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YEAR 2014 FALL PARABLES IN LIFE

October 1, 2014 at 8:46am · COOL PARABLE!

Many of the comments about Windows skipping from Version 8 straight to 10 have been funny on Facebook--> esp the one "Haven't they noticed that it's the ODD ones that work... and they skipped it!" I use it on my laptop because I couldn't afford Mac laptop... but I love my Music Studio workstation's Mac workhorse. FAVORITE: The SEARCH engine is WOW. This AM, I was struggling to remember which of songs I'd recorded back in 2011 had a specific lyrics line in it. *Not a chance* of finding it on PC. **Went to my Mac: Found the 5 words INSIDE a doc in *seconds*....** Sorta scary to remember God can search me even easier & know my every thought better than I myself can remember. But AMAZING: He loves me anyway. Loves us EACH anyway, even a person who detests and mocks Him. WOW..... <USED AGAIN in 2017>

October 1, 2014 at 3:31pm · After spending time at Lake's huge gazebo and decks: Discovered today: Green tailed lake fish will eat cooked rice (no surprise) but LOVE and FIGHT over pieces of cooked carrot. (I was eating cold veggie soup at a park gazebo deck atop a lake-- gorgeous day Gift from God!) It "got me to thinking": Why would "Nature" accidentally-by-evolution just by chance create 100s of 1000s of very different kinds of food, from nuts and berries to artichokes & pineapples (whose sharp edges fight back!) to climbing "string beans" - or bush beans? Doesn't make sense statistically. MUCH more logical to believe there's an Artist creator- with a sense of humor about golf ball- size-seed avocados... & yummy cashews that are in the Poison Ivy family.

October 2, 2014 at 7:47am ·

Nightmare reminded me "things can always be worse". Posts like Sept 30ths at 1:34 A-m remind me: They HAVE been worse esp for 8 in our family; "YET GOD!"... We who "pray for strangers" really need to pray for man who caught Ebola helping a pregnant woman get to hospital in Liberia (she was turned away: lack of space); for his caring family... pray for all on that re-circulating air flight he took to Dallas; & for health workers. AND for schoolchildren & families: He was in contact with a few children during days after he first was given antibiotics & released from a hospital. People in Dallas, Liberia, around world are TERRIFIED at the high death rate from this disease. We who love God & TRUST Him Still fight fear often. May we compassionately pray for God's peace & help to not only comfort & heal, but even more importantly, to show people **Who He is.**

October 4, 2014 at 11:54am ·

Hallmark didn't set today's name, but it's a kind of Father's Day:

God names it "Day of Atonement"... a day when we especially think about all the ways we hurt our **LORD God, our Abba Father**. God calls us to fast and pray for ourselves, our fellowships that worship Him, our country... to sorrow deeply for sins and ask His forgiveness. Not to "earn heaven", but to seek His help in turning ourselves around, repenting of sins that grieve Him. **We scheduled for this specific date the release of EVIL GLEE PRAYER**, copyrighted but available for FREE use via my&God's website DianaDeeOsborneSongs .com - MP3 and music sheets. "Help me remember Satan's glee if my actions and thoughts hurt Thee." Amen.

<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/NewSongsList2014/EvilGleePrayer.mp3>

MUSIC SHEETS: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2014.php>

October 5, 2014 at 11:43pm · PHOTO: Before Christ (**KITTENS**) & After Christ (**LIONS**).

"And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with POWER from heaven."... "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with BOLDNESS." --- Jesus in Luke 24:49, + the fulfillment of that GUARANTEE of power to those who *OBEY* Jesus as LORD, reported in Acts 4:31 with the condition stated in 5:32.

October 6, 2014 at 10:07pm · "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes." --last words in Book of Judges. COMPARED TO: "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs & sorcerers & sexually immoral & murderers & idolaters, AND whoever loves and practices a LIE." --among last words in Book of Revelation..... History obviously DOES repeat itself. But so does God, in His Right Judgments... And, thankfully, so does God in His mercy of giving our nations, us individuals, Time to repent and return to His Way... Time for awhile. Jeremiah 8:5 on - "perpetual backsliding"... "Everyone turned to his own course." HOPE: First John (all), esp 3:3.

October 6, 2014 at 10:30pm ·

HEART JEWEL FIRE. Song PSALM 101 GUARDING HEARTS. "NO ONE who will NOT GUARD HIS HEART HAS a PLACE in Heaven, God says with deep loving sorrow at their choice. Deuteronomy 30: 19. Judgment warning. LORD, help me guard my heart!" Free use MP3 (right click on bar, SAVE AUDIO AS to your PC) >

<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/.../Psalm101GuardingHearts.mp3> - Music sheets free at <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/PSALMS---and---Prophets.php>

October 7, 2014 at 10:35pm · Did you know a scallop is an animal with about 60 eyes that line its mantle- often beautiful brilliant blue? Yet another example of the sense of

humor of a designer... If by chance, then statistically at least a few of the millions of other creatures should have evolved by the same chance. The LORD is Amazing... and repeatedly shows us! "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You VISIT him?" CHRISTMAS PROPHECY? *VISIT*, Psalm 8. Hebrew 6485 *paqad* double meaning for "**observe, attend to**".

October 7, 2014 at 12:46pm · As light turned red, I pulled up behind car in left lane. Was sitting there (long light!) glancing down to grab & insert the CD I had pulled out of case to play next. Suddenly a feeling of Fear! Felt that I was moving! Had brakes failed?! Looked up quick: Realized the huge truck on my right was inching forward, as if that would get'em there faster though light still red... REMINDED ME of C.S. Lewis's 'Out of the Silent Planet'. Ransom finds the alien world's ground keeps moving like wet gooey marshland: HARD to keep balance & walk. But soon: he adjusts... REMINDS ME of how we people once were shocked by things that nauseated not only God but us. But soon: Most of us adjust. LORD, help us stay alert & FIGHT "normal!"

October 8, 2014 at 8:16am · Huge silver moon slowly hidden as shadows crept over left edge. Long time before full Blood Moon seen this AM, 5:30-6:20 on East Coast. 1,000s & 1,000s COULD have seen it on work commute in DC area. Those who saw & turned away at 5:50 might've thought it only a normal 3/4, Gibbous moon. Those who glanced up at 6:10, maybe "just a half moon". Matt 16:3 & Luke 21:11,25, Jesus reflects Genesis 1:14, "Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for SIGNS and seasons".. a word we usually overlook... Strong's defines Matt 24:42 "watch" as "to take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one." WATCH... all the Time.

October 8, 2014 at 8:31pm · PHOTO of 4 phases/ dates of blood moon in past few months: "When the moon turns to blood it shouts that Jesus Christ, King of Glory, is in total control and He will come again!" – Pastor John Hagee. Me: Photo to go with the description in last post. By the way: Hagee's book "Four Blood Moons" actually has a LOT of history about Israel and year patterns across the centuries-- really intriguing facts beyond prophecies.

October 9, 2014 at 9:59am · Cleaning house boring, so also watching music history "Standing in the Shadows of Motown" - this AM on BOUNCE - and it was SO fun! Focus was on lesser known Funk Brothers & their experiences in studio + touring... Sad: When Beatles came to America, they did a lot of Motown covers, & kids thought it was original to Beatles-- which made Beatles grow faster. FunkB was famous enough to have to hide from fans at times, esp between 14 hour studio sessions... So a funeral home let them hide... When suspecting fans came to door, the funeral home director would answer it with a bone saw & cutter in hands, & a jar of embalming fluid by door--

and would eagerly invite in the visitor. Who'd quickly make an excuse & dash away gagging, while the band members struggled to not laugh aloud until he was gone :)

October 10, 2014 at 9:54am · Unpleasant new experience this AM: Found raccoon scat on deck among birdseed hulls under hanging feeder. Seen in "Dances With Wolves" movie: Animals "mark" their territory to claim ownership. As I swept the disgusting mess, God led me to think of something far more nauseating: Genesis 4:15, God MARKED Cain as His, to protect. Ezekiel 9, those who hate Abominations are marked & saved from God's Right-eous destruction... The Mark of the Beast will be more than a new Identity-Theft Protection credit card under the skin (etc): By allowing it, people will Allow a Claim of Ownership, the Mark of ownership that will DELIGHT Satan. No wonder God who yearns to call each of us "His people" will reject those who reject His command to refuse the Mark. Revelation 13:17 on.

October 12, 2014 at 6:35am ·

Election Day 1920, millions of American women exercised their right to vote for the first time. Across centuries & world geography, billions of women have been kept down in a role of working hard daily for men. YET GOD demanded that women be given a Rest every 7th day. MEN could NOT make women cook, clean, chop wood:} ... Men STILL cannot without losing God's blessing. We women are silly when we fight God's commandment to REST. Exodus 16:33, 20:8-11.

October 12, 2014 at 10:53am · *South Myrtle Beach, South Carolina:*

Listening to ocean waves pound the sand 2 days & a night, motel balcony door left open to hear the Music of God's Waves constantly drumming. Ready & set for our 2nd honeymoon (well, probably a bigger number than that!) -- eagerly waiting for my "bridegroom" to arrive at some **unknown but soon** day & hour, after he finishes helping his mom 2 states away. Hmm... sounds like a parable about 10 gals waiting with lamps :} Oceans with no voice still speak of God's Glory (Psalm 8, 19)... constant and powerful whether I remember them or not. Whether I remember their Creator or not. Hmm... sounds like another parable 😊:) Psalm 8:4 PROPHECY of CHRISTmas: "What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You VISIT him?" (Hebrew paqad - most frequent defs = SEEK, VISIT.)

