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**Final days of
summer!**

Gumption

by Charles R. Swindoll Scriptures: [Galatians 6:9](#)**Inside this issue:**

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We don't hear much about *gumption* anymore. Too bad, since we need it more than ever these days. I was raised on gumption (my parents also called it "spizzerinctum")—as were my own children, especially when I was trying to motivate them.

Can't you just see it as a whole new academic field—"Gumptionology 101"—in some college catalog? That will never happen, however, since gumption is better caught than taught.

Most folks get a little gumption in their initial birth packet, but it's a tool that rusts rather quickly. Here are some pointers that will help you keep it well oiled:

Gumption begins with a firm commitment. Daniel "made up his mind" long before he was dumped in a Babylonian boot camp ([Dan. 1:8](#)). Joshua didn't hesitate to declare his commitment in his famous "as for me and my house" speech ([Josh. 24:15](#)). You want gumption to continue to the end? Start strong!

Gumption means being disciplined one day at a time. Rather than focusing on the whole enchilada, take it in bite-sized chunks. The whole of any objective can overwhelm even the most courageous.

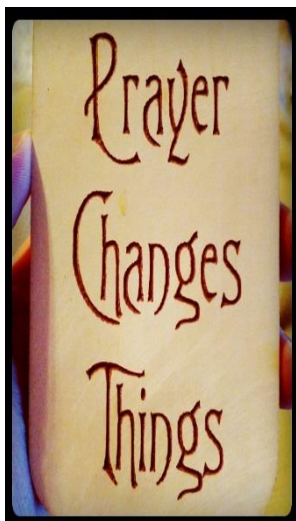
Gumption requires being alert to subtle temptations. Gumption plans ahead, watching out for associations that weaken us ([Prov. 13:20](#)), procrastination that steals from us (24:30-34), and rationalizations that lie to us (23:4; 25:28). People who achieve their goals stay alert.

Gumption requires the encouragement of accountability. At David's low-water mark, his friend Jonathan stepped in. When Elijah was ready to cash in everything, along came Elisha. With Paul it was Timothy . . . or Silas or Barnabas or Dr. Luke. People need people, which is why Solomon came on so strong about iron sharpening iron ([Prov. 27:17](#)).

Gumption comes easier when we remember that finishing has its own unique rewards. Jesus told the Father He had "accomplished" His assignment ([John 17:4](#)). On more than one occasion, Paul referred to "finishing the course" ([Acts 20:24](#); [2 Tim. 4:7](#)). Desire accomplished is sweet to the soul.

If the journey seems extra long today, enjoy a gust of wind at your back from these words out of The Living Bible. It's one of those spizzerinctum Scriptures: "Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up" ([Gal. 6:9](#)).

Gumption may be hidden, but it always shows.





Why should churches discipline members who consistently do not attend?

Over the years, I have been asked the question about how important church attendance is for members of the local church. Does it really matter if I am not a committed member in coming to church week by week and what effect could that possibly have on other believers?

I came across an article from one of our affiliate ministries to which we belong, *Nine Marks Ministries*, and I found a helpful explanation to the whole topic of church attendance called, *Why should churches discipline members who consistently do not attend?* The following short essay listed below is very helpful for putting this question into perspective, and I have chosen this article to be included in this latest Pastor's page.

Some church members are prevented by infirmity or necessity (think military deployment) from regularly attending the church. Others, however, deliberately choose not to attend the church of which they are a member. Such non-attenders have a toxic effect on the church.

NOT ALL NON-ATTENDERS ARE ALIKE

Since not all non-attenders are the same, churches should treat different kinds of non-attenders differently. Here are four different kinds:

- Those who live in the area and are unable to attend: age or health prevent them. Such elderly or physically suffering members should be treated with special care. This article isn't about them.
- Those who live (temporarily) outside the area and are unable to attend: military or business assignments prevent them, or other residence. Such (temporary) non-attenders should also be treated with special care since their travel for work places unique burdens on them and their family. This article isn't about them.
- Those who live outside the area and choose to keep their membership with *your* local church: distance prevents them. Such non-attenders should be encouraged to join a local church they can attend regularly.
- Those who live in the area and sporadically, infrequently attend: nothing really prevents them except their own choice. This article is *especially* about them.

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WHY NON-ATTENDERS ARE TOXIC AND THEIR EFFECTS

These last two types of non-attenders have a toxic effect on the local church because they render membership in the body of Christ meaningless. In 1 Corinthians 12 the apostle Paul speaks of the body and its parts as a metaphor for the church.

