors at home with the family when nobody else knows what's going on. No wife likes to have a bully for a husband. She wants to be treated with love and compassion. The **true cool cat is a peacemaker 24/7** in spite of the stresses of everyday life. (If you aren't sure whether you are a hothead or a cool cat, ask your spouse!)

Being cool isn't about *attitude* or trendy clothes or the best toys. The **true cool one** lowers the temperature of every confrontation by being honest, seeing the other person's point of view, apologizing, and forgiving others as soon as possible. **A true cool person speaks the truth in love.**

No one really likes to be around a **hothead**. Most people avoid those who stir up trouble as much as possible. We prefer associating with calm self-disciplined people.

Jesus said, ***Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the sons of God.*** [Matthew 5:9] What's not to like about Jesus including you as God's offspring? Those who practice peace are like God who is peace. Jesus welcomes those who practice being cool-tempered into His family. He calls us *brother* and *sister*.

Be truly cool and be amazingly blessed,
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