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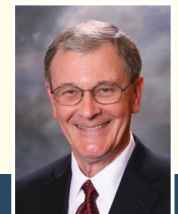


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This wooded tract located west of Samson, Alabama, joins Geneva State Forest (Alabama's largest state forest with over 7,000 acres), and Flat Creek runs through the east side. The diverse forest includes mature loblolly and longleaf pines, oaks, and many other species of trees. This property has interior roads and established game food plots. L-1900117 • \$450,000



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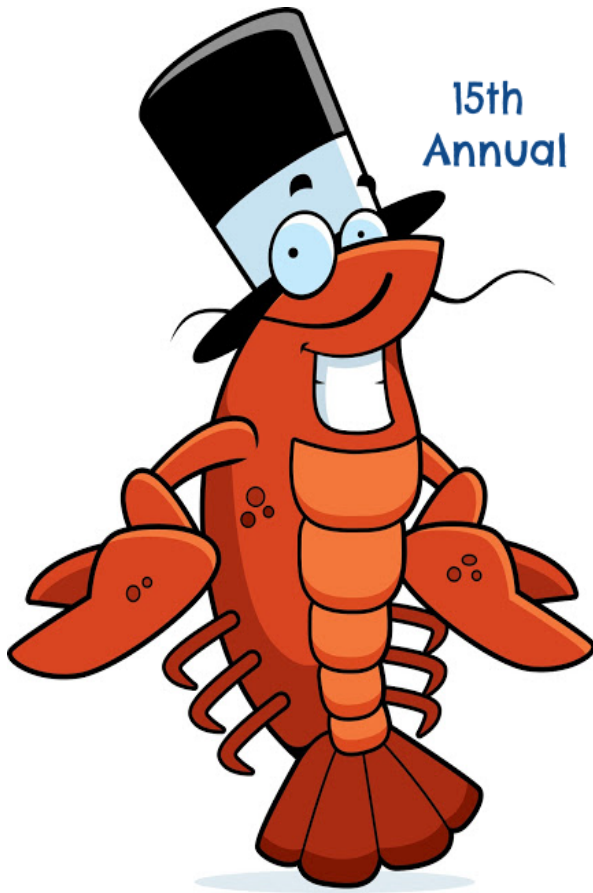
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If a tree fall in the forest and no one is there to see it, a chihuahua five hundred miles away will bark at it.

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An aged farmer and his wife were leaning against the edge of their pig-pen when the old woman wistfully recalled that the next week would mark their golden wedding anniversary. "Let's have a party, Homer," she suggested. "Let's kill a pig." The farmer scratched his grizzled head. "Gee, Ethel," he finally answered, "I don't see why the pig should take the blame for something that happened fifty years ago."

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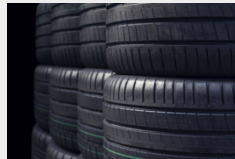
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Wakefield was a chef and who made the discovery in 1938. It is 81 years later and the world is still thankful for what Ms. Wakefield did.

Three comedians are shooting the breeze in the dressing room of a nightclub after a late gig. They've heard one another's material so much that they've reached the point where they don't need to say the jokes anymore to amuse each other, they just need to refer to each joke by a number.

"Number 37!" cracks the first comic, and the others break up.

"Number 53!" says the second person, and they howl.

Finally, it's the third comic's turn. "44!" he quips. He gets nothing. Crickets.

"What?" he asks, "Isn't 44 funny?"

"Sure, it's usually hilarious," they answer. "But the way you tell it..."

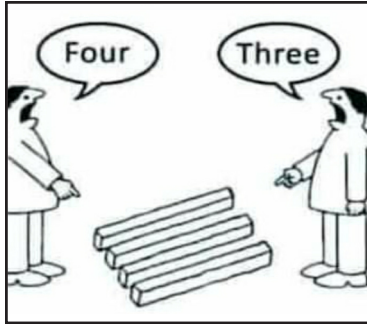
Hippos Walk Underwater

Can hippos swim underwater?

The answer is no. Not really. They don't swim underwater but they can travel underwater.

How, you ask? It's simple, they walk. The mammal known as the hippopotamus travels by walking underwater. Through their body position and breathing, they are able to make themselves float or sink. Once down below, they are able to hold their breath for minutes as they walk to their destination.

