

These are the scriptures I “flipped” to on that **July 8** night after seeking some guidance from God... and on the NEXT night, out of 100s of pages, I flipped to exactly same verse-- NO bookmark or dog-eared page did this, but GOD - who has used me to give me HIS singing!

YHWH God sings: "The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." -- Zephaniah 3:17 >> “Rinnah” singing (as in Isaiah 44:23).

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YEAR 2016 WINTER PARABLES IN LIFE

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January 5, 2016 at 12:58pm ·

I love how the LORD God has enabled humans to create technology to allow us to even when a physical Distance apart to share ideas... "Iron sharpening Iron", the LORD describes it! >> Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." ... Even Facebook friends :) The KJV translates Strongs H6440 the Hebrew word 40 times as "SIGHT"... yet only 30 for 'countenance', as used most often for this verse.

Friends share SIGHT & INsight even when we 'don't think the same way.'

January 7, 2016 at 9:01am ·

I have a dumb phone. If I had a smart phone, I'd share a video of my computer screen slowly loading, line by line, the huge graphics files (oft with video links that got around my non-play setting) on a CHURCH's WEBSITE home pages. WEB DESIGN 101 simple basics:

- (1) Check your site on ALL common platforms (Mozilla, Chrome, Windows).
- (2) Get others to check church's website speed on something OTHER than fast cable (etc) -- incl WiFi (library, cafe), & MiFi (home- slower). Out here in the "boonies" we have neighbors still on dial-up... but that's extreme :)

- (3) Keep Home & Schedule pages FAST; graphics can go on another tab. Finally,
- (4) **Don't criticize persons trying to help the Church better serve the LORD by pointing out website difficulties.** THIS CHURCH's reaction to me trying to help? Sending an e-mail to a lot of people (forgetting to take ME off the distribution list) that called me a "**Critical Spirit.**"

January 7, 2016 at 8:54pm ·

I'm researching idioms for an Amazing Hope & Humor album song, BRAIN FOG PRAYER... to use in verses (on Exodus 31: 3-7, James 1:5 re wisdom and 2nd Corinthians 12:9 -- God PROMISES Grace & Help in our Weakness) ... with words like

"I'm not the sharpest crayon in the box" ... &..

"I'm as sharp as a glass marble" ...

But the one I found that has me really laughing---- and sad to know I can't use it because of the proprietary name-- was this:

"He got fired by M&Ms Quality Control for throwing away all the W's."

January 9, 2016 at 10:11am

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,/ & can't tell where to find them;/ Leave them alone, & they'll come home/ Bringing their tails behind them... WHAT JOY that Jesus our Good Shepherd (Ezekiel 34, another evidence He Is GOD) comes to SEEK us! Psalm 119 TAU (end) prayer & PROPHECY: We realize we're lost sheep & cry out. // We realize we're in danger & cry out , and God DRAWS to us!> James 4:8...//..

First John 4:19, we don't even realize there IS God, a Shepherd truly loves us>: YET THE LORD COMES calling to us in LOVE... /// There is NO "free range parenting" for God! ... POINT: HOW SAD that most churches practice "free range evangelism" (my term, I think) >> Little Bo Peep method of sharing of God's Good News: "Leave them alone, & they'll come to our walls...."

January 12, 2016 at 7:11pm · PHOTO: Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you: Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul. The other died for your freedom.

This past November, a church (with a new pastor) sent personally written cards to each veteran in the congregation saying-- several times-- "Thank you." My husband was very quiet as he read his... surprised that someone cared to do this:

A Ministry of Thanks.... a thought for New Year ideas...

January 13, 2016 at 8:30am ·

It's a game to me, to try to light the AM fire from glowing coals of yest's fire. This AM was a "**fail**". Used to frustrate me, when we first got woodstove, how many times the fire would die out & I'd need 2,3.. matches. Now, with experience ("Maturity"), I just go try again...//...

SO: What does this have to do with YOU who YEARN to convince others of Jesus's Amazing GRACE BUT HOLINESS TOO?... THINK of ALL the people who were "set afire" with passion after revivals by Billy Graham.. Dwight L. Moody.. Charles Finney.. Jonathan Edwards... **DID PEOPLE just suddenly become on fire for the LORD? For many if not most: NOPE.** God began fanning the sparks within them long before that day their Passion for God began... God using people like me & you. YOU! :) >> DON'T BE DISCOURAGED-- see Galatians 6:9 below-- if God is using you as **KINDLING** & not The Firestarter. :)

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we SHALL reap if we do not lose heart." - New KJV. I love the Young's Literal translation of Galatians 6:9 "and in the doing good we may not be faint-hearted, for at **the proper time we shall reap -- not desponding.**"

Wonderful article with links to MORE links about many of the famous Christians / Revivalists incl those you've probably never heard of, who LIT THE FIRE that other Christians had prepared-- ALL of course with the Holy Spirit's help & guidance, as we should also seek (John 14:26, James 1:5, Romans 8:26 when we need help praying, Ephesians 3:20-21 Power beyond our imagination to even pray about, for God's GLORY...):

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/.../byt.../preachersevangelists>

January 14, 2016 at 10:43am

Did you know? Some scrolls among the Dead Sea Scrolls that God guided to be found in 1947 (the year before He gave Israel her land back) INCLUDED references to JESUS. Quote:

"In 1991 the world was astonished to hear that one of the unpublished scrolls included incredible references to a 'Messiah' who suffered crucifixion for the sins of men." ... Why don't we hear 21st century relevant findings thru [#Archaeology](#), Biology, Physics ETC studies that give Supporting Evidence that God IS providing to show He's Who He's Said He Is? Thru Daniel 12:4, God Prophesied that Knowledge would Increase in the [#End #Times](#).

Easy to see why News Media won't publicize. But why aren't our CHURCHES?? .

A CHALLENGE: Share the special studies that the Holy Spirit has guided you to find - often "accidentally" as was this one - A way to support each other in Faith in the LORD.... Romans 12. One Reference (and source of quote):

<http://www.grantjeffrey.com/article/article1.htm>

The scroll quoted above was translated by Dr. Robert Eisenman, Professor of Middle East Religions of California State Univ. ... Amazon's LOOK INSIDE link to 2006 book:

<http://www.amazon.com/Dead-Sea-Scrolls-First-.../1852307854...>

Notice it's God's Prophecy of creating A Nation in a Day, presented with a bit of His dry humor... ONE YEAR before God had Israel become a nation again, He VERIFIED the prophecy!