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.” (1 Cor 12:12) “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Cor 12:27)

- 1. They make evangelism harder.** Everyone who bears the name of Christ—as affirmed by your church calling them a “member”—yet who willingly choose to live their lives apart from the covenanted community of believers is practicing identity theft. They’ve taken Christ’s name, but they don’t honestly identify with his body, the local church. Living unaccountable lives, they make evangelism harder for other Christians because often they aren’t living like Christians.
- 2. They confuse new believers.** New believers need good models. When the doctrine they’re taught doesn’t sync with the models they see in the absentees, they become confused. They’re led to believe one can be a “Christian” and yet have little or no connection to Christ’s body. Non-attenders are not only reverse witnesses (see the previous point), they’re reverse models. They disregard and disobey countless passages of Scripture and fail to image God’s character in the most basic ways, even though they claim to be his adopted children.
- 3. They discourage regular attenders.** When a church allows non-attenders to remain members, they effectively gut the meaning of membership, which hurts and discourages the faithful.
- 4. They worry their leaders.** Hebrews 13:17 says, “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account.” In light of this verse, a faithful pastor or elder should feel responsible for the spiritual state of every member of his flock. Like a father worried about his son who hasn’t yet come home late at night, a good shepherd doesn’t rest until all his sheep are accounted for. Non-attenders make this task nearly impossible.

Therefore, if a church member persists in the sin of non-attendance despite extended and patient rebuke, the church should excommunicate them for unrepentantly disobeying. (Hebrews 10:24–25)

While time and courage are needed to address the problem of non-attenders, every pastor or elder should feel a burden to discipline these no-shows and cure the toxic effect they have on evangelism, on new believers, on the faithful attenders, and on the church’s shepherds. The payoff? As the church’s membership increasingly consists only in those who faithfully attend and contribute to the life of the body, the church will begin to resemble the body God intended: a display of His wisdom that brings glory to the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ.

By [Matt Schmucker](#)

<https://www.9marks.org/article/those-toxic-non-attenders/>

Proper Etiquette

with **BOB**



In this issue: Hat etiquette.

Hat etiquette is still practiced by a few Ladies and Gentlemen. Whether or not one would think it is an outdated rule, it shows respect.

Our society has become more casual with the passing of time, allowing manners to be lost by not passing on to the following generations. Keeping in mind the wide variety of customs of the many cultures in America, it is still important to offer respect to others.

Just a few examples of when and where to use hat etiquette:

One may keep their hat *on* outdoors at public athletic events, in lobbies, and in public task or transportation buildings.

Gentlemen should *remove* their hats during prayer, introductions, patriotic songs and ceremonies; at host homes, houses of worship, indoor events, and cinemas; while dining; while in offices, public education or justice buildings; and when an American flag passes by.

Ladies should *remove* their hats if obstructing the view of another, or if wearing a man's baseball cap or the like.

Military members in uniform and under arms are *not* to uncover.

Until next time.....



Woodville Community Church

ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Starting @ 2 p.m.



Please plan to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship,
live music, fun activities, and delicious food!

You won't want
to miss it!!!

FEATURING

The Williams Family Band

Families of all ages and
sizes are invited
to come enjoy the fun!



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August 2019



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for August: Adriana Beckwith				1 Praise Team practice	2 Elders' Prayer Time Biblical Soul Care meeting	3
4 WORSHIP SERVICE	5	6 Men's AM Bible Study	7 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	8 Praise Team practice	9 Elders' Prayer Time Biblical Soul Care meeting	10 All Church Picnic 2 pm 
11 WORSHIP SERVICE	12	13 Men's AM Bible Study	14 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	15 Praise Team practice	16 Board Meeting	17
18 WORSHIP SERVICE Biblical Soul Care meeting	19	20 Men's AM Bible Study	21 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	22 Praise Team practice	23 Elders' Prayer Time Biblical Soul Care meeting	24
25 WORSHIP SERVICE	26	27 Men's AM Bible Study	28 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	29 Praise Team practice	30 Elders' Prayer Time	31

Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 a.m.

Wednesday

NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.