Which is Correct?



Self-Confidence

Self-confidence is also a wealth, which you can invest in your business. In fact it can be considered as the basic need in your business program.

Seeing a homeless guy begging on the street, a woman took pity on him and gave him a handful of change.

"Thank you," said the homeless man. "Your generosity is much appreciated. You know my life used to be great, but just look at the state of me now." "How do you mean?" asked the woman.

"Well," he explained. "I was a multi-millionaire. I had bank accounts all over the world with hundreds of thousands of dollars deposited in each."

"So where did it all go wrong?" she asked. The homeless man sighed, "I forgot my mother's maiden name."

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you wanted
to go to
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An old man meets a young man who

asks: "Do you remember me?"
And the old man says no. Then the young man tells him he was his student, And the teacher asks:

"What do you do, what do you do in life?"

The young man answers:

"Well, I became a teacher."

"ah, how good, like me?" Asks the old man.

"Well, yes. In fact, I became a teacher because you inspired me to be like you."

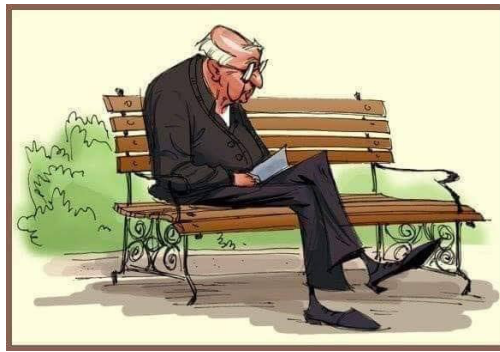
The old man, curious, asks the young man at what time he decided to become a teacher. And the young man tells him the following story:

"One day, a friend of mine, also a student, came in with a nice new watch, and I decided I wanted it.

I stole it, I took it out of his pocket.

Shortly after, my friend noticed the his watch was missing and immediately complained to our teacher, who was you.

Then you addressed the class saying, 'This student's watch was



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The Strange Politician

A politician named Strange passed away. His friend asked the tombstone maker to inscribe on his tombstone, "Here lies Strange, an honest man, and a politician."

The inscriber insisted that such an inscription would be confusing, for a passerby would tend to think that three men were buried under the stone.

However, he suggested an alternative. He would inscribe, "Here lies a man who was both honest and a politician."

That way, whenever anyone walked by the tombstone and read it, they would be certain to remark, "That's Strange."

The other day, I was hangin' with a friend. This friend calls himself a Christian, but doesn't always act like it. Some days he's on fire for the LORD, some days life's struggles seem to get the best of him. So, as our eyes met, I really wanted to say something about it to him, but decided to just let the LORD speak to his heart, knowing nothing I could say could ever possibly have the impact that the LORD making Himself real in his heart would make. So I prayed with him, and finally, after some time, I winked...and, walked away from the mirror.



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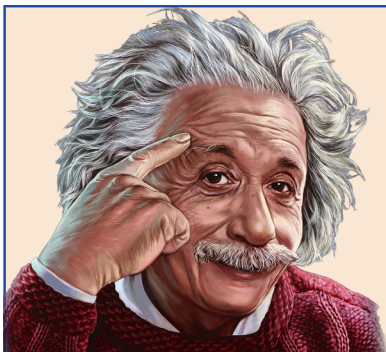
The term "domestic housewife" implies that there are feral housewives.

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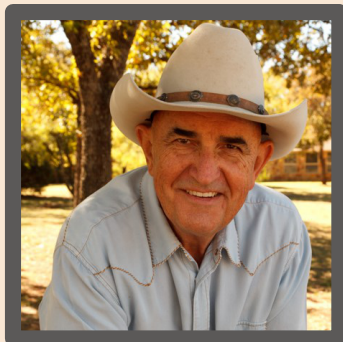
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I'm afraid of that day when people post quotes on the internet with my name which I never said."
 ~ Albert Einstein



Dudley Hall, an old Oklahoma preacher, said he had someone tell him that they didn't trust what someone said unless he had gray hair. Let your youngins ponder on that.

