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ARE YOU A HEDGEHOG OR A FOX? by Ps Barry

"The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing."

- Archilochus circa. 7th Century B.C.

I recently was reviewing a classic book on leadership called **Good To Great** by Jim Collins. Collins' book is about businesses that excel as compared to businesses that merely exist. In his assessment of exceptional companies he introduces what he calls the Hedgehog Concept of leadership. Here is his introduction to the concept:

"The fox is a cunning creature, able to devise a myriad of complex strategies for sneak attacks upon the hedgehog. Day in and day out, the fox circles around the hedgehog's den, waiting for the perfect moment to



pounce. Fast, sleek, beautiful, fleet of foot, and crafty – the fox looks like the sure winner. The hedgehog, on the other hand, is a dowdier creature, looking like a genetic mix-up between a porcupine and a small armadillo. He waddles along, going about his simple day, searching for lunch and taking care of his home.

The fox waits in cunning silence at the juncture in the trail. The hedgehog, minding his own business, wanders right into the path to the fox. 'Aha, I've got you now!' thinks the fox. He leaps out, bounding across the ground, lightning fast. The little hedgehog, sensing danger, looks up and thinks, 'Here we go again. Will he never learn?' Rolling up into a perfect little ball, the hedgehog becomes a sphere of sharp spikes, pointing outward in all directions. The fox, bounding toward his prey, sees the hedgehog defense and calls off the attack. Retreating back to the forest, the fox begins to calculate a new line of attack. Each day, some version of this battle between the hedgehog and the fox takes place, and

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What's Happening in the LIFE of KINGSWAY

Summer Camps are a top priority for our church. Camp is where kids & teens not only have lots of fun, but also connect with God and often make life-changing decisions for Him. Talk with Ps Dairn if you need more details about Summer camps and getting your kids & teens there (or helping our Kingsway kids & teens get there).

>Foursquare Kids Camp

Monday, August 22—Saturday, August 27
www.foursquarekidscamp.com

>Foursquare Youth Camp

Sunday, August 28—Friday, September 2
www.foursquareyouth.ca

Kids Day Camp

Tuesday, August 2—Friday, August 5

Kids going into Grades 1-4 will spend each afternoon from 1:00—4:00 pm at Kingsway learning about God and having a LOT of fun. If you still haven't registered, call the church office Tuesday morning, August 2nd.

8th Annual Foursquare Invitational

Friday, August 19

Presented by NorthRidge Foursquare Sports, this Golf tournament raises funds for Youth Ministry students at Pacific Life Bible College. Contact Ps Dairn for more details.

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What's Happening in the Life of Kingsway

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the calendar at a glance

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Life Groups at Kingsway

September is coming...which means LifeGroups — Bible Studies, Kids Zone, Alpha, Fellowship groups, sport groups, etc. — are all going to be back into full swing!

Our Friday Nights at Kingsway (Kids Zone, Alpha, etc.) start up on Friday, September 16th.

If you haven't been a part of a LifeGroup or small group in the past, decide to join one this Fall. They really do bring LIFE as we meet with and encourage each other.

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Are you interested in taking a course to further your understanding about the Bible? Or deepen your relationship with God?

Pacific Life Bible College may have something for you—check out their website and the Fall 2011 courses & intensives.



www.pacificlife.edu

The Number You Have Reached Is Not In Service!

Have you ever...

...sent an email to someone in our Kingsway Family and notice the email address you used from the latest Church Directory bounces back to you with the message "Delivery to the following recipients failed permanently."? (...sounds rather drastic, doesn't it?)

-or-

...picked up the Church Directory to call someone and when you dial the number, you hear that all too familiar voice saying, "The number you have reached is not in service. Please check the number and dial again."? (...at least the recorded messages generally say 'Please'.)

Have you ever experienced either of those situations?

Yeah. Me too.

Well then, it must be time to update our Kingsway Family Directory!

In fact, many of you have already received and responded to an email from Kingsway asking for your current information—**THANK YOU to those of you who have already responded to that email!** (And, by the way, if you are fairly certain the Church office has your current email address but you haven't seen the email, you may want to check your junk folder to see if it somehow snuck in there.)

If you have not received an email (junk or otherwise) about updating your information for our Kingsway Family Directory it is probably simply because we don't have your current email address or possibly you don't use email.

To help us complete the process of updating our Kingsway Family Directory, please **contact the**



Church office either by email (info@kingswayfoursquare.com) or phone (604-437-3748) and we will direct you to a simple online form; or fill out an **Info Card** (found in the pockets on the chairs in the Auditorium) and place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

We also want to be certain you understand that the information you pass onto the Kingsway Office will stay confidential. We will put limited information in the printed Directory and those contact details are for the use of staying connected with each other for ministry and fellowship purposes—not for solicitation or personal gain.