January 14, 2016 at 4:36pm

Photo 2 from THE TELEGRAPH is titled "Was the Bible RIGHT?" On PBS org / NOVA: Scientists have have found a piece of zircon they assume is an original rock "before the earth cooled" -- ("4.3 billion years ago") -- that MUST have had water present to form it. How can they explain this, they ask? No water could exist while the earth still cooling molten lava. Many theories & experiments later, attempting to re-create or to discredit the finding, this one answer is clear: Anything EXCEPT to say the rock "just appeared at A Word". Genesis 1. John 1. Romans 1. One God. IRONIC: Scientists deciding that the answer may be in.... **MUD -- which contains CLAY!!** ... Sound familiar?? >> Genesis 2: 7; **Clay pots (God Said): Isaiah 45:9.**

Photo 1:

http://www.amnh.org/education/resources/rfl/web/essaybooks/earth/cs_zircon_chronology.html -- Photo 2: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/science/science-news/10431863/Was-the-Bible-right-All-life-on-earth-may-have-come-from-clay.html>

January 16, 2016 at 1:21pm · PHOTO: Old house from TV show of 1960s.

I'm building notes on "Sermons I've Never Heard". Today's entry: The connection of First Peter 3:15 to **GREEN ACRES**. Oliver Wendall Douglas quite often EXCITEDLY tells people-- unasked-- of the Great Potential even though his farm's name is Ironic: there's NO GREEN in SIGHT-- except, of course, ugly paint inside the house.

GOD calls us to the same excited sharing of HOPE as this fiction guy: "... Always be ready to give a DEFENSE [*explanation*] to everyone who asks you a reason for the Hope that is in you": ... Faith even when your life doesn't yet seem "lush green".

January 18, 2016 at 12:06pm · PHOTO: *The Church's greatest mistakes occur when the people of God honor what a LEADER says without examining that instruction in the light of Scripture.* -- Bryan Chapell, *PreachTheGospel.org*

GOD giving a command-- not a suggestion-- to EACH one of US and our CHURCH fellowships, through First John 4:1 >> "Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You MUST test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world." ... //...

That includes pastors & evangelists---- who should be delighted & thanking God if they've taught well enough that listeners even check God's Bible to compare THEIR words to scriptures... Just as PAUL was excited by the Bereans checking HIS words against scriptures (Acts 17) and praise them!. (Instead of the common reaction of feeling insulted to have been doubted, as some "shepherds" do when their sheep live in awareness of carelessness that might allow in wolves.).

January 19, 2016 at 5:38pm · PHOTO: Woman alone in hay field, by huge bale.

My husband has been watching old Twilight Zone shows. I've noticed when I've walk by that a common theme is "All the people in the world have disappeared! We're all alone! Let's go CRAZY!" We joke together, wishing we could escape all the media

news & problems: "In today's world, that plot would be on FANTASY ISLAND!"

January 20, 2015 at 9:13am ·

A FB friend's post got a comment that sounded too cool to be true-- So I researched it. Sure enough, ac to "Crayola Crayon Colors Timeline" (quote): "1962 -- **Partly in response to the civil rights movement, Crayola decides to change the name of the 'flesh' crayon to 'peach.'**

Renaming this crayon was a way of recognizing that skin comes in a variety of shades.".... A Fun Reference website, tho I had to look up "cerulean" & "cerise"... and I'm not sure I WANT to find out what is 2003's "inch worm" color. For a fun moment, check out weird names of 16 colors added in 1993 & '98. Including "Timber wolf". (Huhh??) : <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0872797.html>

January 20, 2016 at 10:45am · *with PHOTO of happy girl surrounded by "bla bla bla" babel-ing of people around her. Photo words: This is what music does to me...*

MY POST: John Donne wrote the famous NO MAN IS AN ISLAND poem -- 450 years ago- really! How time flies! --- but with #headphones and our favorite music, we can try to be "An Island"! Not just "canned music," but playing our own creations of music, humming music, listening to God's rippling Waters & leaves of Trees rustling in the Wind while the limbs clatter against each other with a beat... & Birds singing their many kinds of music... brings #PEACE. Psalm 46:10, God tells us what's important: "Be Still. And. Know that I AM God."

Human beings NEED God.... and He designed us, as in Ecclesiastes 4, to also benefit from others. QUOTE: "You can't manage this all by yourself; no man is an island." This *expression* is a quotation from John Donne's Devotions (1624): "No man is an Island, entire of it self; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main."

January 21, 2016 at 8:28pm ·

TV news keeps announcing how people are suddenly rushing to hardware stores to buy snow shovels & salt. Ummmmmm... **did these people not realize in November that winter was coming? *It didn't exactly sneak up.*** This area always has at least 2 storms needing those items. And it's not like shovels & salt would rot before next winter comes if not used this Jan & Feb...//..

WINTER offers a PARABLE to Jesus's warning in Matthew 24: "38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking... until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away,

So Also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ... 42 Watch therefore... 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man ****IS**** coming at an hour you do not expect."

How much time do we waste **not** helping others see the dire need to prepare BEFORE what Jesus has promised ****IS**** coming?

January 22, 2016 at 7:00pm ·

As we along East Coast wait to see how bad this blizzard will be, the TV media's enjoying lots of face time. They keep saying "Buy lots of drinking water!" Yet not one channel mentions drawing buckets of water to flush commodes once in awhile if we end up with no power for 3 or 4 days; here, it was 5 days in 2014... or buckets as safety if using a woodstove ...//...

About Romans 8:28, that God can bring good out of anything >> So what for a blizzard?... One thing: Maybe we'll stop griping so much & start praying more for homeless people-- and all those refugees we see pictures of on our screens. Besides shelter: Toilet needs must be awful for them. Perhaps we might even pray for these persons Specifically in our churches?When's the last time YOUR church did?