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stolen during classes today. Whoever stole it, please return it.' I didn't give it back because I didn't want to. You closed the door and told us all to stand up and form a circle. You were going to search our pockets one by one until the watch was found. However, you told us to close our eyes, because you would only look for his watch if we all had our eyes closed. We did as instructed. You went from pocket to pocket, and when you went through my pocket, you found the watch and took it. You kept searching everyone's pockets, and when you were done you said 'open your eyes. We have the watch.' You didn't tell on me and you never mentioned the episode. You never said who stole the watch either. That day you saved my dignity forever. It was the most shameful day of my life. But this is also the day I decided not to become a thief, a bad person, etc. You never said anything, nor did you even scold me or take me aside to give me a moral lesson. I received your message clearly. Thanks to you, I understood what a real educator needs to do. Do you remember this episode, professor? The old professor answered, 'Yes, I remember the situation with the stolen watch, which I was looking for in everyone's pocket. I didn't remember you, because I also closed my eyes while looking.' This is the essence of teaching: If to correct you must humiliate; you don't know how to teach."

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The Bird Exam

"A student's biology professor announces an exam next week on birds. 'You will have to know everything about every type of bird there is,' he says. The student spends the week studying beaks, wings, and feathers of dozens of bird species.

On the day of the exam, the professor has a table with five paper bags on it. Under each bag is a model of a bird. The professor lifts the first bag to reveal only the legs, and tells the class to write down the type of bird. The student groans, because he can't even guess the type of bird. When the professor gets to the third bag, the student stands up, walks up to the table, and throws his crumpled test paper onto the table. He says, 'This is the most ridiculous test I have ever seen, and you are an IDIOT!'

The professor says, 'Just hold it right there, what is your name?'

The student raises his pants to the knees and says, 'You tell me!'"



As her son left for college, a mother gave her son a Bible. On the flyleaf she had penned this words. "This book will keep you from sin, and only sin will keep you from this book."

Sad news! I broke up with my girlfriend Loraine. She found out I was seeing another girl, Claire Lee. Good News Though! I can see Claire Lee now! Loraine is gone!

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Sometimes faith will make you look stupid until it starts to rain. ~Noah

"Condescending Club" is really kinda complex and I don't think you would understand it even if I explained it to you.

The reason we give our children middle names is so they will know when they are in real big trouble.

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I saw two blind guys fighting. You should have seen their face
when I yelled, "My money is on the one with the knife."

Aunt T's Kitchen

WALNUT THUMBPRINTS

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sour cream



Directions

1. In a large bowl, cream the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
2. Roll into 1-in. balls. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Using the end of a wooden spoon handle, make an indentation in the center of each ball.
3. Combine filling ingredients; spoon about 1 teaspoonful into each cookie. Bake at 350° for 11-13 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool for 5 minutes before removing to wire racks.

Walnuts

APPLE WALNUT CAKE

Ingredients

- 1-2/3 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 4 cups chopped unpeeled apples
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar



Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat sugar and eggs. Add oil and vanilla; mix well. Combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg; gradually add to sugar mixture, mixing well. Stir in apples and walnuts. Pour into a greased and floured 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° until a toothpick comes out clean, 50-55 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
2. For frosting, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla in a bowl. Gradually add confectioners' sugar until the frosting has reached desired spreading consistency. Frost cooled cake.

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I asked the librarian if they had any books on paranoia.
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WALNUT BUTTER CAKE

Ingredients

- 4 oz all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 4.5 oz salted butter, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 oz fine sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 oz walnut, FINELY processed in a food processor
- 1 oz whole walnut, for topping



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Grease two (2) mini loaf pans with butter. Sift the flour and baking powder, set aside.
3. Cream butter, vanilla extract and sugar till fluffy and pale (take about 4 mins using electric hand mixer at speed 2). Add in the eggs one at a time, cream well until well combined before adding another one.
4. Fold the flour, ground walnut and milk, and mix to combine well. Transfer the batter into the greased pan, shake gently to level off the batter. Sprinkle the whole walnuts on top.
5. Bake for 30-35 mins or until a cake tester inserted into the walnut butter cake comes out clean. Remove from the oven, let cool on wire rack. Loosen the cake from the loaf pans and slice into pieces.

