

# Pastor's Bosom Buddies



*excellent words for exceptional students*

1. pandemic adj.

Widespread; general

The disease had spread to pandemic levels

2. incendiary adj.

1.a. Causing or capable of causing fire. b. Of or containing chemicals that produce intensely hot fire when exploded: an incendiary bomb. c. Of or involving arson.

2. Tending to inflame; inflammatory.

His incendiary oratory fomented rebellion in the southern states.

3. vitriol n.

1. Bitterly abusive feeling or expression.

vitriolic adj. Bitterly scathing; caustic

His venomous tirade was filled with vitriol.

4. quintessence n.

quintessential adj.

1. The pure, highly concentrated essence of a thing.

2. The purest or most typical instance: the quintessence of evil.

Liszt was the quintessential romantic,

5. incredulous adj.

1. Skeptical; disbelieving: 2. Expressive of disbelief: an incredulous stare.

He was incredulous of stories about flying saucers.

6. aggrandize v.

1. To increase the scope of; extend. 2. To make greater in power, or reputation.

He went into ministry for his own aggrandizement.

7. ostensible adj..

Represented or appearing as such; ostensive: ostensibly

His ostensible purpose was charity, but his real goal was popularity.

8. perfunctory adj.

1. Done routinely and with little interest or care:

The priest served at the church in a perfunctory manner.

9. temporize v.

1. To act evasively in order to gain time, avoid argument, or postpone a decision:

The student tended to temporize when it came to his homework.

10. recluse n.

A person who withdraws from the world to live in seclusion and often in solitude.

Monks of the Middle Ages practiced reclusion so as to avoid contact with the sinful world.