

Some Folks You Know

How many members of the Tate family belong to your church? Who's that, you say?

Author and editor James S. Hewett takes a tongue-in-cheek approach to identify them – people who are labeled by their actions:

There is old man Dic Tate, who wants to run everything, while Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Their sister, Agi Tate, stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband, Irri Tate.

Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife, Vege Tate, want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt Imi Tate, who wants our church to be like all the others. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten Tate wants to be a big shot.



But not all members of the family are bad. Brother Facili Tate is quite helpful in church matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. Cousins Cogi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over and lend helpful, steady hands.

And, of course, there is the black sheep of the family, Ampu Tate, who has completely cut himself off from the church.

Recognize any of those folks? In case we should qualify for adoption into this family by our words and deeds, let's strive to make it on the good side.

– Beecher Hunter