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# Potatoes: Very Interesting Creatures

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As hobbies go, I participate in what may be one of the most intriguing ever. I study potatoes.

Potatoes in their native habitat are fascinating creatures to observe. Their interactions and behaviors are absolutely mesmerizing to watch.

I discovered potatoes a number of years ago and have spent a rather sizable amount of time cataloging and assembling what I believe may be the most extensive collection of potatoes ever.

As I have studied potatoes, observing them for hours at a time, I have come to the conclusion that there is much that we can learn from the lowly potato. As difficult as this may be to believe, I am of the persuasion that potatoes have character and behaviors quite similar to our own.

My ensemble of potatoes, I affectionately call them “Taters”, is second to none. And I have brought my entire collection here today to assuage your curiosity. I will introduce you to them.

**Dictater:** Philippians 2:3—Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Dictaters rule. They want everything to go their way. They call the shots, they command. They want to be the boss, and if everything doesn’t go their way, they get angry and are generally miserable. God tells us to put other people first. To consider others more important and put our wants and desires aside. Jesus poured his life into the people he met. He never demanded—he invited and asked. There is a huge difference.

**Imitater:**Ephesians 5:5—Be ye imitators of God.

 Everyone wants to imitate to a degree. It is how we blend in with each other. While there is something to be said for uniqueness, ostracism usually follows those who are too unconventional. But an imitator needs a role model. And the greatest role model ever is God himself. When we strictly imitate each other, we are facing the distinct possibility that we may fail each other as role models. God never fails.

**Rotater:** II Timothy 3:14—Continue in what you have learned.

It is a challenge for all to stay focused on the right path. The world we live in is distracting and Satan would love nothing more than to get us off course and following a wrong path. It requires concentration and a genuine commitment to follow the straight and narrow, even if it gets tough at times

**Gravitater:** Ephesians 4:14—Therefore we will no longer be blown here and there by every wind of doctrine.

Closely related to Rotater, Gravitater is motivated by things that may look exciting. The desire for something new and different motivates him to be caught up in anything that has a somewhat reasonable foundation to it, but is drastically off track. Satan has learned that mixing just a little lie in with a whole lot of truth can make almost everything palatable. It’s like putting a little bit of arsenic in a clearly labeled bottle versus an open bottle of Coke. The Coke bottle will always be the potentially more deadly of the two options.

**Comentater:** Proverbs 15:7—The lips of the wise spread knowledge.

When something happens, how quick are we to simply express our opinions or disdain? Without thinking, we react verbally, and loudly. The Bible says that Jesus was, in most instances, a very quiet man. When he did speak, it was well thought out and worthy of listening to. How often do we talk just to “hear ourselves talk?”

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**Howddaya Eat Potatoes ?**

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We eat them

1. Fried

2. Boiled

3. Baked

4. Au gratin

5. Twice baked

6. French fried

7. Hash browns

8. Soup

9. Mashed

10. Cheesy

11. Curly fried

12. Tots

13. Broiled

14. Gnocchi

15. Roasted

16. Chips

17. Pancakes

18. Scalloped

19. Pierogi

20. Salad

21. Grilled

22. Steamed

23. Latkes

24. Pave

25. Pureed

26. Candied

27. Croquettes

28. Rösti

29. Waffles

30. Pommes Dauphine

31. Vichyssoise

32. Flakes (just add water)

33. Dumplings

34. And of course RAW!