October 12, 2014 at 4:55pm ·

An interesting question on a friend's post: "If everything originates from God, what is the source of evil?"... Here's The Answer... **I don't say "an" answer because God's Bible clearly states all these facts: "Evil comes because of the GIFT of free will that God gave to humans and also even to angels.".....** See Luke 10:17-19 (serpents being symbol for Satan & demons in 19): Jesus says Satan's real & really was thrown from Heaven. Think how much God LOVES us to RISK giving

us a choice to reject Him and to thus be hurt-- as many people do to Him. Including with this popular Genesis 3:1 type lie of BLAMING GOD for creating evil, or for allowing free will which will result in evil:

..... Don't be deceived into **new-age (Satanic) thinking God "created evil so we'll appreciate good or beauty or light" more... That's a lying thought** (John 8:44) from Lucifer/ Satan that God describes thru Ezekiel 28.

..... It figures, doesn't it?? >> .. that God made Satan so very wonderful, then Satan chose to pridefully try to take God's place, and when that failed Satan now works to convince us that evil is all God's fault so we can hurt God believing that Lie against God's very character. How do WE feel when people wrongfully accuse us? But... there's really a great Romans 8:28 God brings from that, too --- I would NEVER want God to turn things back so that didn't happen to me even despite continuing pain-- not just because those times led to so many song gifts from God, but because I have learned to really grieve for how I grieve God when I call Him a liar by doubting He'll keep each & every Bible Word promise.

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October 13, 2014 at 10:29am · American Life focus changed in a mere 2 weeks, since Sept 28th first report of Texas Ebola case. Don't you wonder how many people ponder a connection between our country's **TWO huge-est News topics in past 2 weeks?: (1) Ebola reaching America with 50% death rate re blood- significant; & (2) As of Oct. 10, 2014, gay marriage has been legalized in 26 states-- often AGAINST the Majority- vote wishes of the state's citizens, Forced upon them by judge-leaders (without *ANY* science evidence of genetics, or *else* Gay Rights advocates would have provided it!)**.... I'm NOT stating any conclusion. Yet pondering:... Not just Pharaoh AND his advisers, but the entire Egyptian nation who depended on these leaders suffered when leaders rejected God... even "NICE" Egyptian masters....

..... Perhaps not all people were proud when the Tower of Babel (far smaller than Freedom Towers) was built-- Yet all suffered God's decision. Among the entire peoples of Judah & Israel, at least some sought to follow YHWH (Evidence: the prophet writers). Yet ALL suffered in Exiles that God sent to punish & TEACH them to return to Him. Prayers much needed for our country that's been blessed for 400 years- significant- for at least seeking to follow God's principles... before.....//

..... This AM I was thinking about all the poor fishies that died in Egypt's river & will die when Rev. 8:11 is fulfilled. And of Matthew 23's end, Jesus sorrowing over people choosing Death by denying Him who loves them as a mother hen.... Sounds stupid maybe, but I'm expecting based on all the evidence of God's goodness that our Creator has marvelous waters / land for all the creatures who die on Earth because of humans' choices to reject our LORD.

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October 14, 2014 at 8:43am · PHOTO: Mounds of gold. "What matters most to you shows the Most ABOUT you." -- a new bank commercial with an ancient Truth from God

Himself. "Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure with trouble." (Proverbs 15:16). ENLARGE photo to see man diving into what HE thinks is great treasure. PEACEFUL PEOPLE trust God to provide all needs-- don't accumulate TREASURE of gold, jewels, cars, mansions or big houses as Joys in Life. Besides- these give more to FEAR losing, to CLEAN or take care of, using our precious TIME. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - JESUS, quoted twice: Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34 PATTERN 1-2-3-4. PHOTO via J K Nielson @ wordpress

October 15, 2014 at 8:43am ·

This morning, looked out window at billowing gray clouds blanketing sky, & grumbled-- as a friend often does with a friend-- "LORD, this is the 3rd morning on the beach without a sunrise." And then it seems I heard a laugh-- as a friend often responds to a friend-- "The sun DID rise. You just couldn't see it 😊:) " ... 3 years ago on Wrightsville Beach, NC, the Holy Spirit inspired song ALWAYS THE SUN... with this simple logic: (1) The sun rises EVEN when we don't see it. And (2) God is with us who truly love Him EVEN when we don't "see" Him. As the chorus concluded, repeatedly: ALWAYS THE SON is here. Matthew's final words from Jesus. Hebrews 13:5. Deut 31:6-8 >> God's promise across centuries. Num 23:19 > God CANNOT lie.

October 16, 2014 at 9:29pm ·

Why did God love David so very much? One clue is in this songwriter's DELIVERY SANDWICH PRAYER >> Psalm 70 (and 40: 13-17). Amid the turbulence of enemies trying to destroy, kill him, David starts & ends with pleas for delivery-- like 2 pieces of bread around this filling: David urgently praying for OTHERS (1) to seek God, (2) to rejoice in God, (3) to love God's salvation, and (4) to continually MAGNIFY God- aloud, verbally. All this in a single sentence, 70:4. David's heart: Praying for God-- that others seek & worship Him as He so dearly deserves.

October 17, 2014 at 6:34am ·

Calvinball =game invented played by Calvin & Hobbes (comic strip by Bill Watterson) where **rules are made up as you go. Facebook seems same way.** I set which friends whose posts I really want to see; FB ignores setting & shows me whatever small subset of friends' posts it 'desires'. I set 99.9% of my posts as PUBLIC; FB shows some of them only to friends. I've deduced that photos seem to confuse FB most. Anyhow... I really like my Oct 15th parable idea I'm sure is from God, the LOGIC that just because we don't see the sun behind clouds or God behind Clouds doesn't mean they aren't there. So I'll "try again" to convince FB to make public what I post public... this time without the pretty picture. And this time, via my blog link:

<https://facebookparablesinlife.blogspot.com/2014/10/always-sun-parable-by-dianadee-osborne.html>

October 19, 2014 at 2:07pm ·

I dashed my hands fast to grab a shell under the water before waves could drag it away... Lesson at beach: Decide fast or your op for that treasure will probably be gone forever. Sorrow slammed me harder than the waves to remember a radio sermon quoting a famous 'classic' theologian- far above me in IQ- declaring that "When God calls you, if you don't answer, your op WILL be gone forever." NO! There's neither Divine Love NOR Logic that The Shepherd stops calling a stubborn sheep just because- like most children- it selfishly runs. Sure-- if the sheep keeps biting, God gives Freedom of choice. But entire theologies built around verses re "reprobate minds" out of context (1) ignore "Love is PATIENT" (1 Cor 13), and (2) are tools of Satan to drive away those who rejected God's call as youth and are now told "Too Bad-- You're Too Late."

October 20, 2014 at 7:37am ·

"Misery loves company"... a blah saying. But it's true that we find comfort in those who can truly empathize with us... Including, amazingly, the Son of God Himself: "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls" (Heb 12:3)... And sometimes with love He sends an 'angel' of some type: The word means "one who brings a message from God."

SHARED original post of Jody M, with this personal message, on date in 2017:
Hi Jody. This 2014 post of yours popped up in my "Memories", thought you'd be interested. By the way, I'm almost finished preparing the Journals of EACH YEAR of Facebook Parables I wrote, to put on my music website for people to see free (God's wisdom anyway, not mine)... An idea you might like to consider for all your great posts.
-DianaDee.

October 20, 2014 at 7:45pm ·

<With daughter in Amish Country>

Being in a strange large city, it was cool to talk to others at the motel & learn that 2 dozen police/rescue personnel were staying near my room for a half week of K-9 and Rescue Dog re-certification. Marked cars warned away any evil-thinking passersby. Knowing not only the powerful skills but also (more imp't) the caring hearts of so many around me added a kind of 'peace'. Yet their power & caring is NOTHING compared to our God! And He's *always* around those who draw to Him -- His firm Promise (James 4:8). Sure: Bad things still happen in this world. YET GOD reassures all who love Him: There is no reason to fear. Abba Father will take care of us on Either Side of this veil of Life.

October 21, 2014 at 3:01pm ·

My Oct 12 post had scriptures relevant to a Q on FB: "If everything originates from God, what is the source of evil?"... A deceptive "philosophy" is being spread thru Facebook etc is saying that God "CREATED evil so we'll appreciate good or beauty or light"--- a lying idea from Satan whom Jesus called "The father of lies" (Genesis 3:1, John 8:44). Who, Jesus says, dearly wants to destroy YOU (John 10:10). Today I came across a

Light Bulb Moment in Scripture- Romans 3:8, one that we skim over & don't really notice amid God's Great promises: "**WHY NOT SAY 'LET US DO EVIL that GOOD may COME'?**"... and then Paul writes that some people were slanderously accusing Christians of saying that very thing. See: Even the non-believers saw thru the Lie of saying God created Evil so people can see good.

NOTE on date in 2017... It seems so ___ *?sad word I can't think of ...* that an entire 3 years has passed since I wrote this, which I so vividly remember praying over and writing. Thanking God for His idea to record parables and teachings to be remembered and to share ideas years later....