WALNUT BAKLAVA

Ingredients

- 4 cups finely chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup sugar

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- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen phyllo dough, thawed
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Directions

1. In a small bowl, combine the walnuts, sugar and cinnamon; set aside. Grease a 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish with some of the melted butter. Unroll phyllo dough sheets (keep dough covered with plastic wrap while assembling).
2. Place one sheet of phyllo in baking dish; brush with butter. Top with a second sheet; brush with butter. Fold long ends under to fit the dish. Sprinkle with about 1/4 cup nut mixture. Repeat 18 times, layering two sheets, brushing with butter and sprinkling with nut mixture. Top with remaining dough; brush with butter. Cut into 2-in. diamonds with a sharp knife.
3. Bake at 350° for 45-55 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile, in a saucepan, combine the syrup ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Pour over warm baklava. Cool on a wire rack.

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Can you see the Forest?

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Have you ever heard the expression you can't see the forest because of the trees? It's an expression one might use to describe someone who is caught up on the minor details that they miss the big picture. I believe that 2021 is going to be a year where we start to see the forest again. Every year our church has a special Sunday that we call "Vision Sunday". It's a day when we set goals for the year ahead. This year felt different though, as I went into preparation my heart was leading me in a different direction. I really felt God leading me and our church into a more intense time of study and prayer. Goals are great and are necessary to track progress. However, if we are always focused on goals, we are liable to miss the bigger picture of what God is doing. We see this in the early church in the book of Acts. The Apostles are going about teaching and preaching and everyday people responded. The number of believers continued to increase daily. They understood the bigger picture and they kept their focus there. If a problem arose, they would pray for direction, respond, and continue on with the gospel message. Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The Apostle Paul continues on in verse 19 by saying, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. My desire as I write this to you today is that you would be encouraged to keep everything in perspective and to let God direct you. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Friends be blessed and let's start looking at the forest again.

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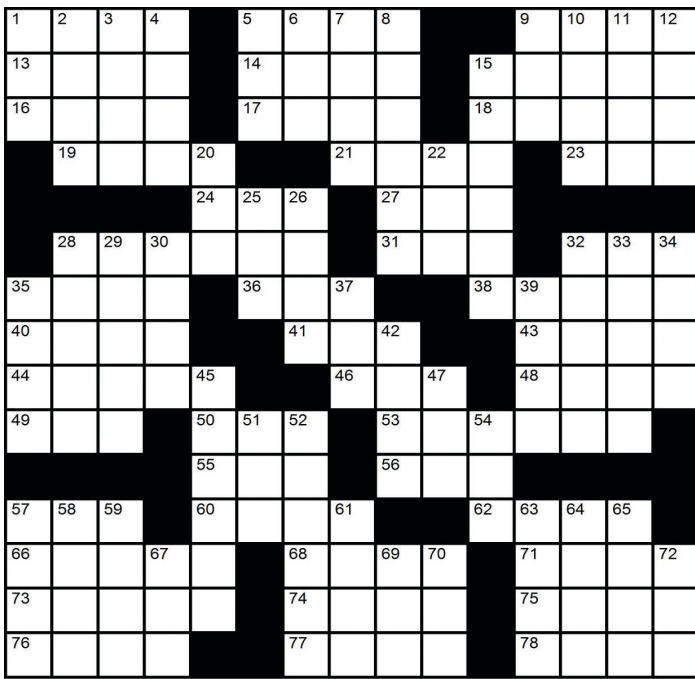
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We need a lot more men in the world.

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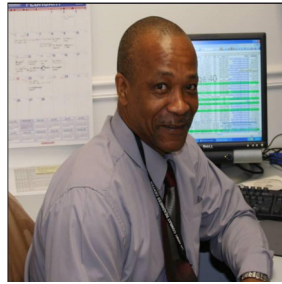
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The Remote Control is in Your Hands

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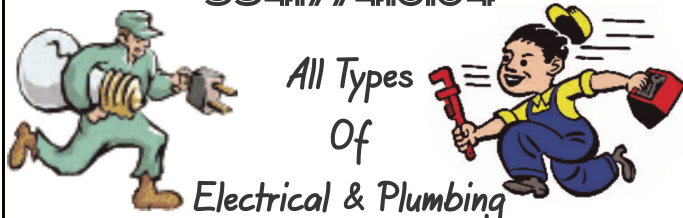