January 23, 2016 at 7:55am ·

~ 10 min of flipping thru only 4 TV stations I have>> Finally gave up & pulled up my laptop: None would show Weather Map so I can see what's COMING. **Every station is busy showing only** (1) History-- all the people who got stuck; (2) Fun (sledding & snowball fights); & Beauty (dozens- no kiddin'- of Instagram etc photos... NONE tell what's IMPORTANT as WARNING of rest of storm I see here on my laptop.... //

Working on several songs emphasizing God's WARNINGS in Ezekiel 33. Really scary: Re TOLERANCE. **Yet churches mostly show only**

(1) History-- what happened; (2) Promises of God-- but only the NICE ones; & (3) Beauty of God-- **nothing** about His Righteous (HOLY & Just) Wrath at sins we do... and Tolerate. No WARNINGS!

January 23, 2016 at 10:01am ·

One bitty OYSTER can clean 50 gallons of water per day & abandoned shells shelter little fishes: Impt part of God's Plan for Ecosystem... Yet people loudly whine that "Jesus freed us from God's Law" to not eat shellfish -- because we **WANT** to eat what God calls "an abomination" to consume-- knowing oysters eat things TERRIBLE for our bodies!...Acts 11- Peter saw dream as a PARABLE Vision from God Who DOES NOT CHANGE HIS MIND (Deut 32:43-46).

Yes, He gives Grace when we sorrow for sins. But Jesus's Definition of "friends with God" = "Obey commands" (John 15)... matching Matthew 5:18-19 (that should SCARE us) & Rev 22 >> ONLY those who *yearn* to obey commandments will see Tree of Life... with the warning in Isaiah Chapter 66 (Satan's number) >> People try to "purify ourselves" by establishing our OWN standards vs God's (Verse 17). Same, in 2nd Corin 10:12.

Jeremiah 16: 19. O LORD, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say,

“Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things.”

January 24, 2016 at 2:32pm ·

Hardest thing about Faith is NOT about trusting God "even when you don't understand Him". (Duhh.. who will ever do THAT?!) It's trying to figure out whether Lack of Results that discourages you are

(1) you being Wimpy- which you can fight with Sword of God's Word (Eph 6 end); or
(2) Satan being Tempting- which you can fight with SoGW (James 4:7-8); or
(3) God showing you're pushing ahead of Him trying to serve where He doesn't want you...//...

How do we know 1-2-3 when prayers for wisdom still leave us with Q's 1-2-3. Thank God for Grace when we are so tempted to just give up instead of praying longer. 1000s of people thank God that Sunday School teacher Edward Kimball didn't give up: He led Billy Graham who led ___ who led ___ to Christ & Eternal Life.

January 25, 2016 at 4:25pm ·

There are so many times I'm fighting fear... KNOWING the feeling is ridiculous: That The God Who Created the Universe has declared AND shown how He loves all who truly respect, love Him.... So this is gonna be my REMINDER post of promises from GOD WHO CANNOT LIE -- Titus 1:2, Numbers 23:19... Feel free to ADD your own... 2nd Corinthians 1:3-4, we comfort & support each other.....

January 26, 2016 at 10:56am ·

Imagine the Power that The LORD could do through His churches to serve & worship Him if we took SERIOUSLY the fact that He answers prayers (Ephesians 3:20-21) >> instead of the usual expectation that God will 'just dump blessings' on us -- unasked via prayers -- "Because we're His church".... if we FERVENTLY prayed for our pastors, Sunday School teachers, sound tech teams, P&W (Praise & Worship) teams... and of course for all who walk thru church doors in sadness as well as joy, to worship & hear from The LORD.

January 28, 2016 at 9:30am · PHOTO: The fire of The Holy Spirit puts LIFE into us.

Kurt Kaiser must have been thinking of Smokey The Bear as he wrote that wonderful, about the first, contemporary praise song in 1969: PASS IT ON. Because it's sure **NOT** true in woodstoves that "It only takes a spark To get a fire going And soon all those around Can warm up in its glowing..."

This AM, 2 matches & a firestarter later, I'm thinking: **If the kindling is damp...** Does God think this about some of our churches? It's as if we're AFRAID of a roaring fire for the LORD... reluctant for others to see us respond with excited PASSION to God's Amazing Grace...

CHOOSING to stay Damp-- discouraging pastors & SS teachers & visitors.... THE SONG OMITTS A KEY ELEMENT: In the woodstove, there is no wind-- we must let in air. In the Church, there is no Wind of The Holy Spirit-- unless we eagerly invite Him there. So that "All those around Can warm up in HIS glowing...."

January 29, 2016 at 7:38pm ·

SEE SIGNS *****VIOLENT ERA***** .

Jeopardy tonight had a fun category, Bible Book Anagrams. Wow: These two phrases Literally fit the Big Purpose of each of those books! From
** **GENESIS** ** we see God's Signs, til ** **REVELATION** ** when people's VIOLENT evil finally leads to their Judgment & Punishment they deserve.

February 5, 2016 at 12:18pm ·

Across centuries, the LORD has used the writing of words as a means of encouragement. The 150 published psalms are obvious examples. (There were many more, incl. Solomon's 1,005 - First Kings 4:32.) Another: Acts 15:30-32: "when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter. 31 When they had read it, they rejoiced over its ENCOURAGEMENT. 32 Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, EXHORTED & STRENGTHENED the brethren with many words.".....

God is able to MIGHT-ily use Facebook as One Tool for us to Encourage one another, to share His words (Definition of prophecy)!! Exciting times with technology!: We don't even have to "gather the multitude!" :)God made you to be the answer to someone *else's* prayers. Keep your eyes open to HELP and DO GOOD.

February 9, 2016 · <http://nypost.com/2016/02/08/doritos-baby-commercial-gets-the-dumbest-denunciation-ever/>

I love the N.Y. Post Editorial title! > "Doritos Baby Commercial Gets Dumbest Denunciation Ever".... > Super Bowl Marketing in advance backfired with all those hour long "specials" showing old great commercials--- so people naturally compared THIS year's. Not a lot of Creative, fun ones this year. We enjoyed the progression of Super Bowl Babies :) - And then there's the pregnant woman getting an ultrasound **while "daddy" annoyingly munches Doritos... & he notices each time he moves, the ultrasound image is reaching a hand toward his chips...** Now, most people thought "Cute but ho-hum."