October 22, 2014 at 7:25am · For this week's song to record (God willing), supporting scriptures referenced in **COMPLAINING TO PRAISING PRAYER**, for Amazing **Word 'n' Worship** album, should make us feel sorry for what we people do to God. First Corinthians 10: 8-10 reminds us of history in Psalms 105-7. Poetry itself in vs 10 of old KJV: "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." But the LORD JEHOVAH's words in Numbers 14:27 are ****so**** sad from the God who showed all the loving care described in Psalms 105-7: "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me." QUESTION IS: Do I .. we .. do the same? ANSWER IS or should be: Profound apologies to our LORD.

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<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/NewSongsList2014/ComplainingToPraisingPrayer.mp3>

Music sheets: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2014.php>

October 22, 2014 at 11:29am · PHOTO from Fox & Friends (which changed MUCH by 2017): This religious plaque has been placed on two elementary schools (Midlothian school district in Texas) for DECADES, but now atheists want them gone. Last night the school board refused to vote on whether to remove them. PLAQUE on brick wall, engraved stone: DEDICATED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1997 TO THE EDUCATION OF GOD'S CHILDREN AND TO THEIR FAITHFUL TEACHERS IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH. SOLI DEO GLORIA.

POST: Atheists have to fight hard to try to prove that a God they don't believe in doesn't exist. [Romans 1's end, The Creator built it into our beings to look at nature and see His handiwork.] Their faith in God's nonexistence must be pretty weak if they're afraid a few words will keep people from believing their witness words trying to prove Atheism. **WHATEVER YOUR BELIEF:** Movements like these pave the way for people to stop your American Freedom to publicly state what you believe, incl on property they don't own. Anyone confident in their faith would see a plaque like this as a starting point to share their faith (which Atheism is).

October 23, 2014 at 12:20pm ·

Update= a backing off. IDEA: What if Not Only these but Other pastors put their sermons on INTERNET & publicly announced via the Web where the WORLD can see it, that Houston's Mayor office & anyone else can download sermon audios for free- & even videos... Curious people worldwide would hear-- Thru this, God may reach His Truth far further than the archived sermons would otherwise go. 'Twould be a cool way to "stick it to Satan" for trying to get God's people scared of speaking out... You'd think by now that Satan would figure out that God ALWAYS "pulls a Romans 8:28" out of the evil Satan tries to cause to people who truly love & depend on God....

ARTICLE: 15 Oct 2014. AUSTIN, Texas — Houston Mayor Annise Parker has backed down from the subpoenas the City of Houston issued to several area pastors for the content of their sermons, speeches and communications with church members. Texas Senator Ted Cruz weighed in, firmly supporting the pastors in their efforts to fight the subpoenas, while Mayor Parker initially remained adamant that the city had the right to request those records. Despite posting comments on Twitter just hours before that seemed to indicate she would continue to fight this issue, she told a Houston radio station that she had changed her mind.

October 24, 2014 at 9:24am ·

He lied & drew another into his lie: Genesis 12: 12-13, Abram to Sarai: ".. say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of **you...** // BUT HEY, God wasn't "REAL" to them yet. So after seeing all God's Love, how God Provides & Protects, they'd have faith, right?... Esp with a promise they've gotta live til a son comes! Onward to Gen 19- They see God's HOLY-ness & POWER over Sodom's Evil. Then to Gen 20: AGAIN he lied, exact same way. Despite knowing God's Goodness.... Thankfully God gives Grace & forgives who repent & STOP it. YET GOD does NOT call lying a "Lesser Sin" like most people. God's LAST SIN LIST: "sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a LIE." Rev. 22:15. Including GOSSIP. Romans 1:28-32 whisperers.....

October 25, 2014 at 8:42pm · As I drove thru several 100 miles of SC & NC back roads, I saw many fields literally "white for harvest", the words of Jesus in John 4:35. As a country girl, I've been among cotton plants. My hands have bled & itched from fierce thorn-like husks that surround those white balls-- NOT all sweet soft cotton like the store sells... We often hear John 4 taught in church, of sending us to spread The Gospel. But Jesus's reaping parable meant more than just going & easily plucking grapes. Sometimes, like with cotton plants, it seems the crop "fights back". Mocks, ignores, even threatens us. Still, Christ invites us to be part of His Ministry... Commands us (like at end of Matthew). A mission that will bring Joy beyond description if, thru us, the LORD reaps the heart of yet another of the ALL He so dearly loves.

October 26, 2014 at 4:07pm ·

I Love watching colorized musicals from the 1940s... gorgeous costumes, happily-ever-after-some-problems plots. Yet: I Hate watching these same movies from the 1940s; I

see photos of my Mom from before I was born-- gorgeous, very similar to Rita Hayworth. I think upon how all the movie's people are now dead or, by the world's standards, quite ugly. YET Again: It's a joy to know we each have an op to become *more* beautiful as time goes by-- as my Mom has, with her gentle, kind heart. As God promises that- with the Holy Spirit's help- we can each Grow In Time to reflect Jesus more & more. 2nd Corinthians 3:18. To God: ALL who dearly love Him grow more glorious, by His power. 2COR318. No matter our physical aging.

October 27, 2014 at 9:44pm

<used again in 2016 on date>

Dad didn't call Grandmom's Oriental throw rugs "flying carpets" for nothing. When the adults were outdoors, my brother & I would go sailing down her long wood hall-- long before we knew someone had invented skateboards. Of course Dad made us stop when he found out 😞:(. My Brother And I loved the new rental house with baby pine trees to jump over, & a well house (like Snoopy's doghouse!) that we could run to, race up the top, & jump as far as possible. Of course Dad made us stop 😞:(. I was "responsible" at age 11; so while Mom & Dad were both at work, I made sure my Bro didn't invent any bad things to do 😊:) ... So...

..... My Brother And I would sneak in the outdoors-only cat Butterball; sneak poorly hidden snacks (only a couple, figuring Mom wouldn't notice). We'd jump on beds but of course get the wrinkles out afterward. But always, somehow, Dad found out and.... EVER THINK UPON HOW *UNFAIR* IT SEEMS that the FUN stuff are SINS?...

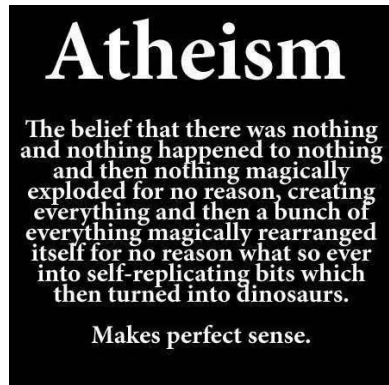
..... But then: Dad didn't want us to break legs, break pines we didn't own, break shingles off the pump house, fall off the bed or break the slats (oh... I just remembered.... oops....), or eat our limited food-- we didn't know we weren't rich. And I won't mention what he didn't want the CAT to do in the house and hence that rule... and another oops or 2 or....

..... Every "SIN" Dad didn't want us to do-- we thought he was ruining our fun. But now we see He had good reason. And... one day... everyone will see that our Heavenly Dad also had good reason for His commands. My favorite finding: In last decades, environmental scientists are finding that shellfish quickly help clean up polluted waters when their numbers are allowed to grow again... and of course when we eat shellfish, we're eating the gunk they ate. Leviticus 11:10, God SAID these are "Detestable to you." Not just a "SIN" but a LOVING instruction from our loving dad.

..... I wish I had trusted my smart Dad more as a child. No hidden parable there.

October 27, 2014 at 11:10am ·

PHOTO: ATHEISM: The belief that there was nothing & nothing happened to nothing and then nothing magically exploded for no reason, creating everything and then a bunch of everything magically arranged itself for no reason what so ever into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs. Makes perfect sense... (from The Revolution with Phil Decker, July 20, 2014)



POST: This is FASCINATING to me: The same scientists who believe & declare EVOLUTION THEORY (un-proven & un-prove-able), also teach the evidenced scientific principle of ENTROPY: "The natural tendency of the universe to fall apart into disorder." "Entropy increases as matter and energy in the universe degrade to an ultimate state of inert uniformity" (vocabulary -com). Talk about a disconnect in simple LOGIC.

October 28, 2014 at 10:05am ·

Please keep this friend <Jim> in your prayers. He has served the LORD much, sharing his faith on Facebook. Malachi 4:2, "But to you who fear My name The Son of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings..." >> Matt 14:36/ Mark 6:56, the fringes of a rabbi's garment are also called wings.

<p>Malachi 4:2, "But to you who fear My name The Son of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings..." >> Matt 14:36/ Mark 6:56, the fringes of a rabbi's garment are also called wings. Remember the woman who touched Jesus's robe for healing? She KNEW this prophecy! She was recognizing Jesus as this Son of Righteousness!</p>

October 28, 2014 at 8:46pm ·

Always surprising to walk the beach mid-afternoon and find great shells that 100s of people already walked by. What *I* treasure, they did not... Still surprises me with joy to come upon scriptures I never noticed or forgot, that say God treasures each of us. Even if we're broken and feel unwanted by other people. God's TREASURE PROMISE, seldom noticed in Malachi 3:16b - 17...

"A book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name.

17 "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts,
"On the day that I make them My JEWELS.
And I will spare them -- as a man spares his own son who serves him."

October 29, 2014 at 9:46am ·

A game show this week listed a lot of toys people use to play with their cats. The multiple choice Q asked, Which of these toys does the Veterinarian Association tell people to NOT ever use? Answer is related to First Corinthians 15:57, where one of the marvelous PROMISES from God to ALL who dearly love Him is summarized-- even concerning Death!! >> "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Don't use LASER TOYS with cats because they can never win. And that hurts them... Don't be DISCOURAGED with anything around you because you can ALWAYS win, with LORD God Who SHALL give you the VICTORY when you humble yourself to ask!