We're updating our directory because it's important for a Church Family to be connected. It's important for OUR Kingsway Church Family to be connected so we can minister to and fellowship with each other — go for a coffee together sometime; remind the others in our LifeGroup that we're meeting at 7:30 not 7:00 pm this week; to contact each other so we can stand together in prayer for needs and praise God together for answered prayers.

Have you ever needed your Church Family? Needed to connect and fellowship with others?

Yeah. Me too.

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despite the greater cunning of the fox, the hedgehog always wins." pp. 90,91

Collins' conclusion is: "Hedgehogs...simplify a complex world into a single organizing idea, a basic principle or concept that unifies and guides everything...hedgehog ideas." - ibid

The Hedgehog Call of Christ

"...you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed" — Jesus (Luke 10:41,42)

Did Jesus call us to be a fox or a hedgehog? Does he expect us to be and know everything or has he invited us to know one big thing? In the above quote Jesus is calming down his over-worked, complaining and harassed friend Martha. His admonition to her is to stop worrying about everything and start concentrating on one thing. That one thing is to sit and listen to Him, just as her sister Mary was doing. Martha was a fox — **Mary was a hedgehog!**



The Apostle Paul was a hedgehog! He was certainly smart enough to be a fox but he had discovered that the hedgehog principle was best. His one big idea was "I want to know Christ" and therefore "...one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize..." (See Philippians 3:10-14)

David was a hedgehog!

In all of his battles and the busy life of a king he had one safe place, one sanctuary, one retreat in trouble. "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what

I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe..." (Psalm 27:4,5)

Peter was a hedgehog! He realized how important it was to remember that God is patient and wrote: "...do not forget this one thing, dear friends". (2 Peter 3:8,9)

Jesus is Lord: A Hedgehog Idea

"You still lack one thing... come follow me." — Jesus (Luke 18:22)

As you look at your faith and life today, are you being a fox or hedgehog? Are you trying to do everything or are you doing the important thing. A rich young man came to Jesus one day. He was excelling in many areas but he was still unfulfilled and knew there was something missing. Jesus put his finger on that one thing, which was to surrender everything to Jesus as Lord of his life. This "foxy" smart young man was willing to do anything but the one thing Jesus asked. That was a sad day for both Jesus and this young adult.

There is a very famous essay about the hedgehog principle written by Sir Isaiah Berlin. He sums up this principle like this, "every genuine question has one true answer..." - true for everyone, in every place, at every time.

NOTE: As followers of Jesus we are hedgehogs about one thing! We believe that the one true answer to every genuine question is — **Jesus is Lord!**

So, are you a fox or a hedgehog?

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Recommended Reading & Suggested Surfing

a few of our Church leaders share books & websites they recommend



JOEL ~ “I just read Unleashed by Erwin McManus. It was convicting and inspiring at the same time.”

Unleashed: Release the Untamed Faith Within
Erwin McManus / Thomas Nelson, 2011

CHRISTOPHER ~ Many magazines and newspapers are adding paperless online editions. Chris notes that the magazine Faith Today is available online; check out their online summer edition at:



<http://digital.faithtoday.ca/faithtoday/>



PASTOR BARRY ~ “A book I read recently is The Power of a Whisper by Bill Hybels. This is a good book for those who want to understand how God guides

us and how to ‘hear’ His voice. Hybels shares a number of real life experiences and brings God’s guidance down to a practical living level.”

The Power of a Whisper: Hearing God. Having Guts to Respond
Bill Hybels / Zondervan, 2010

PASTOR JOANNE ~ “Fear is our ever-present personal foe, from those tiny mice (or bed-bugs) to the tension and turmoil in the economic and political systems of our present world. Max Lucado’s book, Fearless provides us supportive scripture & guidance which will help us change our fears into faith.”



Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear
Max Lucado / Thomas Nelson, 2009

PASTOR DAIRN ~ A website that Ps Dairn recommends is Plugged In which carries reviews by Focus On The Family of popular and current movie, video, music, and TV shows. <http://www.pluggedin.ca/>



And he also recommends the book:
Crazy Love: Overwhelmed By a Relentless God
Francis Chan / David C. Cook, 2008



BETH ~ A novel that has stood the test of well over a decade of time which Beth recommends for adult women (though men might enjoy it also) is Redeeming Love which is a retelling of the biblical story of Hosea reminding us of God’s unconditional love.

Redeeming Love: A Novel
Francine Rivers / Multnomah Books, 1997

LONNI ~ “I am simply going to unashamedly plug our very own Church website for its sermon mp3s! ;-) We hear ‘Top Notch’ teaching from the Word every Sunday—you may think I’m biased...but not in this case!”



<http://kingswayfoursquare.com>
(click the link to the Sunday Messages page)

Listening or RE-listening to a Kingsway message online can indeed reiterate what God has spoken to you; also, He often reveals something new the second time around.

Any books mentioned should be available at any local Christian bookstore. Our Kingsway staff support Pilgrim Book & Bible, 2740 Kingsway (at Earles St.) in Vancouver.

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