I didn't learn until last night that some people are UPSET-- WHY? Because the company **dared to (QUOTE) "HUMAN-IZE an unborn fetus."** ... a baby in the womb PUSHING TO GET AT the father's Doritos corn chip.

With much COMPASSION for women feeling trapped in unwanted pregnancies... with much ENCOURAGEMENT that God forgives even the choice of abortion when we realize what we've done ...

Nevertheless, The LORD God also clearly speaks such as in EXODUS 21:22-23 (see Pattern?) specifically about causing a pregnant woman's baby to die or even just be maimed before birth:

Genesis 3, Satan still lies to us, Let us pray for them to see Truth. Not "**our**" truth, whatever our political thoughts, but **GOD's** Truth. Let's pray the same for us... for God PROMISES it, when we ask: James 1:5 to 6.

February 10, 2016 at 10:17am ·

HUMOR: Evidence that God plans ahead... and Humor when you suddenly figure, DUH-- I never noticed that before! Genesis 2:24: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Now, consider --- there exists in the world Exactly 1 man & 1 woman.....

Somehow **until this moment of re-reading, I've never wondered whether Adam turned to God and asked "What's a 'father' ?"**

February 12, 2016 at 2:08pm ·

Sometimes I wonder if God gets Weary of hearing church leaders etc REPEATEDLY quote 2nd Chronicles 7:14.... but always STOP there: NEVER the rest of God's Word in that section. Verse 14 is ONLY the "IF" statement.

Like in computer code... or parenting... there's also an "IF NOT" statement. And America should be afraid to read God's 2ND PROMISE: what will happen in the If Not case.... "HORRIBLY afraid. DESOLATE....." That's not a quote from a horror movie -- it's from YHWH Jehovah God Himself, re his beloved nation who stopped listening to Him... Jeremiah 2:12... And surrounding verses.

February 13, 2016 at 1:25pm · PHOTO reaching to Jesus's hand in heaven, says

"Lord, do not pass me by ... I need You in my life..... POST:

DON'T PRAY THIS PRAYER! ... It INSULTS our LORD... calls Him a LIAR we cannot trust despite Numbers 23:19 & Titus 1:2 ("God cannot Lie"), in light of His PROMISES. Deuteronomy 31:6 and 8, Joshua 1:5, Hebrews 13:5.. "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'." So.... such prayers INSULT God by implying that He will break His promise to you. James 4:8 is WONDERFUL COMFORT: If you start toward your Father God, as the Prodigal Son did--- the LORD our Father God will come RUNNING to you!... See James 4:8.

What's the first LIE in Bible? Genesis 3: Satan gently suggesting, "Does God REALLY care about you?"

February 15, 2016 at 10:38am ·

You know it's a good day for a comfy Chair, a pot of veggie lentil Soup, & a Book, when the weather people on *every* station keep Apologizing for having predicted only 1/2 the snow that's fallen "SO far"-- AS they point on a map to YOUR home :) ... I've shoveled a 7x10' area on the deck in prep for covering it with birdseed...

but OHhh, did those birds "holler" at me from nearby tree branches & the 8' rosebush when I went out to prepare for giving their blessings.

Reminds me of how often we... I... grumble at & gossip about God when I haven't yet seen any indication He's even heard one of my fervent prayers. With a major exception: **Birds have NO reason to trust humans:** see Genesis 9:2... **What's OUR excuse for not trusting The LORD after years of Evidences of Him "coming thru"??**

February 16, 2016 at 11:50am ·

Trying to "accomplish something for LORD God" out of love-- not seeking fame or fortune-- feels today... & often... is like trying to get this woodstove going: **No matter what I try to do, there's no spark. No results.** No warmth for anyone...

A lesson in humble-ness that I didn't think I was missing. Not something to *want* to admit to... but, hey, maybe it will encourage someone else who **feels like wet wood** in a cold world. :(.. 2nd Corinthians 1:3-4, we comfort others with the comfort that the LORD gave to us.... and GOD comforts US! He guided David to write many comforting Psalms about SO many topics, including Psalm 148: He even knows the **name of every star. GOD KNOWS YOUR NAME: And CARES for you!**

February 19, 2016 at 10:39am · PHOTO: *One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to **GIVE UP** instead of what they have to **GAIN**.*

Not just sins. Includes God opening our eyes to see growing Bible support as we study more with prayers for wisdom (James 1:5-6)..... we Must Be Willing to give up believing what we want so much to be right ... because we love God more than being right....

February 20, 2016 at 8:05pm · (same) PHOTO: *One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to **GIVE UP** instead of what they have to **GAIN**.*
BIBLE PRAYER that God guided Paul to write for us:

Ephesians 1:17-18a > "[I pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of the glory, may give to you a spirit of WISDOM and REVELATION in the recognition of him, the EYES of your Understanding being Enlightened, for your knowing...." ... But, do we Resist any new wisdom & revelation that the LORD gives in answers to prayers like this, when we realize He's opening our eyes---- to see when we've been taught wrongly on some things even in churches for years? Are we Willing to give up believing what we want so much to be right because we love the teachers & the familiar beliefs??..... and then to take a stand for what we've learned, admitting past mistakes?? ..

Jeremiah 16:19 is ANOTHER prayer God guided to be written for US to pray:

O LORD, my strength and my fortress,

My refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come to You
from the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have inherited
<been taught & TAUGHT> LIES: Worthlessness and unprofitable things."

February 21, 2016 at 9:26am ·

2nd Corinthians 3:18... we don't even have to depend on our OWN power to reflect the LORD: He promises that the Holy Spirit will over time (if we ask Him) help us to more & more reflect Him. "So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

February 22, 2016 at 9:12am ·

A parable 'of sorts' for church-seeking persons who've been hurt... A friend asked re good restaurant in city; I never can remember the 12-letter Japanese name of the one I've enjoyed frequently in last 3 yrs. So I googled it... & found ~5 really BAD customer reviews, all saying that ONE person in their group got really sick that night. Well.... the Flu season has been horrible; most likely a timing coincidence since no one else got sick... Yet **these few reviews will turn away some people from a really nice place**... //....