October 30, 2014 at 10:38am ·

"Holiness is the habit of being of one mind with God, according as we find His mind described in Scripture. It is the habit of agreeing in God's judgment, hating what He hates, loving what He loves, and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His Word." — J.C. Ryle, in book "Holiness" ... This prolific writer & ardent preacher for God [1816-1900] also spoke this truth of the LORD (John 14:26) > "Be very sure of this-- People never reject the Bible because they cannot understand it. They understand it only too well; they understand that it condemns their own behavior; they understand that it witnesses against their own sins, and summons them to judgment."

November 1, 2014 ·

Some FB posts are asking "What happened to America???" Don't know why the radio ran the full AUDIO of Ronald Reagan's campaign speech for another candidate in 1964, but it made my drive home today quite awakening... I doubt RR had any idea how prophetically true many words would be 50 years later. Including **"Senator Fulbright has said.. the Constitution is outmoded.. [the President] is 'hobbled in his task by the restrictions of power imposed on him by this antiquated document'. He must 'be freed,' so that he 'can do for us' what he knows 'is best'."** [Sounds recent.]

November 1, 2014 at 10:28am · ARTICLE: woman kills her blind child out of "compassion".... Doctors SAID they could give pain relief besides medicines: Not knowing (or trusting) a website, researched mother's name...it's true story. Why didn't parents just put child up for adoption? Many people are kind. Why blind to realizing their death method gave its own horrible suffering? If any human did this to puppies, angry news reports would be blasted thru the WwW... Disgusting to not find U.S. news sources that reported case. An example of how easy it will be to limit Internet feed & blind people to what's really happening in world...

November 3, 2014 at 1:04pm ·

~18 months ago, we finally got courage to spend \$1,500 to replace our house's huge picture window system with insulated glass. Cold air had seeped thru for 25+ winters

despite heavy draperies. Even when I pulled back draperies in summers, thick cloth blocked part of the view of the field & forest beyond. NOW: Barely-there filmy curtains are decoration only: They don't cover any glass. It's such a JOY to see so much of God's world that was ALWAYS there, hidden because of my choice to keep draperies.... Just as it's such a JOY to keep finding "treasures" in God's Word that have been there all along: Found as I keep seeking His truth while praying for wisdom (John 14:26, James 1:5-6). Like Hebrews 12:1-3 -- such a comfort when I'm weary of people-----and of me.

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November 4, 2014 at 9:10am ·

Often those "little verses" come to mean so much when the Holy Spirit brings to mind a deeper meaning than the one we first thought-- if we keep praying & looking: Genesis 2:4-5, sandwiched between "2 big stories"---> "This is the history of the heavens & the earth when they were created, in the DAY that the LORD God made the earth & the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth ... For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, & there was NO MAN to till the ground..." ** WHAT AN AMAZING WONDER! ** From the BEGINNING, God has planned for us to enjoy working for Him & His Kingdom, to join in what He COULD do Himself! > For, most assuredly, God could certainly till the ground Himself in a blink! John 4:35 >> Jesus INVITES us to His JOY-full work of Harvest.

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November 4, 2014 at 5:28pm ·

Each time I think I've met all requirements... here comes another bill. Been 3 months, really feeling better after operation, but seems no end- tho I'd been told beforehand of only 2 bills. God is great... we can afford to pay. And He's helping me to realize a parallel as I study cults that claim to be Christian: People are promised to feel better if they come, told a few things they must "do to be saved". But over time, they're told they've graduated to learn of "one more thing".. & then... Some use Bible same way: First declare Truth of Romans 10:9 as only 2 requirements; but then told they must join & serve in a church, be baptized, be this & do that... exactly what God had to teach Against thru Paul. Commandments are "statutes forever" (research that & Matt 5:19 "least of these", Strong's G1785), & tell what God Likes: BUT keeping 'em cannot save us. Only accepting Jesus's gift can save anyone.

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November 4, 2014 at 5:37pm ·

Mark 12:30-31, Jesus said "There is no other commandment greater than these." It is a common MIS-TEACHING in churches to say that Jesus said there are NOW only 2 laws-- Remember He is GOD, the same as FOREVER when He was at Mount Sinai (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus did NOT say there are no other commandments now. In fact, Matthew 5:19 shows Jesus says the opposite: We must obey ALL of the LEAST (Littlest, Strong's G1646 - elachistos) commands.... OR accept His gift. Those are only 2 ways to be saved - James 2:10 does NOT say only 2 commandments: "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all."

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm...>

November 5, 2014 at 3:43pm ·

Within 1/2 hr of driving, van gas gauge went from indicating 1/4 full to showing an orange warning light- and the Range indicator saying I had 22 miles left. Managed to get to a station within 10 miles. Sure enough, pump showed I'd had only 1/2 gallon left: 13 miles. I BASICALLY like my van model to get same model after Snowstorm Tree totaled old van. But I've always hated this feature that's same as 2010 models... AND that we can't leave on headlights when we get out & go to front door in the dark-- The company thinks we're too stupid to know we left the lights on for 30 seconds.... SO WHAT?

..... The company that makes my van never asks its customers what they do or don't like-- so the vans Never Improve. Bad features stay. And... I've been in dozens of churches as a traveling visitor: Only 1 has ever given visitors a form asking "What would you suggest we change?" And for almost every church: In cold OR hot weather, no one stands outside the closed front door to welcome anyone-- even minutes before a service....

..... I've literally sat in my van some days at 10:50 for an 11 AM service, fighting the urge to drive away. Once in PA, I did.... So let me here commend a Stafford County VA church that even had greeters waiting *15 minutes after* service started-- telling me as I walked up late, "Welcome Home!" Thank you, Strong Tower Ministries!: I certainly felt welcomed & comforted as I entered a new place to worship our LORD.

November 6, 2014 at 11:00am ·

USED AGAIN (EDITED) same date **2016**.

My favorite worship album... have given away literally 4 dozen new CDs of SATURATE by Jeff Deyo Band to youth & sad friends-- songs by the "former band" SONIC FLOOD that refused to change its deeply rocking worship music to please producers. That opens & closes with us praying together to our LORD, telling Him our love. With my favorite-of-all-times prayer song - in my favorite E minor > Cmaj7 > D guitar chord progression -- MORE LOVE, MORE POWER. Based on my favorite scripture base for prayers to better serve our LORD: Ephesians 3:20. God empowers us BEYOND our dreams. Eph 3:21... when our dreams are for HIS Glory.

November 7, 2014 at 9:44am ·

A new friend had just moved to the DC area from a desert state. She expressed deep disappointment as we gathered for a church Bible Study right after a light rainstorm: Everyone was exclaiming, "Oh, did you see that GORGEOUS rainbow on the way here?!" She said "I didn't see it. I've seen pictures, but I've never seen a real rainbow."...//... Yet she of course knew rainbows exist.

..... Is it not ASTOUNDING?: Technology has shown us microbiology critters & astronomy galaxies that once no one believed existed... Yet so many humans still declare "I won't believe in a God unless I see him."... So many wonderfully intelligent dogs if they could speak, could say "I won't believe in rainbows just because you say

they're real." But being color blind does not make the color stop existing. And being blind to God....#DianaDeeOsborne <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Resources.php>
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November 7, 2014 at 9:13pm ·

I never rely on the paraphrased New Living 'Translation' without comparing to KJV/ NKJV or NASB.... But sometimes NLT is not only easier to understand, but just plain fun reading! Like Colossians 2:8 >> "**Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense** that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ." ... "*High-Sounding Nonsense*"?! esp, I can understand that as a kind of "**vain deceit**"- most translations!.

November 8, 2014 at 6:22am

I admit: I've gotten really good at touching up nail polish chips so that no one notices the flaws. The trick: Dab some polish on every bare spot & let dry; add another layer & let dry; then smoothly polish all 10. Y'all guys are thinking HO HUM probably... but there's an IMPT "So WHAT??" here:.... Even w cheap polish, the kind I use enALBINOss me to go 3 weeks hiding flaws. But then... It takes a *long* time to remove all those layers, chipping away. Sometimes I even give up & figure "my husband loves me anyway" as I just cover up flaws again 😊:) Yet: Just this month, Dr. Oz said women need to completely reveal fingernails-- because nail polish covers up hints in our nails about our health.... And: God says we all need to completely remove flaws... And to not give up as we chip them away with His help. Heb 3:13, "But encourage one another day after day.. so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

November 9, 2014 at 8:43pm ·

TRUE OR FALSE?: Ladybugs can be yellow or orange. A: True. True or False: **Every** cute little dotted yellow beetles that appears to be a sweet garden-helping insect is a ladybug?... **Quite False**. ASIAN LADY BEETLES look alike-- unless you've studied enough to know this **white-headed bug is NOT a ladybug** (which has a black head). In fact- ALBs *eat* good ladybugs & can BITE you.... Jesus declared this commonly spoken truth: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.".... So **HOW do we recognize wolf vs sheep?** Same way we can recognize the best-counterfeited money: Study the real thing. Stay **watchful** for fakes.

And get the **help of an expert:**

24/7 help **IS repeatedly promised by God**, incl in James 1:5 >> If you ask God for WISDOM, He gladly gives it!

November 10, 2014 at 2:00pm · photo on [Pinterest](#)

Photo of close up eye where you can see 3 crosses as the pupil. Description = Hebrews 12:1-b, "...let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."