August Birthdays

- 1 Linda Berkompas
- 12 Noah Cook
- 12 Pete Alley
- 16 Jenna Minor
- 16 Duke VanderArk
- 19 Vince Carter
- 22 Elliana Beckwith
- 23 Betty Sutton
- 24 Joyce Patrick
- 27 Brenden Mortensen
- 30 Tom Vanlaan

August Anniversaries

- 3 Don & Susan Foust
- 7 Paul & Pattie Morse
- 14 Bill & Sylvia Edwards
- 22 Gary & Jackie Teja
- 26 Bill & Sue Walta
- 28 Al & Karen White
- 28 Bob & Marge Shoemaker
- 29 Randy & Peg Peters
- 30 Larry & Joyce Patrick (62 years)



Items on this calendar are subject to change



September 2019

Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:45 a.m.

Monday

(1st & 3rd)
Ladies Aid
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Dinner
5:30 p.m.
AWANA
6:00 p.m.
NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Elder's prayer
8:00 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WORSHIP SERVICE	2 Labor Day	3 Men's AM Bible Study	4 DINNER AWANA BEGINS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	5 Praise Team practice	6 Elders' Prayer Time	7
8 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school begins	9	10 Men's AM Bible Study	11 DINNER AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	12 Praise Team practice	13 Elders' Prayer Time	14
15 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	16 Ladies Aid	17 Men's AM Bible Study	18 Dinner AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	19 Praise Team practice	20 Board Meeting	21
22 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	23	24 Men's AM Bible Study	25 Dinner AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	26 Praise Team practice	27 Elders' Prayer Time	28
29 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	30					Greeters for September: Phil & Chris Rottman

September Anniversaries

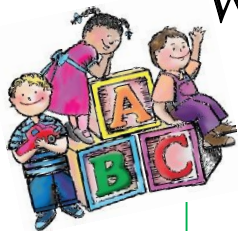
- 1 Brandon & Stephanie Rockey
- 7 Leon & Barb Atkins
- 8 Jason & Ronica Garrod
- 12 John & DaleAnn Dudeck
- 13 Vic & Linda Berkompas
- 22 Tim & Renee Cook
- 27 David & Lynda Kolehous

September Birthdays

- 2 Ann Workman
- 6 Barb Adkins
- 7 Brad Cook
- 11 Alayna Cook
- 11 Larry Patrick
- 20 Dennis Helmus
- 21 John Dudeck
- 22 Nancy Eveland
- 22 Polly Byers
- 24 Alicia Beckwith
- 25 Lorie Kellogg
- 26 Eric Morgan
- 27 Sue Walt

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WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE



August

- 4 Carolyn Bushre & Mary Cook
- 11 Marilyn Davis & Stephanie Rockey
- 18 Nancy Eveland & Lynda Kolehhouse
- 25 Betty Sutton & Lorie Kellogg

September

- 1 Teri Hook & Betty Angell
- 8 Marilyn Davis & Barb Knight
- 15 Teresa Carter & Renee Cook
- 22 Shayne Fifer & Mary Helmus
- 29 Gayle Knuver & Amy C

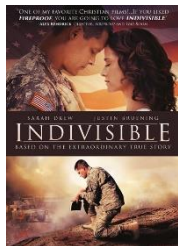
Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Susan Foust at 231-652-1237 as soon as possible.

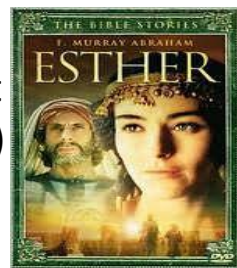


Have you checked out the Woodville Church Library lately?

New DVDs:



Esther (Get a glimpse into the series that we are studying on Sunday mornings.)



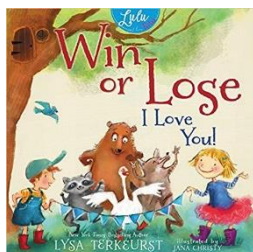
Indivisible (Based on a true story)
One Marriage One Family



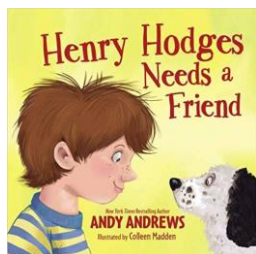
Born to Win (Based on a true story)

New children's books:

Win or Lose I Love You!
by Lysa Terkeurst



Henry Hodges Needs a Friend
by Andy Andrews



New fiction books for your summer reading:

Thorn in My Heart

by Liz Curtis Higgs

Rejoice by Gary Smalley & Karen Kingsbury

PARMESAN ZUCCHINI AND CORN

YIELD: 4 SERVINGS

PREP TIME: 5 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 5 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 10 MINUTES

*A healthy 10 minute side dish to dress up any meal.
It's so simple yet full of flavor!*

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 zucchinis, diced
- 1 cup corn kernels, frozen, canned or roasted
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan, or more, to taste



DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic to the skillet, and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, about 1 minute.
2. Add zucchini, corn, basil, oregano and thyme. Cook, stirring occasionally, until zucchini is tender and cooked through, about 3-4 minutes; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Stir in lime juice and cilantro.
3. Serve immediately, sprinkled with Parmesan.

