Sonny Pyle-isms

*A collection of catch phrases, quotes, short illustrations and the like gathered from sermons by Elder Sonny Pyles.*

1. Don’t try to use your influence when you do not have any.
2. On the scale, a preacher should not attempt to be a C-sharp but a B-yourself.
3. He would characterize some given to emotional “charismatics” as “Charismania”
4. A very rich woman once told Elder Pyles that “money will not make you happy,” “but,”she continued, “it will make you comfortable in your misery.”
5. A visitor to Medlin Chapel once asked Elder Pyles if he could sing a solo for the church. Brother Pyles responded, “If you sing it so-low I can’t hear it.”
6. Sonny Pyles once officiated a funeral with a minister from a certain denomination who introduced Elder Pyles as a “Primitive Baptist” and informing the hearers sarcastically that the “Hardshells don’t have any use for musical instruments in worship.” After the introduction Brother Sonny stood up and mentioned to the audience, thanking the gentlemen for his introduction, but he added, “just to show you that Primitive Baptist do have some use of a piano he took off his jacket and laid it on the piano.” The irony is, that Sonny Pyles grew up with his father who worked on piano’s.
7. One of the most frequent catch phrase used by Elder Pyles is the one of a “termite in a yo-yo” to show how confused someone may be.
8. The frequently referred to, “Dooms Day File.” Brother Pyles used this phrase that points to his collection of notes, articles and papers he has collected over the years from his study.

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