November 11, 2014 at 8:38am ·

We joke about how hard it was to adjust clocks after Daylight Savings Time ended... how to know if it's 12:00 or 12:01 or 12:02 as we set the minute hand? (I LOVE my cellphone...!) We joke, "Is 1 minute REALLY that important to fret about?!".. But.... pilots don't joke about their navigation system being "only one degree" off. Leave D.C. & head west with a 1 degree miscalculation... Most likely won't end up in San Fran as Planned:) {sorry... Dr. Seussitis hits songwriters a lot:} Anyway..... And then there's that little verse, often overlooked, Hebrews 2:1 > "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away." Verse 1 is especially scaring me today... yesterday was emotionally rough, and drifting from God was certainly a temptation... And few people just decide one day, "I'm leaving God."

November 12, 2014 at 7:52am

As a child of 10 or 11, I was a whiz at multiplying 3- and 4-digit decimals. Hey, give me a bunch more numbers to multiply, I'd ace it. BUT... turn it into a simple ADDITION question? Several teachers & Dad kept showing me; I'd always get the answer's digits right, but it seemed like they kept changing the rules on WHERE that decimal point went. And Red X's really upset me 😞:(..... Sometimes as we study God's Word, it seems we "almost have it"... and then find another scripture that seems to "change the rules". Esp on topics like Predestination & Trinity. Why doesn't God "just say it outright?!" I've oft wondered.

..... Perhaps because God's topic lesson includes an extremely essential lesson: DON'T GIVE UP; KEEP SEEKING TRUTH. We never get a "Red X" from God as long as we humbly keep praying for wisdom (James 1:5, Psalm 119) & studying!..... We've seen, and God knows: We remember BEST the lessons we struggled to find... AND in the struggle, we learn HOW to teach others with true empathy, understanding where the difficulties are in the lesson... And we can learn to laugh in joy even while we're struggling, as we remember past struggles that God brought us through: I assuredly can add decimals now-- and am still laughing in wonder at my old confusion:)

November 12, 2014 at 8:18pm ·

Turned on laptop this AM. After *long* wait: 4 computer error windows appeared. Turned on my little \$99 camera few days ago; message said I had Error Number Something... & shut down. Turned on TV yest to watch only current TV show I like (NCIS): Wanna guess which was only station our house antenna couldn't pick up in the changing weather? Opened freezer: Frost forming in no-frost 'frig. Last month, had to get my 39k-mileage van towed 30 miles to repair shop... Doesn't take major

catastrophes before, with the Psalmist, we cry out "WHEN will all my problems EVER end, LORD?!" ... BUT, with the Psalmist, if we choose to "come to ourself" and trust that God will work things out:... JOY returns. Philippians 4. Sure- the things still need fixing. But God lovingly fixes our heart and we Remember: "The Joy of the LORD is your strength!" -- Neh. 8:10.

November 13, 2014 at 7:41am ·

Good thing I'm a professional singer **mostly for .MP3 recordings--- and seldom for "live performances" during the Holydays.** I usually manage to control my personal emotions..... **It's really abashing to be practicing a beautiful Christmas Cantata solo in front of people and suddenly burst into weeping as hard as I did when Dad died.** Some days I can't get through a practice even in my home. **It's a struggle to avoid my mind shifting** from "Little Baby Jesus" to **"The Old Rugged Cross."..... but maybe little baby Jesus who grew up is pleased also when the music's full of broken-ness.**

November 14, 2014 at 9:07pm ·

There are 2 options for getting onto interstate for my hour-plus drive home from Friday night studio sessions: To get on closest ramp: But only after hitting the "point of no return" is it possible to see how heavy the traffic from DC is; or to slowly drive 3 scenic miles thru subdivisions to reach next entrance ramp. I prefer slower route: Just before the ramp, I can look up at the Interstate bridge and see how fast traffic is moving....

Tonight in that brief glance I had plenty of time to read a big truck's side as it barely moved... and to decide to keep going to the ancient parallel road...

And-- to consider how cool it is to know in advance what trials are ahead on the "easy path"... **which God often guides us to know.**

If we take time to ask before the "point of no return."

November 15, 2014 at 8:45am ·

Throughout Charles Swindoll's THE CHURCH AWAKENING is emphasis on Malachi 2... the danger of "social" churches that RIGHT-ly preach loving tolerance of people who do wrong (aka, who sin), but **wrongly overlook all God's commands to warn people to change... no tolerance excusing the sin.** "Repent" means more than be sorry: It means to STOP it-- to urgently seek God's help in stopping it instead of saying "It's just the way I am" (OR blame God)... Which includes GOSSIP-ing (aka, prayer concerns - often)... "OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS" is a motto for several denominations. Really *sounds* great & loving! And CAN be. But as my Dad began declaring to 100s of church people he taught even in the 1970s:... "Some people are so open minded that their brains fall out."....

God's grace forgives when we disobey... **IF we humble ourselves to ask... and strive to change.**

November 15, 2014 at 10:17pm ·

Years ago before God led me to "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence (Summary: Instead of "thinking to yourself", instead "think to God).... I got my first hint of what I was MISSING in my Christian life in this story -- told by a famous writer of books on prayers... Can't remember who (feel free to share)... Not E.M. Bounds, but one of his contemporaries: A young boy yearned to be able to pray like the old man of the town, whose habit was to wade into river & pray alone. The boy watched, day after day, unseen. One day the boy went out into the river to the man & begged: "TEACH ME TO PRAY!"

..... The man took a look, grabbed the boy by the shoulders, and SHOVED him under the water, and HELD him there until bubbles started to rise. Finally he let go. The boy sputtered in pain, trying to catch a breath. When he finally did, he gasped, "WHAT DID YOU DO ****THAT**** FOR?".... The man of God quietly replied, "When you YEARN for God as much as you longed for air... You will know how to pray." That story has meant SO much to me, all these years....

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November 16, 2014 at 11:12pm

"Nothing honors God more than a big dream that is WAY BEYOND our ABILITY to accomplish it. Why? Because there is no way we can take credit for it." ---- Mark Batterson, "The Circle Maker" page 43 (my emphasis)..... Or, in the wording God inspired Paul to write in Ephesians 3:20: "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...." For God's GLORY only! That's Verse 21.

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November 17, 2014 at 2:11pm ·

A slight scare: For "background noise" to distract from pounding rainfall, I had TV on while I typed in the family room. Glanced at, then ignored woman who was chopping something on the FOOD show. Suddenly my attention was arrested: Her name popped up onscreen with the title SECRETARY OF STATE. So... I was sitting there-- startled-- thinking, (#1) what happened to our other SOS? (good acronym & these days not an odd Q), and (#2) How are we going to convince foreign powers to respect America if we show them our nation's leaders joking & acting silly on cooking shows? Then.... After awhile..... embarrassment as I finally reached Thought (#3) >> OHhhh..... that's a TV show. .. I guess my low TV watching leads to its own type of ignorance!

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November 17, 2014 at 9:39pm ·

So: What WOULD happen if Church Leaders happily decided NOW-- before the question arises-- to give up "Tax Exempt Status" in exchange for absolute freedom to preach God's Bible as Spoken by the Holy Spirit to people even today?? THIS would happen:... Churches would teach "HEY WE TRUST GOD... YOU CAN TOO... GOD WILL PROVIDE NEEDED FINANCES." Even if some people who file Schedule A decide that they'll no longer give each \$100 unit to God's Work if the government won't

give back about \$30 on the 1040 (.. that's ALL the tax advantage is).... 2nd Corinthians 9: If people demand T.E. status & won't give without it, well that's between them + God. Teaching God's full TRUTH is between church leaders + God... Ezekiel 34, Revelation 2&3, all the "T" books in N.T.... Let's wake up, Church!

November 20, 2014 at 11:48am · I won't post the photo of the synagogue pools of bloods where terrorists "had fun" this week killing worshipers, called repeatedly "children of God" in Bible. But I shall choose to share God's Words--not mine-- relevant still today... not only to those people but to people in America (etc) who haven't figured out that all conceived babies are precious to their Creator God who furiously warns those who "compassionately" ACCEPT evil things as "rights".... "Your eternal hatred for the people of Israel led you to butcher them when they were helpless... As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, since you show no distaste for blood, I will give you a bloodbath of your own. Your turn has come!" - Ezekiel 35:5-6 NLT... I LOVE how God emphasized He Is *SOVEREIGN*. Above evil laws.

November 22, 2014 at 9:45am ·

Here's a word for those who seek to serve the LORD via Facebook etc-- messages of encouragement etc "to the world"-- who are asking God, "Did I misunderstand You? It doesn't seem that what I do is "going anywhere".... The radio preacher didn't mention FB etc by name: But I'm convinced God helped me see the connection:... Acts 8:25 on. Here's Phillip preaching to VILLAGES w/ success! And God sends him a message to leave Big City of J, to go down a desert road... and share God's Truth with ONE man... (who takes it to a Continent!) Sermon: Often God calls us to speak His Word to individuals... 1 by 1. Don't give up because you're not Billy Graham w/ 1000s of FB friends, or 100s 😊:) And I'll add James 1:5, beloved to me: If you ask for wisdom, sincerely, God GIVES it. Abundantly! YET Psalm 46:10... WAIT on the LORD! :}

November 24, 2014 at 12:06am ·

Have you ever noticed that if you eat 3,000 calories in one day... and most of us will for Thanksgiving dinner... (and let's not even think about the Game Time chips & & &)... your body does not say the next day, "OH, I'm fine-- Had an extra 1,000 calories more than needed yesterday, so I'll be happy with only 1,000 or 1,200 today" ?? Ohhh.. no... We're HUNGRIER the next day! I finally figured out something: I think of my body like a solar panel, gathering energy to store up & then use later whenever I eat less than it wants. My body thinks of itself like my cell phone battery... always wanting to be full. Sending its energy display panel down faster and faster as it ages....
..... A new experiment: I'm thinking... it really IRKS Satan & the powers of darkness <EPH 6:12> when I talk to God... So I'm going to try "saying grace" for each snack as well... and each caloric drink.. and while I'm at it: Praying what Jesus TOLD me to, in the LORD's Prayer: "God, please save me from temptation. I'm weak and so much want to obey you to NOT be gluttonous even in just constantly thinking about food... I thank You for Your Love.... and that You keep all Your Promises. Including First Corinthians

10:13."