Mediterranean Quiche



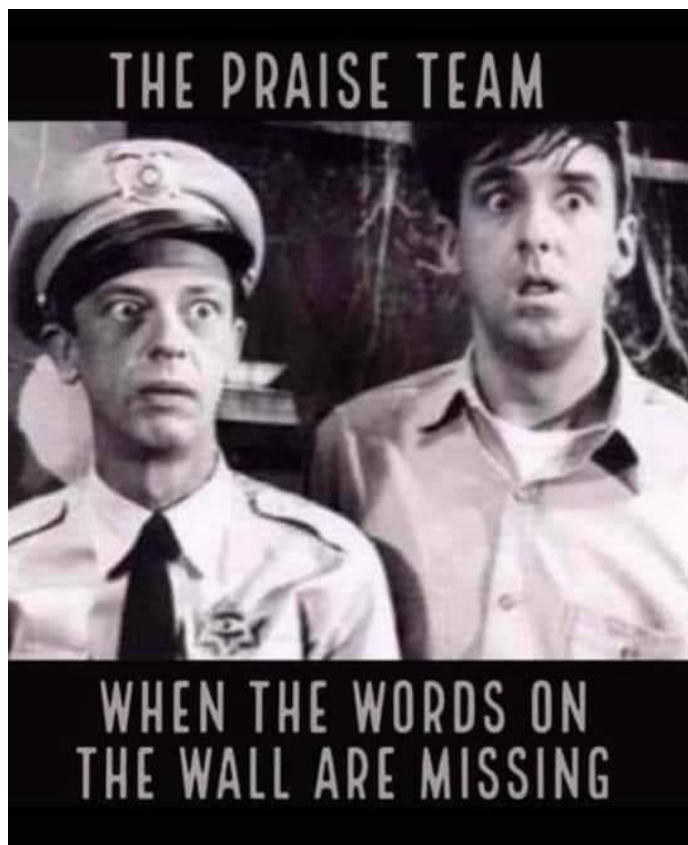
Ingredients

- 2 pie crusts (store bought or homemade)
- 2 tablespoons clarified butter
- 1 onion, medium diced
- 1 medium zucchini, medium diced
- 1 red pepper, medium diced
- 1-2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 ounces oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained and chopped
- 2 ounces (about 1 cup) fresh basil, leaves only
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 large eggs
- 1-1/4 cups half-and-half
- 1-1/2 cups grated gruyère
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 4 ounces goat cheese, crumbled

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Put pie crusts in pie tins if necessary and place them on a rimmed baking sheet.
2. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook, stirring occasionally until caramelized, about 6 minutes. Add zucchini and cook until zucchini is soft, about 6 minutes. Add red pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are wilted, about 4-6 minutes.
3. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute.
4. Turn off heat and stir in tomatoes, basil, and thyme and season lightly with salt and pepper. Set aside to let cool.
5. In a medium-sized bowl, beat eggs and half-and-half together. Add salt, pepper, grated gruyère, and crushed red pepper.
6. Serves 8-10.
7. Divide vegetable mixture between two pie crusts, then pour egg mixture over each. Crumble goat cheese over tops. Bake for 45 minutes, or until set and cheese begins to brown on top. Remove from oven and cool for 30 minutes before serving.

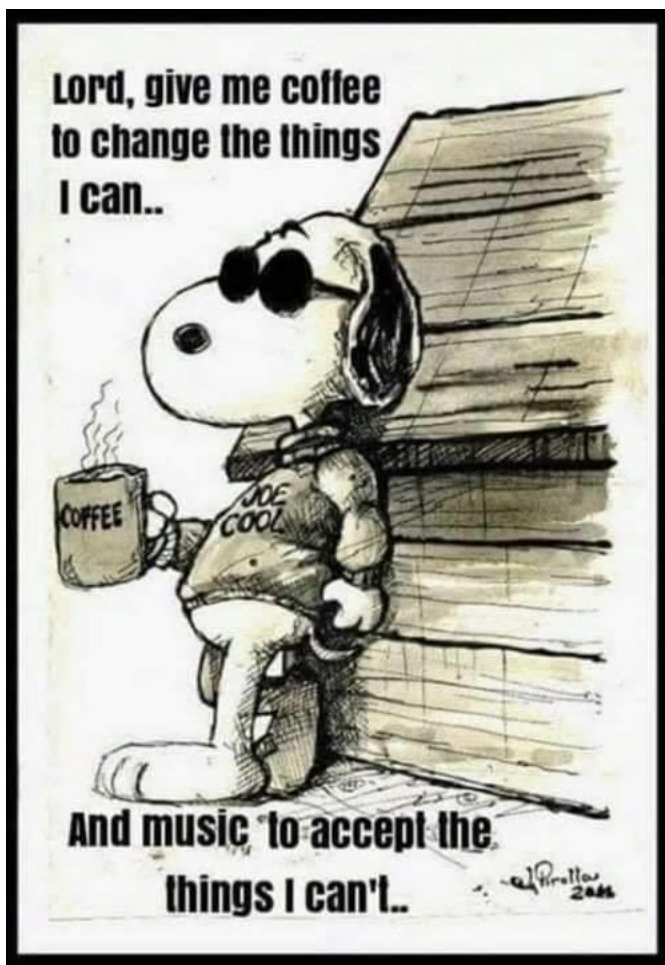
"...A merry heart doeth good like medicine..."



2 old ladies sitting in Church
one turns to the other and says
"My butt fell a sleep."

The other says,
*"Yeah, I thought I heard it snore
a couple of times."*

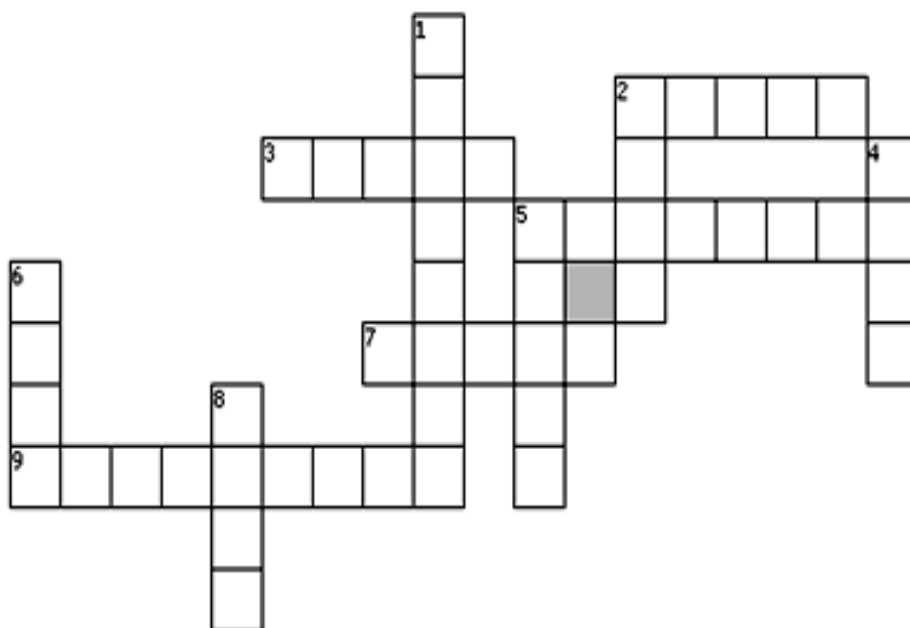
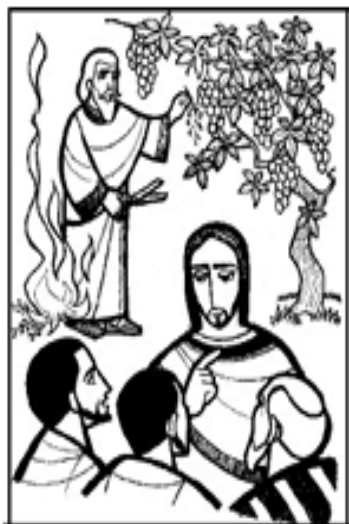
**Many
Christians
grow up in
church, but
never grow in
Christ. They
know hymns,
but they don't
know "HIM".**



ACTIVITY PAGE

The True Vine

John 15:1-8 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
3. Not dirty
5. A person who works with plants and flowers
7. To toss something through the air
9. Those who follow Jesus

DOWN

1. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
2. Burning flame
4. The opposite of false
5. Praise or honor
6. Something that is spoken
8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

true	fruit	clean	fire
vine	word	glory	disciples
gardener	branches	throw	