We have to be very careful to not be critical of new churches we visit, searching for a 'home, fearing to get hurt-- & careful to not later gossip re how 'unfriendly' some were on that 1 or 3 Sundays we visited... It's our LORD God we are hurting when we allow feelings to turn us away from churches based on a FEW churches we've been. AFTER ALL: ****NO**** one has been hurt as much as Jesus was by critical Pharisees even before He died... yet He kept going to synagogue to Worship together as God said. "

CONSIDER HIM", God tells us in Hebrews 12:3, "who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls." ... Words not long after God's command to KEEP going to a church somewhere: Hebrews 10:25.

February 23, 2016 at 9:56am ·

Re yesterday's post: Would our churches be any different if we remembered Hebrews 13:2 EVERY Sunday... "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." Would our lives be different, even on 'grumpy' cold-rainy days like today on East Coast, if we remembered God's Word thru this verse??.....

February 25, 2016 at 3:49pm ·

WHAT'S A CHILDHOOD MEMORY that greatly impacted you-- that no one else knows ABOUT YOU?..... One of mine: At age 4, we had some horrendous storm...a hurricane or bad Tropical Storm. Our electricity was out for days. When finally I was allowed to go play outside again, I looked up & **Really** Looked at Power poles for first time-- **and I thought they'd sprouted mushrooms after the storm**. Mom was VERY confused by my questions... :) ..

... I LEARNED: There was a lot in the world that I was missing by not looking so I needed to Look More....

When I was 4, one day I went in front yard & rolled in grass for hours, refusing to come inside until Mom & Dad agreed to get me a horse... Their response was same as God's when we pray for something not good for us.....

Jesus used a Parenting line that often made us mad as children: John 13:7.. "You'll understand later"...

By LOGIC: YOU are the only way to know you. No one else has your memories, experiences. BY LOGIC: When we say with God's Bible that Jesus Is God-- Well, it's no surprise that Jesus Is the Only Way to Know God-- to Himself.

February 26, 2016 at 9:49am ·

A child knows what's for dessert so refuses to eat supper. Don't have to be parent to know that yelling & shoving healthy food into mouth won't work. (You WERE a child!). Not good for child you love to just give in to junk food- Health & happiness eventually suffer for child. Only solution: "That's ok, I'll save your dessert for tomorrow after you choose to eat the **healthy** food." ..//..

How we train our child NOW will affect how our child grows up to respond to Father God-- Who will NOT shove His Good-for-us rules into us, even if the result is that our physical/ emotional Health & Happiness suffers. **WHEN DID WE START BELIEVING THE LIE** that the **LORD's commandments are bad & we're happy that Jesus stopped them?** (Matthew 5:17 taken out of context with 18-19 & rest of both halves of God's Bible.) No LOGIC in it, we'll see: If we set aside Habitual, Learned Beliefs (Jeremiah 16:19) & *honestly* seek Truth- God's Revelation.

February 28, 2016 at 9:29am ·

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Interesting trickles of memories... When I was a girl, Grandmother got angry if she caught me crocheting on Sundays; my reason that "It's FUN, Not Work!" didn't fly with her...//..

Dad declared we were NOT going to break the Sabbath by eating out & giving owners reason to make waitresses work Sundays. But I could crochet all I wanted!..//...

My husband & I often took all the kids out to an inexpensive buffet on our "Day of Rest"; only Sunday rule was "Do your homework." (sorry, kids :(!) ... Now after finally paying atten to the decline & noticing that God gave 4 long verses to describe What He Wants in Exodus 20, Grandmother would be happy to see she taught me to try to honor Sabbath. We each respond our own ways as God helps us **grow** thru studying His Word Forever: John 14:26 help. 'Traditions' change. Jesus: Matthew 15, God's Laws are forever >> "Whoever therefore breaks one of the LEAST (more than 2) of these commandments, & teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; BUT whoever does & teaches *them*, he shall be called **great** in the kingdom of heaven.

February 28, 2016 at 2:00pm ·

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Already not in a 'happy mood' this AM, being lonely missing my husband who's on travel, I took a comfy slow pace this AM, enjoyed learning, worshiping & praising God at church.

Then got home & glanced at paper: Full Front Page continued to Full Back Page with stories of mothers whose babies died before birth-- of programs to help them as they grieve. Two decades. :(

Two decades & I still weep for Paul Joseph Osborne, whom I never held in my arms....

If we humans can grieve so much for an unborn child, how must infinitely more surely our Heavenly Father grieves when He sees the babies He created being carelessly (without a care) killed?... Two decades for me. An Eternity for our God of compassionate Love.

Photo of Infant cradled in God's Hand is from Rogers City Cemetery

March 3, 2016 at 8:19pm · with photo of Snoopy flipping a coin and saying,

“Heads, I go out ... Tails, I stay in.”

Tomorrow's forecast for the East Coast... (tails **will** win if it takes 50 tosses!)

When we're studying scriptures about a topic we truly have a preferred opinion about: Do we KEEP searching for scriptures that support our own point "if it takes 50 scriptures" ... or determine to STOP when we've collected a few that "prove my point"?

TRUE TRUTH SEEKERS do not Care what the Truth is:

They Care about FINDING what God defines as Truth.

March 4, 2016 at 9:29am ·

Being "the good kid" had advantages like: When I did something wrong, Mom often didn't quite believe it was ME... so without proof, she'd "let it go". She hated punishing us & usually warned for Quite Awhile before finally exerting her authority to do the "Or Else" she'd Promised. We often stopped... but not always... to avoid Mom's OR ELSE.. //

2nd Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to COME to repentance." That applied to His Nation of Israel who enjoyed years of warnings before YHWH God finally did what He'd repeatedly warned was His "Or Else". Matthew 24-25, that applies to All Nations. We need to Stay Aware & Sorrow for the fact that we often stop .. but not always... to avoid God's OR ELSE.. //

March 6, 2016 at 8:39am · **IMPORTANT POST RE GOSSIP IN CHURCH**

Most people think it's OK if you have a government Secret clearance and tell a tiny fact that's classified '**only**' Secret to someone with a **TOP secret** clearance. **NOPE:** You can get fired or JAILED - for that one "tiny fact".