..... James 4:7-8, when we BEGIN to draw to God >> HE draws to us! Like the Prodigal Son's father! ... Which of course is why Satan tries so hard to make us feel so guilty about dieting (etc) that we don't PRAY for promised help! Or band with each in prayer support. Romans 8:26 >> God sent His Holy Spirit to even HELP us Pray! What an awesome God!

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November 24, 2014 at 12:51am ·

"Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God...." Or on guitar if you don't have a harp handy 😊:) ... Psalm 147:7

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November 24, 2014 at 9:43am ·

Thanksgiving joke more impt than most: Bride cooking her first ham, put it gently in roasting pan & carefully cut off each end, to throw into trash. Groom: Why'd you do that? Bride: I don't know-- Mom always did; I'll ask... (Later) Mom replies, I don't know-- your grandmother always did; I'll ask. (Later) Grandmother: I don't know, I'll ask... So she goes to nursing home & loudly asks HER mom who replies: "We didn't have a roasting pan big enough, so I had to cut off the ends to fit.".... IMPT: We must learn to NOT take for GRANTED things we've been told across years, even from caring, smart Christians, but to keep studying and praying for wisdom (James 1:5). God inspired Jesus's original disciple to write Book of First John, ~100 A.D. (see 2nd Tim 3:16) which repeats Jesus's words in John 15:12-14, that If you're my friend, you'll keep my commandments (no deadline).

..... And First John 2:3-4 requires openness as we consider what we've been taught for years by those who truly, Earnestly love the LORD-- who were taught the same from *their* youth: "Now by this we know that we Know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." --Jesus's disciple still teaching Jesus's words 70 years after Jesus's sacrifice to became our salvation if we choose to accept God's gift.... First John 2:1 & 2 specifically *IS* all about Grace! God's laws cannot save, but they're needed to tell us what "sin" is so we can know what God wants!

..... In Matthew 19:16 on, Jesus didn't say to keep God's commandments "until I die", as He named ***some*** of the 'original 10' (and there's no reason to say Jesus wouldn't teach the others). YES-- we can NOT be saved by works (also in First John). But the kind police officer who gives the grace of not giving the speeding ticket we deserved did *not* end the law that defines for us what "speeding" is.

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POST November 26, 2014 at 8:38am · Pinterest

Photo just white letters on black: IF ONLY CLOSED MINDS CAME WITH CLOSED MOUTHS. My caption: SO funny- in its first 7 hours, this was re-pinned by 5 people1 but... sad too: God promises free wisdoM (James 1:5) yet many speak unkindly, often prejudiced. Proverbs 1:28, people PROUDLY close their minds to truth. Just like

Romans 1 says, despite God's Nature itself showing Him to everyone.

November 29, 2014 at 3:19pm ·

As dusk seems to come sooner & sooner, sometimes I'm driving along a bit before I notice that cars coming toward me that are hard to see... their drivers forgot to turn on headlights. And then I often go "Oh no! I forgot mine too!" God doesn't call us to be critics of "darkness" we see in others... but to prayerfully NOT ONLY share God's truth with them, but to check ourselves... Are we going thru life drifting from what God's Word says, not showing His light thru us? After all, the great PURPOSE God honors to us, shown in Isaiah 42:6 and 49:6 (etc) and shared to non-Jews who accept Him as LORD (Romans 11) is this: GOD >> "I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth."

"I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles"... (Isaiah 42:6)..

"That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6). -- GOD

<Many likes> .

COMMENT with Share by a friend who's a member in one or two of the music groups I'm involved in. This makes me think of Ps. 18:23 -- "I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from MY iniquity." (emphasis added). A lot of times, we are happy that we've kept ourselves from other people's iniquity -- which we often have no interest in committing. The harder part is keeping from the sins that we are susceptible to.

November 30, 2014 at 6:41am ·

Did you know you potentially can do "even greater works" than Jesus? First reaction is (or should be): "NO WAY can I do more than the Son of God!" Yet Jesus Himself said this along with the logical reason toward the end of his 3 years of ministry before the cross: " because I am going to be with the Father." There's a CONDITION to this "truth, Anyone who believes in me" (John 14:12). A CLARIFICATION in James 2:19 ("believe" beyond what demons do). An EXCITEMENT in James 1:5, Eph 6:10-18, Eph 3:20-21 >> God promises Wisdom, Spiritual Protection, and Empowering for what we do-- IF we (fervently!) ask.... SO.. How is it that we can be satisfied just going to church 1x or 3x a week, when God offers us His WORLD as a mission field to do "Even Greater Works"? ..

December 1, 2014 at 10:22am ·

TV has a *huge* potential impact to draw people to God... if we remember the example when sharing God's News of how to live with Him forever:... Across Thanksgiving long weekend with family, old black & white movies often are the non-violent choice amongst the guys who (for some reason?) don't vote for the gooey Hallmark Christmas romance 😊:) So we're watching these heroes of old, seeing how handsome the now-old-men once were. And 20-something gorgeous women... we go "OH! We've seen her! Who's that?..." and remember the old lady now playing on some stupid current TV shows.

..... Burt Reynolds in the 1970s could've been called an "idol", so many women drooled and sighed over him. Now 70+, he just announced he's selling personal items. And I suspect many women in their 70s or 80s will long for something of his-- NOT just to remember him. But to remember how young THEY were when they once sighed over the handsome actor 40 yrs ago.

..... We sigh to look in the mirror, to ache in ways not fun like after Thanksgiving day flag football games in the yard... years ago. YET GOD encourages us! SO many scriptures remind us: HE HAS A PLAN for our Joy... even while we get older. THANKSGIVING PROMISE from God (2 Tim 3:16 says He inspired it): "All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great THANKSGIVING, and God will receive more & more GLORY. That is why WE NEVER GIVE UP. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits [inner being] are being renewed every day." -- 2 Corinthians 4: 15-16 NLT

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December 1, 2014 at 8:08pm ·

Please consider sharing A popular, pretty OCCULT poster posing as Christian encouragement is racing thru Facebook. It shows angels, and invites you to check its website to find out "What do the cards say about love and relationships for YOUR star sign over the Christmas period?". That's pure ASTROLOGY & HOROSCOPES, *condemned* by God -- Deut. 18:10-14 and ETC. Other posters by POCKETFUL OF ANGELS site are also New Age, NON-Christian. Another FALSE TEACHING example: "Find out which animal guide is with you today" on another poster. YET well-meaning people, many Christians conned by the comfort words, are clicking "LIKE", like crazy.....
..... Sure, we Do have guardian angels: Matthew 18:10 and Hebrews 1:14. Yet Satan used the fact to tempt Jesus..... Thru Colossians 2:18, God CLEARLY says: "Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels..." Angels are GOD'S "employees"/ messengers... not for US to talk to. We pray to God, and He sends what we need. We trust GOD, not creations (which is idol worship)..... Please pray for wisdom about it. (James 1:5). First Peter 5:8, Satan is a roaring lion who'd love to trick you to think POCKETFUL OF ANGELS posters are Christian because they sound nice. Which is..... Foolish..... *Even the website name identifies the site as related to Tarot card readings.* Ignore pretty pictures.

MY COMMENT LATER: **LANTERN FISH very much remind us of God's warnings thru First Peter 5:8... Satan dangling pretty things in front of us, trying to trick us to **come away from God into danger.****

Comment from Facebook follower: Thank you for sharing Diana . Hopefully your post will help those who are lured in.

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December 1, 2014 at 8:13pm · Pinterest - Posted PHOTO of Lantern Fish with this description: Angler Fish, or Lantern Fish. Very much like described in First Peter 5:8....

A ravenous beast trying to trick little fish to come close to danger, to focus on the pretty light. POWER BEYOND US {name of Pinterest Board} but GREATED is God's power! First John 4:4.

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December 5, 2014 at 11:02am -

Travel Trivia: AFTER paying up to \$1,000 for graphics company's design & production, rent is \$75-\$200 per month for a countryside highway- or \$900-\$2,500 for city one. Whoever installed a NC billboard is probably in BIG trouble (pun intended): MANY wrinkles. YET: The message of the creator is EASY to read... And God tells us the same: His Grace is sufficient THRU our weakness to get His message thru: Using us even tho we're weak, imperfect. 2nd Corin. 12:9, "[God] said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of CHRIST may rest upon me." IN FACT: We can far more easily LAUGH at Satan's temptations to be proud when we remember Eph 3:20- ONLY by His power are our works & speaking "unwrinkled." For His Glory... Vs 21

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December 7, 2014 at 8:26am ·

ISIS men are like Nineveh's: *** SALVATION STORY in book of JONAH** (No wonder Satan tries so hard to convince even churches that Jonah is a myth): GOD SENT WARNINGS as He did in John 3: 18a-19: "... but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God...."

