

HEBETUDINICITY

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LYRICS

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Album: Amazing Big God 'n' Big Words

HEBETUDINICITY: The state of being sluggish, dull, lethargic, dense, doltish, obtuse, stupid, thick-headed, thick-witted.... get the idea? Not a compliment!

1

Hebetudinicity is such a pretty word.
Who would believe that what it MEANS is
I'm a Life Coward.
I'm lazy and disorganized. I want my will ---- not God's.
I tend to blame anyone but me when I don't like my Life.

2

God, I'm tired. O, God I'm sad.
I feel I've done my part. My HEBETUDINICITY says
"God, seek someone ELSE's heart." --
I've worked and worked for years in church.
Don't call me 'contrary!'
So 'HEBETUDINICITY' surely won't fit saints like me!!

3

God, I really DO love You. I dearly yearn to serve. But
God, I've failed You SO often. I quit trying, I've lost my nerve.
I can't serve You without Your power! I claim Philippians 4: 13.
I ask Your might to help me fight my HEBETUDINICITY!

Song Story: THE LYRICS

It was "one of those days" when I dragged myself to early Band Practice to work with the bass player on new songs. He's one of those people I can enjoy joking with big vocabulary words, so I wasn't really thinking when he asked how my week went and I replied, "I've been hebetudinous all week."

I think I "got him" on that one, because he laughed and commented, "Well, THAT'S a ten dollar word, Diana." One of those tiny amusements that hang on until God gives us parable ideas for sharing things about Him and His Word..... :)
And this became the first song on the new album, *AMAZING BIG GOD 'N' BIG WORDS*.

Song Story: THE MUSIC

There are FOUR basses playing in this humor song. If you pan your stereo sound controls from left to middle to right, you can hear completely different "mixes" of each bass. I personally like panning to hear the high bass, all done well above fret 12

on the two highest sounding strings. As far as I know, this hasn't been done before. The key: Each bass has its own "sonic space" that avoids slurring into another bass's fretboard territory.

Why did I do it? Just for fun.... the idea just "came" to me. Claxton played the poppy low bass... I still haven't mastered slap bass. Then I recorded the three slide bass tracks that I'd already designed for duet playing with a bass student, teaching him to play above Fret 5.

At first I was just experimenting to see which bass design I preferred to add above the slap bass. But I still remember the moment the thought came to my mind in the studio: "HEY - LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS when we play ALL 4 BASS TRACKS TOGETHER." And I still laugh to remember the funny look I got for my suggestion ('twas one of my earliest studio songs). And laugh at the amazement we both felt when it WORKED. Wow, God comes up with some weird ideas to inspire His people with!

REFERENCES:

SONG Verse 1.

God's references to character of laziness include Jesus's description in Matthew 25:26, when "his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant....!'" Spanish uses words whose roots we recognize in English as meaning bad and negligent: "malo y negligente".

1 Thessalonians 5: 11-14 New Living Translation. "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.

SONG Verse 2.

Philippians 2: 3-4 NIV. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...."