The KEY: More than clearance level, the recipient must have a **NEED TO KNOW**. So next time a child- or someone in church-- tells you THIS LIE >>>

"It's NOT gossip-- it's True! --

****Please**** follow Christ and tell them "What's that to YOU? Mind your OWN business!" I'm not kidding, though I didn't believe it when a band member told me **Jesus REALLY said that**. John 21:21. And TWICE God guided his writers to warn

us-- 2nd Thes 3:11 and 1st Tim 5:13 >> We ANGER God by being a **Busybody**. That's REALLY the word in God's Bible. And **Satan gets a Double Win**: We anger people & turn them away from coming where they can hear more of God's Truth, in church....

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March 7, 2016 ·

I spend most mornings pretty well Following The Way Christ Said To Be.
I spend most afternoons struggling to continue FT Way Christ Said To Be.
I spend most evenings apologizing to the LORD God for not FTWChristSTBe. All through my waking days & nights I thank God for His love & grace & forgiveness even when I have not Followed the Way Christ Said To Be..... When we list the Miracles of God--- that assuredly is at the top of the Miracle List: *Amazing Love & Grace*....

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March 7, 2016 at 9:13am ·

Maybe not a coincidence but a God-incidence example for yest's Secret/ Top Secret Clearance PARABLE re Gossip: To "hear a bit of happiness" this AM before heading out, I flipped TV to old TV station. A

about 1955, Father Knows Best had SAME topic: Bud gets a BIG black eye! His family's reaction: **Concern about what People in Church will say Tomorrow**-- even discussed Staying Home so church people won't see Bud was in a fight..

Turns out: It's Youth Sunday; Bud has to quote a poem. While people are WHISPERING, mocking that he was in a fight: The Preacher comes to pulpit & reports that Bud's own baseball team beat on him for making an **HONEST** answer to the Referee, which gave the other team a Very Important Game win...

60 years later, & we can still nod our heads in empathy....

So Imagine God's thoughts when we gossip.. or believe gossip..or keep silent....

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March 8, 2016 at 5:52pm ·

Posted with tears of understanding.... "We struggle with the dark night, and then beat ourselves up for being depressed. 'No strong believer should feel this way,' we think – and the cycle continues. If you're struggling with this kind of anguish, I plead with you to talk with a brother or sister in Christ. You're not the only one facing this battle, but you likely won't win it if you battle alone. For all of us – let's say a prayer today for our church leaders." – Chuck Lawless, Item #10 (final one) in POSTED ARTICLE:

<http://chucklawless.com/2016/03/why-christian-leaders-struggle-with-dark-nights-of-the-soul/>

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March 9, 2016 at 8:42am ·

I'd just finished watching about the only TV show I enjoy (NCIS) but figured I'd "give a try" to the new ABC show "Of Kings & Prophets".... ****NO KIDDING****: Less than 2 minutes in, we're already blasted with False Teaching... The intro shows King Saul fighting off Israel's enemies & declares that he "had no idea that his REAL enemy would be a shepherd"...

NOPE: Saul's real enemy was HIMSELF. God had chosen Saul as King, was "on

his side"-- but Saul proudly chose to reject God as LORD & chose his own ideas on how to obey YHWH God.... Something for each "me" among us to remember: Yes, "God is Love".... He is also HOLY...//.. So much for this show.... TV off :)

March 10, 2016 at 1:24pm ·

"March 10th. WHY is this a Key Date in my life???"

After a struggle this AM, finally Remembered: A "few" :) decades ago, March 10 was the FIRST DAY anyone ever showed wanting to be with ME... just for me. (Family "doesn't count"! :) After I'd trudged off the school bus yet again-- I found one of the most popular seniors standing by my locker with a silly huge paper mache carnation he'd bought-- just for me.

1-1/2 years later, Steve was still proposing & I was still saying 'no'...

A wise, God-guided choice: When my now-husband proposed for 5 months, & I kept saying 'no', suddenly I realized YES, I REALLY WANT TO LIVE THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH THIS MAN! ...//....

YET: That Amazement is a FRACTION of my Amazement that GOD repeatedly proposed to me (as He calls to each of us)...

AND Joy beyond anything I could imagine when I finally said "yes" at 19... Still a Joy. God The Creator WANTS to BE with each "me" in this world. WOW. . . .

Mar 12, 2016 8:42am - God has a Quirky Sense of Humor.... I Like It :) Confession: I've been sorta whining to Him (as I think many of my carefully-accepted FB friends have: mostly Musicians who Love the LORD >>> "I ****think**** I'm serving you with this Facebook ministry of parables & quick scripture studies & prayers & Caring... YET.... if I ***am***, well...then Why Aren't You blessing it with more friend requests, LORD God?" ..//.. Yep, that's a frequent prayer, I admit. God's (really funny to me) Joke 2 days ago: I opened Facebook & had NINE Facebook friend requests! I'd just joined a Christ-following group-- thought maybe members were being friendly! Investigated each one: They were all fake. God's Joke: I hadn't specified "real" people! :)

HOW TO BEWARE OF FAKE PEOPLE PRETENDING TO BE FRIENDS:

IDEAS 4U: **WHAT I LOOK FOR before accepting a Request:**

1. Barely any friends? Sharing mutual friends isn't enough.
2. No profile picture?
3. Has female profile pic & name, but FB says **HE** asked you.
4. The ABOUT tab- usually empty.
5. The PHOTOS tab- usually only a few. Often duplicates.
6. The Public TIMELINE: Might even be full-- but no PERSONAL posts....
NOT just people saying "Thanks for the request" or just photos shared from some other sites: NOTHING written.

****BUT** this isn't a KEY; many of my TRUE ("real life") friends enjoy hearing ideas but don't post anything.** IF UNSURE after 1-6, and 7 & 8 below are not true: I click "Confirm Request", immediately re-check 1-6, and then immediately Delete the friendship if needed.

7. If the 'person' asking you has a friend whose profile pic is a Black Horse & rider... Well, 7 of my 9 Fake Person requests had that.
8. Really odd names... 8 of my 9 had that. (You'd think deceivers would have a BIT of intelligence to pick common names!)

I haven't mentioned **my actual first step: I really do pray for wisdom** -- even about REAL people-- God promises to answer that: James 1:6 & 5. SO..... If you're my Facebook Friend, you really ARE an answer to one Prayer! -- DianaDee :)

WATCH OUT, my friends: **Don't assume someone's safe because you share friends:**

AND ReMEMBER: YOU being careful helps OTHERS...If you're not Watchful & you accept any request just to increase your numbers >> **your REAL friends might be fooled because they trust your choice** in friends! ... and remember: SATAN KNOWS what you prayed for if you spoke it or wrote it.... Deceit is his favorite strategy.... Jesus said so: **John 8:44, the Father of Lies is a REAL ENEMY.**

March 14, 2016 at 10:30am (Photo of Charlie Brown trying to hit baseball). Anyone remember who was the "Fan" who lunged across the railing to catch the baseball-- making the team lose the game?.... I'm wondering if it was mocked in Charles Schultz's PEANUTS strip on 4-14-1999 >> Lucy is standing by outfield fence watching ball sail over. She calls to someone on other side, "Hey, how about throwing our ball back?" **Then someone replies, "Who hit it?" Lucy answers, "NOBODY IMPORTANT."** ... // ..

Last panel: the ball is coming back over fence-- unwanted.... // ...

PARABLE: NO! DON'T BELIEVE IT! There's *No Such Thing*** as**

"NOBODY IMPORTANT" in God's Eye... **YOU ARE important to God -- & *HIS* opinion is all that matters. Your DNA would take 1,000s of pages to describe-- ONE strand; God made *NO one else like you*! And knows YOUR Name: Psalm 147.**

March 14th 2016 9:33pm - Photo for March 14th - In honor of National PI Day, Here are some PI words from God that are Easy to Find when we remember that PI is **3.14....** Starting with my favorite ever since I FINALLY saw the pattern to now always know where YHWH God says "I AM" is His Name: Exodus 3.14.

I *LOVE* God's PI verse thru **Titus 3:14** : "And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful."

The PI verse in **James 3:14** >> "But if you are bitterly jealous & there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting & lying." (NLT) >>

It oddly matches the PI verse of **Romans 3:14**, "...Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." // - Back to beginnings: Genesis PI is where God cursed that Snake. It fits

the sad PI verse of Acts to people who rejected Jesus: "But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you..."

Psalms doesn't have a PI verse... but Psalm 3 ends in a Wondrous promise: "Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah" ... Think on this.

Finally (for here :) **2nd Timothy's** PI verse reminds us in 3:14,

"But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them" >>> on to 3:16:

ALL God's Bible Words are inspired by GOD Who Created all the universe -- and managed to inspired ALL His Bible Words. And I personally firmly believe God guided the assignment of verse numbering:

The study of 3:16's convinced me, there are so many key words there!

March 15, 2016 at 10:22am · PHOTO PRAYER: **Heavenly Father, You know every decision I need to make and every challenge I face. Please forgive me for the times that I try to figure this life out on my own. I need You. I need Your Holy Spirit to give me strength, wisdom, and direction. AMEN.**

A prayer... LORD, will You one day answer my prayer that what I *think* is doing a ministry that serves you & draws people to you.... Really Does Anything?... **I truly Want What You Want... Please forgive me for self-centered sadness.** -DianaDee

March 16, 2016 at 1:36pm ·

Many lovely pictures of "home"s.... it amuses me, how many of these I've lived in or near or visited often. When my hubby & I celebrated our 5th anniversary, I also celebrated living in one place longer than I ever had before! We laugh that he'll never truly understand that part of "me"... he graduated from H.S. with friends from first grade! Sometimes I think "Must be nice." And sometimes, like seeing this pics, I'm happy with my Grand Adventure of Life!

Jeremiah 17:7-10. 7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit." 9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 **I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind,** Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings." New KJV

The Romans 8:28 of this SADNESS: We can honestly **comfort others with the same kind of comfort given to US when people gave rejected us-- given by**

our Loving Father God. PROOF (since God cannot lie): 2nd Corin 1: "3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

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Mar 16, 2016 10:56am -

This AM, I was sadly thinking, "**Should I pray about what to do-- or is this thing too dumb TO PRAY ABOUT?**".... "Duhhhhh" for my Q itself: >>

Unlike when we ask people for their opinions, ***we never "waste God's time"*** when we ask Him for wisdom... in fact, when sorta prioritizing what we will or won't pray for, we're expressing Doubt in His Promise of James 1:5-6, DIS-honoring Him, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. BUT But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind." ... Why is it that most of us often do NOT ask?

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Mar 16, 2016 11:16am

One of my laments in private prayers this very week was while listening to **Day of Fire's** first album, & remembering one of their first concert tours I saw twice that year (about 2003?)... both festivals had REAL worship music during the worship time...

Now, barely a dozen years later, many Christian festivals still call a scheduled time "**worship**" -- but the bands play only their *own* songs-- *that no one knows*-- often with complicated music patterns not fast to learn or easy to worship with. Keith Green was "before my time" but I sure wish festivals esp still remembered heart felt worship times...

COMMENT, Happy memory, sad that it's less common now: At some festivals like ALIVE in Ohio, if you're patient to wait til the end of the (not as long there) line to talk with "up and coming" band groups, they'll often talk a long time incl about their instruments, their history, their ministry goal being to serve the LORD...

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March 17, 2016 at 1:03pm · *With photo (for St. Patrick's Day) of four-leaf clover and the words: "I'm not LUCKY – I'm BLESSED."* Used again in 2017 with different words including adding Jesus saying same thing in Luke 11:28.

"...if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today,.....

And all these BLESSINGS shall come upon you & overtake you, ***BECAUSE*** you obey the voice of the LORD your God"... -- God thru Deuteronomy 28:1-2 speaking to a Nation, yet also applicable to us who chose to be Grafted In to God's congregation of people -- Romans 11 (Greek *ekklesia*).

Mar 17, 2016 11:57am - INTRIGUING:

Some people insist that it's not "**Easter** Sunday" because "Easter" refers to a pagan goddess.... and so, they say, they changed it to "RESURRECTION Sunday"..... and get offended if you quietly reply,
"So it's ok to call what God calls "First Day" not "First Day" but by the the word "**Sunday**" that honors the **Sun god**"?? James 1:5, needing wisdom

March 18, 2016 at 10:48am .

An astounding insight about God's Love for you: He not only knows but COLLECTS your tears carefully. He invites us to cast our burdens on Him -- Why? "because He cares" (1 Peter 5:7)! Psalm 147, He

Psalm 124... my "go to" in all the times my heart has been broken... the LORD understands... cares... helps... and never calls our weeping some sorta 'lack of faith' as has been lied about Him...

2 PEANUTS CARTOON new photos.- Mar 21, 2016 12:41am - A comic strip shows Charlie Brown, lying wide awake in bed, to Snoopy who's on top of blanket in the dark room:

"Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, 'Is LIFE a multiple choice test or is it a TRUE OR FALSE test?' Then a voice comes to me out of the dark, and says, 'We hate to tell you this, but LIFE is a thousand word **essay**'." ... // ...

Most of us wish it WERE that easy: 400 words = 2-1/2 pages that wouldn't even cover ONE of our long days..... And YET: "Lo I am with you ALWAYS, God has repeatedly said... Jesus said... Joshua 1, Matthew's last verses, Hebrews 13:5-8. With Him is Peace & COURAGE... Even in Life's tests. :)

Credit Charles Schultz's characters, of course.

Mar 22, 2016 10:42am.

How many of us have been in one hour church services where the only persons who opened a Bible were the "liturgist" and-- maybe-- the preacher?... Maybe.

March 23, 2016 at 12:10pm .

An *old* movie: A "Discovered" singer went in radio station & sang LIVE to 1,000s. No do-overs possible. He sang once & left... Made me laugh to remember this past Monday's studio: I had 5 guitar chord changes in 7 counts @120 beats per minute in 3/4 time: Pretty Fast. Took ~9 "takes" before I correctly got from Dm7 to a different form of D Minor to D#MAJOR7 to C#sus2/4 to Em7.. in a few breaths...// ..Yet my producer Claxton kept quietly encouraging, "You can do it... just try again... you can..." :)

With his gentle words & God's Help: I did. ..// .. a PARABLE: Our LORD God whispers the same when we fail. "THE SAME GOD WHO'S LOVED ME ALWAYS >>
Music LINK/ Free Download::

http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/NewSongs2016/Same_God_Whos_Loved_Me.mp3 ...

..... **MUSIC SHEET >>**

<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/documents/SameGodWhosLovedMe-MU3-21-2016.pdf>

Mar 23, 2016 10:29am Absolutely. I firmly believe the LORD leads some people in a Facebook ministry that speaks "the Truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15) warning Christians on Facebook to not re-post someone else's or even obscure website rantings before researching-- & not at all if there's no evidence / authority: That's just **another form of Gossiping and Lies** which God hates so much that it's the last named sin in His last sin list of Bible (Revelation 22:15.. even after immorality).

Mar 23, 2016 11:03am - **Just imagine >> If a person walked up to you & said "I'm going to rob you next week-- but let's be friends THIS week"**

>> Wouldn't you RUN, and REMEMBER to avoid him?..... Yet people astoundingly won't remember this verse that you quote of Jesus's warning of an Enemy who comes NOW to steal & DestroyJohn 10:10's first half that many people won't quote before the 2nd "**happy Promise**" half of God's Life Abundant verse.....

SATAN IS REAL... but pretending to be your friend NOW (offering pleasant temptations & a promise that "God is Love & Understands you need this!" even before his plan to destroy you NEXT week, or month, or year.....

March 24, 2016 9:39pm -

PHOTO: IF SOMEONE SERIOUSLY WANTS TO BE PART OF YOUR LIFE, THEY **WILL** SERIOUSLY MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE IN IT. NO REASONS. >>

Written as encouragement to stop fretting about people who don't want you in their life. **BUT ... could just as truth-fully be said by LORD God. He *WANTS* each person with Him...** That's "THE WORLD" in JOHN 3:16. BUT some people just reject His Gifts.. refuse to be with Him despite all His love..//.....

If we *seriously* want God to be part of our life, we will pray,, Read His word, worship & Praise Him..... God set up conditions and DOES sometimes blesses us anyway but has not made any promise to.... BY OUR CHOICE (or not): Jeremiah 17:7 etc, Blessings promised quite often come after an "IF".

Jeremiah 17:7-10. 7 *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit."*

March 25, 2016 1:04pm -

We've heard 100s of sermons on how-- when the THICK Temple curtain ripped from top to bottom- it was a Sign of ending Separation between humans & God, we're told, thru Jesus's sacrifice. MORE than that: God was in GRIEF over His son's death: Israelites even STILL rip their clothing FROM TOP TO BOTTOM when heartbroken... God does not wear clothing.... **but He had a cloth Temple Veil to tear in grief.**

March 25, 2016 at 10:36pm ·

I woke up this AM wondering, "who in the world thought to call this sad day "GOOD Friday?" ... Cartoonist Johnny Hart's award-winning "B.C." comic strip answers the Q well. Hart often had thought-filled cartoons not just of religious themes that reflected his own Christian faith, but as Doors to Explore ideas:

B.C.:	"I hate the term "Good Friday.
B.C.'s friend:	"Why?"
B.C.	"My Lord was hanged on a tree that day.
B.C.'s friend:	"If you were going to be hanged on that day, and he volunteered to take your place , how would you feel?"
B.C.:	"Good".
B.C.'s friend:	<i>"Have a nice day."</i>

Mar 30, 2016 2:48pm - Thankfully facial recognition isn't (yet) nearly as advanced as NCIS and PERSON OF INTEREST etc TV programs make it look! But... I can't ever get away with anything anyway. God knows the names of a trillion stars & knows mine.

Mar 30, 2016 2:50pm

I still remember my 'quiet' mom yelling at me when I was about 8, for using her pinking shears to make a decorative paper edge. Just think: I was 'ahead of the times' in scrapbooking. Who knew back then what would become popular? **When God gives us an idea, let's not immediately say "People don't DO that."**

Mar 30, 2016 3:04pm -

Passover is named by YHWH as a Special Sabbath. NOT ALL Sabbaths are "Saturday" (sundown 6th day to sundown 7th day). It's fascinating to study the Jewish customs for that celebration... including the normal seating arrangement for suppers... like the Last Supper, and how Jesus had put Judas seated in the One place of honor.....

Mar 30, 2016 3:14pm -

We learn in public speaking & report writing to repeat the MOST IMPT item of a list LAST so people will remember. God's Last Sins List ends in Revelation 22:15, **"...whoever loves and practices a lie.**

END of 2016 WINTER PARABLES

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