(1) JESUS SAYING JONAH WAS REAL PERSON Matthew 12 and 16; Luke 11.. and... (2) JONAH DESCRIBING GOD > Jonah 4:2 and 2:9: "I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm....Salvation is of the LORD."

(3) GOD DESCRIBING NINEVEH'S PEOPLE... Same as for ISIS people: Nahum 3 -
"..Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear. There is a multitude of slain, A great number of bodies,Countless corpses— They stumble over the corpses—..."

(4) GOD DESCRIBING GOD's care for Nineveh's people ... Jonah 4:11: "...should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one 120,000 persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"

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JESUS' FIRM WARNINGS: You're not my friend if you won't obey (John 15)...
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27 and 35.. *PRAY for them*. And don't post FACEBOOK messages or so-called prayers declaring that God should wipe ISIS off the face of the earth... God never changes...And God's John 3:16 love still exists for THE WORLD... which includes blood-thirsty Nineveh type people.

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December 8, 2014 at 9:42am ·

A 0.28-POUND Dove, a 0.088# cardinal, .044# tufted titmouse, .026# nuthatch (which = weight of 2 quarters), .044# junco, .024# chickadee, a 0.309-pound giant woodpecker shaped like a flicker, and several varieties of sparrows at .044 pounds each..... That's under 2 pounds represented in the list of bird families eating on my small deck at this very minute.... Not one bird cares in the least that the others are "different". They've found God's blessings thru me, and simply Feast in Peace. Makes you wonder: HOW CAN IT BE? --> that birdbrains can be smarter in their ways than a super complex human brain that, at 3 pounds, alone weighs more than all God's smaller creations on my deck.

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December 8, 2014 at 8:59pm · Made public a few months later:

An Only-Me post today... Not ready to publicly look like a wimp. But maybe... on a stronger feeling day, I'll confess my weak moments that God brings me thru... & share this encouragement with brothers & sisters who have days they fully understand this too.

We all have our days where we feel we can't survive.

Sometimes dreams are shattered,

Friendships may fall apart.

Loved ones may hurt us.

Finances may worry us.

Sickness may overtake us.

We may even lose people we love.

But God will ALWAYS be there

to guide us through even the toughest of times.

Never lose FAITH. Hold onto HOPE.

TRUST in GOD ALWAYS! -- Nae McAllaway on FB

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December 9, 2014 at 12:47pm ·

People ask why I'm not thrilled with feel-good-if-you're a Christian movie, GOD'S NOT DEAD. A FB group is discussing reality of Eph 6:12, demonstrated by Ouija Boards (which churches almost never WARN against). My post there fits 1 DEEP concern about GND movie: I've believed in God since a child (Romans 1 / nature- obvious logic),

but **for 30 years of church-going, I never heard a sermon about /**

noticed James 2:19 > Even demons believe in God. God's guided me to teach youth esp re my Ouija experience (am glad to share, FB msg): Evil beings are VERY real.. In a backward way, I *really* believed in them before having absolutely no doubt believing in God. **Movie leaves people- including in church pews --- feeling**

SAFE if they can honestly say the same as demons, per James 2:19. that they BELIEVE in God..... Satan loves convincing long-time church members to not even consider answering God's Altar Call.

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December 11, 2014 at 8:09am ·

Since "the joy of the LORD is our strength" (Nehemiah 8:10 in context: They were building a huge city wall amid rubble of destroyed wall- while enemies attacked physically & emotionally with mocking)... Thus, doesn't it make sense that evil principalities aka Satan (Eph 6:12) would, as strategic chess players of life, keep throwing stuff at us to get rid of that joy?... And that God in this SAME passage would offer the Effective Defense? > including Reading, Applying His sword, which is His Bible?... So, technically, our free will to be like mice against a lion (1 Peter 5:8) by refusing to call on The Lion & clothe ourselves in His Gift Weapons = our CHOICE to be Joy-less, Weak.... (mini-sermon to myself today :(

December 11, 2014 at 7:35pm · Re **God's Song thru me, PET HEAVEN >>**

AUDIO & MUSIC at> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php>

Description of a CHURCH SIGN BATTLE: ... This is SO funny!

ROUND 1: First sign set: OUR LADY CHURCH (OLC): All dogs go to heaven.

BEULAH CHURCH (BC) response down the road:

Only humans go to heaven; Read the Bible. // ..ok...

ROUND 2:

OLC: God loves all His creations, dogs included.

BC: Dogs don't have souls; This is not open for debate.....

ROUND 3:

OLC: Catholic dogs go to heaven; Presbyterian dogs can talk to their pastor.

<kudos to the sign guy for all these letters:>

BC: Converting to Catholicism does not magically grant your dog a soul.

<good thing they had a big sign ! >

ROUND 4:

OLC: Free dog souls - with conversion.

BC: Dogs are animals; there aren't any **rocks** in heaven either.....

AND THE WINNER IS...

FINAL SIGN by ... OUR LADY CHURCH who obviously knows Psalm 19 and Jesus's Words in Luke 19:40, that even rocks can praise God!:

"ALL ROCKS GO TO HEAVEN"

Post with photo: [December 11, 2014 at 7:35pm](#) ·

Direct link: <http://www.pinterest.com/pin/384987468121171162/> .

December 11, 2014 at 10:11pm ·

From Pastor Johnny R. Almond, Author, Gentle Whispers from Eternity: Yet tough questions remain—even if a cure for ALS is found, will we acknowledge our mortality and live in light of our accountability to our Creator? Would it really be good news if we could land a human on Mars, if we're still killing each other on this planet? Do a few random acts of kindness cancel the predominance of heartlessness in the world?

"Despite rare benevolent acts, 2014 has generally been a year confirming the corruption of the human heart. Ebola, ISIS, downed planes, and racial unrest have only served to confirm our assessment of the evil rampant in the world. This year, like all the others that preceded it, had plenty of bad news.

"We're in a fix that only God can get us out of. We cannot survive unless God helps us. We cannot have tomorrow unless it comes as a gift of God. [END QUOTE]

"I pray that God, the source of HOPE, will fill you completely with JOY and PEACE because you TRUST in Him. Then you will overflow with confident HOPE through the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13 NLT)

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December 12, 2014 at 7:20pm ·

I've used Mozilla Firefox as my browser for years.. No ads: The program actually "listens to" my set choice... BUT>> for years, Each time I click on a file in my mailbox to open, a popup box asks me what application I want to use. Each time- for years- I click on "OpenOffice". And, although I ALSO click on the "Do this automatically for files like this from now on" box.... I've been asked Each time. For years...//... **Ever wonder if God wearily "shakes His head" when His Bible Word CLEARLY says "Do this automatically as I said from now on!"**... and then we *repeatedly* ask in prayer about that very thing, "LORD What do you want me to do?"

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December 13, 2014 at 9:24pm ·

After finding an address I'd jotted down in my previous 400 pg journal, # 25, I flipped through pages & read notes from the ALIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL in Ohio this past June 18th. Found a giant squashed mosquito body in crease between pages 16 & 17... guess that describes part of the experience.. before the drenching rains came! Dug a bit deeper, studied the words of speaker Matt Chandler. He said about Father God, described in Romans 8:15, "'Abba' is more than just 'Daddy'. 'Abba' is 'My dad can beat up your dad!'... It's 'Look at MY Dad-- HE created the Universe!'.... It's 'My dad LOVES me... my dad will TAKE CARE of me and PROTECT me!'..... Pretty cool scripture study. Glad that mosquito didn't call for God's help.

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December 15, 2014 at 2:22am ·

Ever play with watercolors? Cover paper in deep BLUE. Dip toothbrush in salt, and from a bit of distance FLICK salt at the wet paint. You'll get cool STARS look.... In Jeremiah 33:25 God declares His faithfulness to specific people to be as dependable as His fixed laws of day/night, heaven/earth - Interpreted to say Laws of physics do not vary. Easiest

to understand evidence for an "old earth" (not made in set of six 24-hour days) > Time required for light to travel from stars to telescopes. I figure God knew how we'd interpret His word re 24-hr days (incl 3 days BEFORE sun was CREATED) & would've inspired dif wording if He wanted... AND: Unlike salt flying out a distance before landing to create stars:: **Almighty God could easily say "LET THERE BE LIGHT" and it just *IS*** -- right *HERE*- **no time needed** to for those stars' light to travel from stars to earth... Oh wait: That's what the Bible says, isn't it?.... Consider. Seriously.

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December 16, 2014 at 9:23am ·

A "WOW!" word from 2005... Internet is a great resource gift from God! "In the old days" this quote would be "gone forever" for most people: QUOTE: **"My problem is not so much a lack of protection from God. My more significant problem is that I'm sleeping with the enemy, justifying and enjoying my sin when all along He offers me protection from its damning power."**

..... source: CHRISTIANITY TODAY, 10 Oct 2005, "Can I Really Expect God to Protect Me? Divine promises in the midst of suffering", by Nancy Guthrie, re questioning Psalm 91 (containing a verse Satan quoted to Jesus, Matthew 4:6... Jesus was murdered just 3 years later).