The basic idea behind a remote control is control! You have the power to control every movement, sound, what you watch, what you say, what you listen to, what you do, and you can rewind to view the past. Too often people use their remote to play re-runs of all the mistakes, hurts and disappointments. I strongly recommend not doing that instead change the channel to the future potential God has in store for you, it is found in His Word. What I hope to convey to you today is to see FAITH as the remote control that allows you to get a handle on your present and future experiences. With your faith, you can take control of your life. Hebrews 11:1 says: "Now FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In the Greek: Faith means "pistis" which is - conviction, confidence, trust, belief, reliance, trustworthiness, and persuasion. FAITH is being totally convinced of something, being fully persuaded that it is real and true, enough to trust in it and rely on it and having total confidence that it will do what it says it will do. Mark 11:23 says: "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but BELIEVES that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says." Once you have a basic understanding of what FAITH is, you're well on your way to using it as the remote control for your life. If you don't know how to use that specific remote control (FAITH), you'll have a hard time making the mountain move in your life. You will also have a hard time making your life go where you want it to go if you don't understand how to use your faith. In closing my friends, the Scripture says: "But without FAITH it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6

Now, you have to know the right commands to get your life going where you want it to go. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17. The remote control is in your hands how will you use it?

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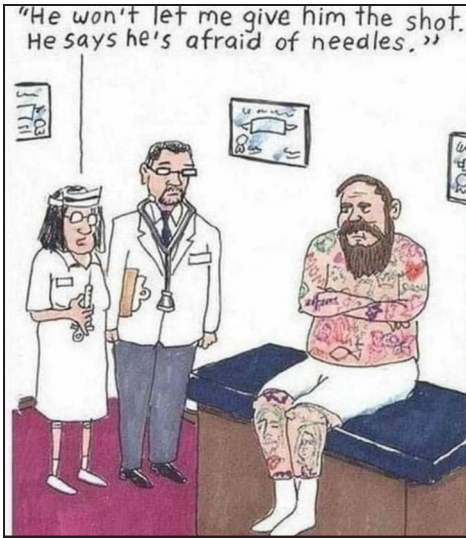
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My wife and I were daydreaming about what we would do if we won the lottery. My wife started: "I'd hire a cook so that I could just say, 'Hey, make me a sandwich!'" I shook my head. "Not me. I already have one of those."

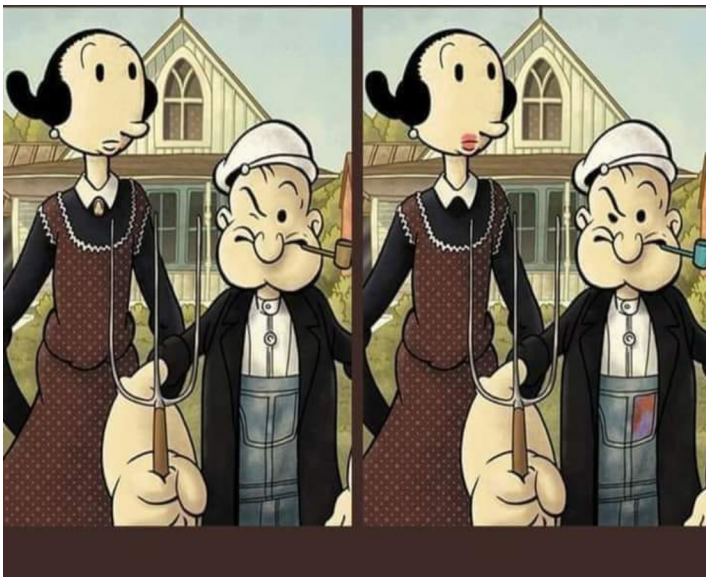


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Someone just called me. They sneezed and then hung up. I'm getting sick of these cold calls.



How to Have Meaningful Conversations About Money with Your Spouse

By Rachel Cruze

My dad, Dave Ramsey, filed for bankruptcy the year I was born. My older sister was about three. So, with a brand-new baby, a toddler, and as dad says all the time, “a marriage hanging by a thread,” things hit rock bottom. Hard. It took them a good five years to climb out of that hole—right around the same time of my earliest memories.

Because of my parents’ hard work after that soul-crushing bankruptcy, I was able to learn firsthand the value of managing money well. I learned that my income is my biggest wealth-building tool, so I never took on any debt—and I never will. I don’t say that to pat myself on the back, but to show you what a big impact our parents can have on our money outlook.

How you grew up, and the environment you were raised in, shaped your money beliefs and your habits with money in very specific ways.

That’s why when I help couples get on the same page with their money, I start with their childhood. As children grow, more is caught than taught, meaning children absorb a lot about money without even realizing it. For some, money is stressful and secretive. For others, it’s peaceful and positive. Each household starts with the same basic ingredients—money, income, bills, and goals—but things can look and feel very different from one house to another.

Your story may not involve something as drastic as bankruptcy, but your childhood household was your money classroom. Now as an adult, you may handle money just like your parents did when you were growing up, or you may have deliberately chosen to do the exact opposite of what your parents did.

Regardless, we each learned lessons in our childhoods that we’ve taken into adulthood. Some are good habits and healthy views on money that help us. Some are lessons we wish we could unlearn.

Talking through this with your spouse will be eye-opening. Knowing how your spouse grew up thinking about money might explain why they get buyer’s remorse after every purchase, why you hate budgeting, or why either of you gets uncomfortable talking about money. If you want help getting the conversation started, here’s some more advice to help remove the stress around talking about money with your spouse.

Having an honest conversation about what money was like for each of you growing up will help you understand each other better. And it’ll help you squash your fears together, and align your dreams and goals. Remember, you’re a team—and a team only wins when everyone works together!

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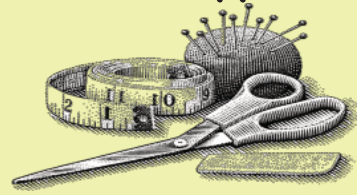
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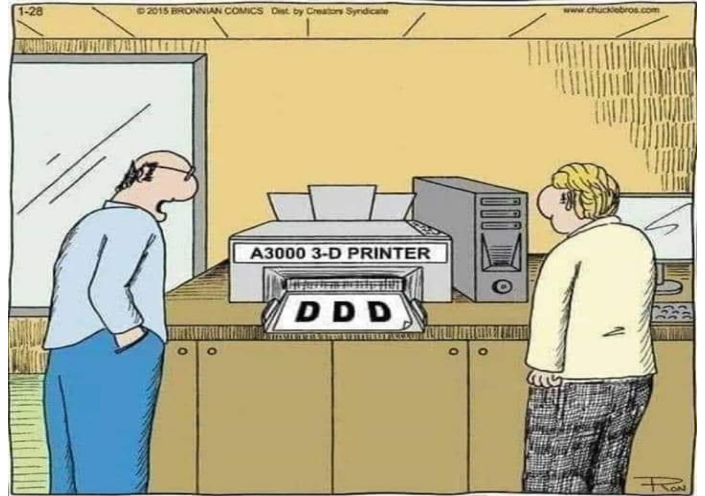
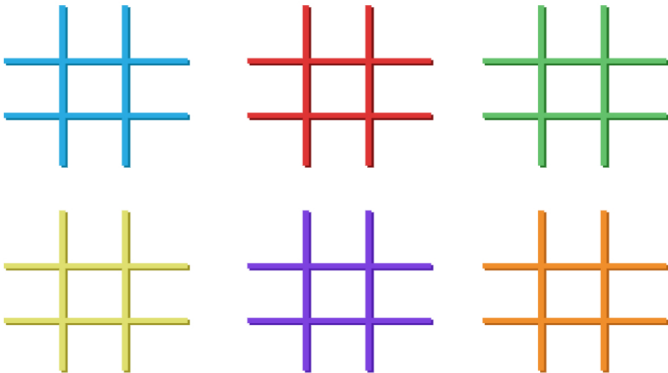
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The Concerns of a Mouse

"What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning:

"There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap . . . alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house - the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

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It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital. When she returned home she still had a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient:

But his wife's sickness continued.

Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock.

To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

But, alas, the farmer's wife did not get well . . . she died.

So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon..

And the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn't concern you, remember: When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another..

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." – John Wooden

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There's always
 a little truth behind every
 "Just kidding",
 a little knowledge behind every
 "I don't know",
 a little emotion behind every
 "I don't care",
 and a little pain behind every
 "I'm okay."

**Aunt T's
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CHOCOLATE WALNUT PIE

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup margarine
- 2 (1 ounce) squares semisweet chocolate
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch single crust pie

Directions

1. Melt the margarine and the chocolate together, stirring until chocolate is smooth. Add eggs, sugar, salt, and syrup. Stir until everything is mixed thoroughly. Stir in walnuts. Pour into unbaked pie shell.
2. Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 40-50 minutes, or until pie is set. Let sit for 30 minutes before slicing.

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A group of cats is called a glaring.

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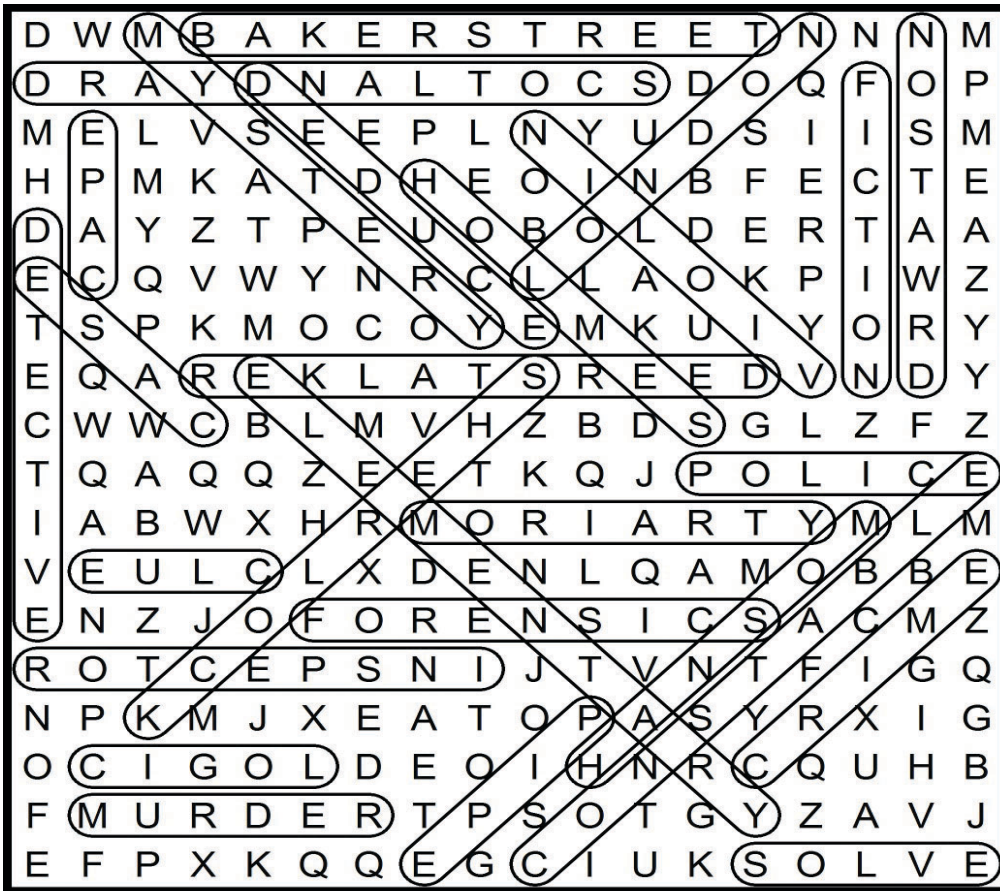
The way I see it, if you want the rainbow,
you gotta put up with the rain. ~ Dolly Parton

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Greetings Gardeners!

I should say, greetings Gardeners, Farmers, and Wannabees, as I know many of you reading this are in some or all the categories. Hasn't this been the coldest, wettest, and weirdest winter of all?

... so how to cope with spring planting in the face of all this wetness? There is so much information available if you want to learn about new or better ways to grow things, and while YouTube is a useful resource, to get **research-based information local to this area** is what we try to provide here. In every US state, and in nearly every county there are **free services and information** through the local Extension office. In Alabama

it is provided by **the Alabama A&M & Auburn Universities** horticultural departments. One of the many helpful things they offer is an inexpensive soil test (only \$7), **the most basic thing** any gardener or farmer needs before planting.

... Another helpful resource is found online through a webinar series offered by the Extension Services, where past and future webinars (online interactive seminars or discussions) are available on a variety of helpful topics. