



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“We as Christians can be called the Walking Dead.”

## Is Your Old Man Dead?

When I was growing up I enjoyed watching the shows: “Bewitched” “Adam 12” “Emergency” “Dick Van Dyke” “I Dream of Jeannie” “Hogan’s Heroes” “My Favorite Martian” “Lost In Space” “Rat Patrol” “I Love Lucy” “Beverly Hillbillies” “Green Acres” “The Monkees” “Leave it to Beaver” “Land of the Giants” “Star Trek” “Mission: Impossible” “Petticoat Junction” “Combat” “The Twilight Zone” “The Waltons” “Superman” “Gomer Pyle” “Gilligan’s Island” and “Alfred Hitchcock” (Let me know, if I am missing some.) Instead of watching the worthless TV shows on today, I can watch a number of these shows on ME TV and Netflix.

The other day I began watching “The Andy Griffith Show”. According to [Wikipedia](#),<sup>1</sup> Andy Griffith began college by studying to be a Moravian preacher, but he changed his major to music. After graduation, he taught music and drama for a few years in a High School. Andy’s early acting career was as a monologist. He then starred in a one-hour teleplay version of “[No Time for Sergeants](#)”. He later played in the theatrical version of the same name on Broadway. Then he played in its [film version](#). This is where he first met his famous partner, Deputy [Barney Fife](#) Don Knotts.

In 1960, “The Danny Thomas Show” had an episode “[Danny Meets Andy Griffith](#)” where Andy, was a County Sheriff who arrested Danny. Andy enjoyed the role so much that he spoke with Danny’s writers. “[The Andy Griffith Show](#)” made its debut just six months later. The show ran eight full seasons with 249 episodes. It was always in the top10 during all eight years seasons. He later acted in [Matlock](#) for nine years and other shows and movies. In 1996, he was interviewed on [The Today Show](#). Andy received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005.

In “The Danny Thomas Show” episode, Andy had a wife. But in the [first episode](#) of “The Andy Griffith Show”, Andy only had a young son named Opie ([Ron Howard](#)) and a housekeeper who was moving away named Rose. In this episode, Andy told Opie that he (Andy) was raised by his Aunt Bee ([Frances Bavier](#)) when he was Opie’s age. She is now returning to help raise Opie. (There was never any mention of Andy’s wife or Opie’s mother in the next eight years.) Andy did get married to Opie’s teacher in a spin-off show [Mayberry R.F.D.](#) in which they later moved from Mayberry.

The other night, I watched Season 1 Episode 8. It featured a man named Thomas Silby. He came to Andy. Andy looked at him as if he seen a ghost. Andy said that the last time he saw Tom was at Tom’s funeral. Tom’s wife had reported that while he has on a trip, he been run over by a train. They had a service and put up a gravestone for him. Tom laughed and replied that she made up the story to save face. She told him to leave because of his drinking and anger problems. However, he is back now a changed man. Andy showed him his tombstone and told him about the nice service. He then took him to his wife, who was surprised to see him. At the end of the show, Andy asked Tom how things were going. Tom said great. Andy asked him what should be done with his tombstone. Tom said leave it there. That old man is dead and buried. I am a changed man. No more drinking, cursing or anger.

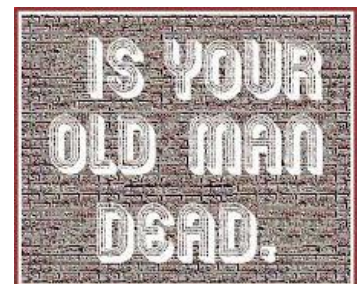


Tom & his tombstone.

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“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” II Cor 5:17

“Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Rom 6:11



<sup>1</sup>[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy\\_Griffith](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy_Griffith) [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy\\_Taylor\\_\(The\\_Andy\\_Griffith\\_Show\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy_Taylor_(The_Andy_Griffith_Show))

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