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December 16, 2014 at 3:41pm · Pinterest

Go into any bookstore or books website. Type one word - **UNHAPPY**. **So** many authors tell us how to find JOY in life. They FAIL. **One Author** did not. Sure, his Book has LOT of words. But author promises you 1 ON 1 attention & HELP if you just ask what He means... like James 1:5, and John 14:26. Promises that if you ask God, open to Truth, He will tell you how to find JOY & PEACE with Him... He LOVES you dearly. UNconditionally. - DdO:) - Learn all about God's HELP to find PEACE in His book, which we call "The Bible". - <http://www.pinterest.com/DianaDeeOsborne/peaceful-people/> ... LINK > <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/384987468121228760/>

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December 17, 2014 at 9:40am ·

In Aug, the DC area specialist so famous in his specialty, he lectures around the answered my Q: NO. NO way could he explain how my anatomy could have changed... Of course, most of my readers know answer: By God's miracle- only. // 3 yrs of intermittent pain got so constant that I had a diagnostic colonoscopy in May-- but that Dr said I'd been among small % of people born with a "twisted colon" (just longer), so he couldn't finish test: I needed a VIRTUAL colonoscopy. Only thing is: I'd had a regular one a few yrs earlier- NO problem.... The VC showed a softball-size cyst on 1 ovary. Thus in Aug I asked, "Would the regular test have shown this?"..... The DC specialist said NO....

..... So apparently God changed my anatomy so doctors would find source of both my pain and the gushing estrogen levels that kept growing fat cells that flooded my hormone levels! A LITERAL MIRACLE true story for Christmas.

..... And I deeply thank my large Kay Arthur PRECEPTS Bible Study group of praying

sisters and my 2 studios for all their prayers! -- Their early fervent Christmas gifts for me! With the initial diagnosis of potential ovarian cancer and its poor 'results', I'd asked my husband that we not share info with any of the churches where we serve (or our Moms!)...

..... But this AM while praying thanks for my lack of pain or 'dangerous' cancer, I'm so excited to share news of my GIFT from God beyond several dozen prayer warrior friends, to Around The World::: God NEVER changes! -- Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8 *AND EASY LOGIC* about our Eternal (not affected by Time) Creator!.... Don't let anyone CON you to think so... Which is what the FALSE TEACHING of anyone who says that God did miracles ONLY "in the old days" REALLY is saying: That these scriptures are lies. I am living..... literally..... proof that our AWESOME GOD still answers prayers in a way that the BEST DOCTORS simply cannot explain, 'NO way'!

December 17, 2014 at 8:58pm

The letters on the envelope were so wiggly that I could barely read them; kudos to the P.O. people. Inside, I could almost feel the pain as fragile thin hands had written slowly, shakily, a message just for me. It's one of the most special gifts I've ever gotten: a Christmas card from a very elderly lady who had been friends-- even an "adoptive mother" to me when I was a newlywed, then a new mom many times over, for many years before I moved from that church. The gift: 2 words she managed besides her name: "Miss you." I miss you too, **Catherine**. Much.

December 17, 2014 at 1:47am

For wisdom & discernment, protection of all types. And pray for spouses / children. And for any Bible Study teachers you know. And for the Choir and the Praise Band.... etc. Ephesians 6:10-18 (weapons of prayer etc) was written to The Church, as well as individuals. Satan loves when people think God "automatically blesses" a church because it's a church.

December 18, 2014 at 3:33pm · Pinterest saved to Free Song Downloads of Joy DdO:) - MOST POPULAR RE-PINS.

As I seek to serve GOD with His music ideas that I develop, QUOTING His Bible words in song format to help people remember ENCOURAGEMENT & HOPE in scriptures, sometimes I get down. Feel like a failure not serving God well. God's PROMISE, Isaiah 55:10-11 - He brings the good He wants out of HIS Word. We wait in faith> Psalm 46:10. Songs at <http://www.pinterest.com/DianaDeeOsborne/free-song-downloads-of-joy> can be heard free & you can print music sheets free

December 19, 2014 at 8:15am ·

"The Pop Tart Kid". That's what church nursery workers always called my youngest. I'd scoop toddler-- footies-pajamas and all-- up with prepared diaper bag into my arms, & we'd bundle everyone into big van exactly the right # of minutes before Sunday School to get there on time. The older kids scarfed down their breakfast before my husband

shepherded each to their classes, but our youngest would arrive with a jelly face smile & the remains of a skinny pastry in each hand... and then I'd go breathe in the hall for 2 minutes before meeting hubby in our own classroom...

Typical Sunday... Usually because we stayed up too late doing Sat chores and watching TV...// WHY DID GOD START SABBATH ON FRIDAY NIGHT instead of Saturday AM? ??....

..... A question I'd never EVER considered. But 'twas THE Q in my dream last night-- which came with an answer::: God's Law (not a suggestion-- He knew we'd be too stupid to simply do "what's good for you") **REQUIRES us to REST, to give ourselves time for a good night's sleep first... And THEN we have sufficient energy to awaken fresh and worship Him as He so Rightfully deserves,** as our LORD Creator-God of all.

..... **Really LOGICAL !** Much more logical than slamming the snooze alarm a few times on Sunday and then racing to church, too tired to really worship because of our own choices to be too busy to sleep enough before we obey laws that God repeated in Hebrews 10:25... Do not forsake gathering together to worship our LORD.

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December 22, 2014 at 9:16am ·

Some people will gossip about you being **boastful** if you talk a lot – OR **stuck up** if you don't ... Jesus spoke of the same thru John 7:33-34, speaking of how people criticized both Himself & John the Baptist (and none of us come near being as closely God-following as them!)... calling John demon possessed for all his fasting, --- & Jesus a drunkard and glutton for sharing meals with people.

It's actually rather encouraging to know that the Christ, Son of God Himself said so: People who don't want to believe good of you... Won't. No matter what.

There's a weird... cool PEACE in relaxing in that fact...

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December 22, 2014 at 9:27am ·

God warns us ALL to be watchmen sharing His Truth! AWAKE, O people of the LORD GOD! > Ezekiel 3:17-21. And Ezekiel 33 should "scare the hell out of" Americans, with God's DIRE warnings that His Church is supposed to be sounding the alarm about- not wasting time arguing over music styles & etc.

As a musician, I am quite focused on its final verse that is SO relevant to the American Church's preaching focus on GOD IS LOVE (true but PART of God's msg) and on teaching / practicing tolerance of individual belief systems:

"...for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them." - Ezekiel 33: 31b-32.

December 23, 2014 at 6:17pm ·

Feeling rather silly for never having thought of a wry comment I first heard in Nov re "that song" >> "Just what a weary new mom needs: A kid banging a drum in front of the baby who finally got to sleep." YET GOD with His Grace reminds us of Jeremiah 17:10, He knows our Heart:} AKA: "It's the thought that counts."

December 27, 2014 at 9:17pm ·

BBC News yesterday: "Egypt has banned a Hollywood film based on the Biblical book of Exodus because of what censors described as 'historical inaccuracies' "..... and ABC News reported the same. BUT-- TODAY: NBC News live news report this morning around 8 AM, the Virginia station reporter READING from her paper: "Egypt has banned a Hollywood film based on the Biblical book of Exodus; NO REASON was given, although Egypt has banned religions films before." Most people realize that American news is limited, but downright LIES, errrrrrr, "inaccuracies" like this report are pretty angering.

December 29, 2014 at 11:07pm ·

A couple was peacefully walking long sidewalk of busy small town street. Ahead of them, their little dog trotted happily - no leash. In this pleasant town, police didn't care. Pup was well-trained: Came back if they called that it was too far ahead. BUT... had a *squirrel* suddenly appeared?... Pup surely would've raced after it into street. A loose leash is a sign of LOVE... // ... I've almost finished a song series putting Psalm 119's 22 sections to music, under project title LOVING LIVING WORD. I simply cannot understand Christians who declare that they love the Psalms, that they love God's Word... and then say words about Grace indicating they think God's Law is bad... His "leash" is no true burden, Jesus said: Matt 11:29-30.

December 31, 2014 at 9:20am ·

Not so great: My internet speed from my home music studio computer is about as low as what it was when I was using a dial-up modem years ago: Upload speed of 52 as I sent file- sets for God's inspired (Ephesians 3:20) 59 songs of 2014 to the copyright office for official registration this past week... about 325 files. (Upload speed is supposed to be over 300) 😊:) ... But-- REALLY Great as I "give up" working from home to update files on my songs website, and thus just got to MacDonalds for free WiFi --- Hallelujah and literally thanking the LORD!! ... Their TV screen shows only an ERROR - NO CONNECTION box! The music of just happy people chatting fills the room 😊

December 31, 2014 at 3:34pm ·

I love the music of dozens of bands but seldom learn members' names. So it's been an adventure on Facebook finding music I love via dif groups, requesting friendship so I can continue to hear ideas from dif people-- and learning only months later that some of my new musician friends are 'famous'... Was thinking of that and of COMMITMENT today as I think of New Year's Resolutions: ALIVE Festivals are big, but you can still

"get close" to musicians. During dinner break some years ago, I was near the booth watching a guy set up soundboard for AA concert, & he started talking to me about his settings. Eventually I commented on cool tattoo on his left hand ring finger and he said "That's my wedding band". I laughed "Now THAT's commitment!" and he laughingly agreed. Learned an hour later: It was a band member of Audio Adrenaline.... Have learned rather slowly, I fear: Now THAT's the kind of commitment that our LORD God wants from us!

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END of 2014 FALL PARABLES

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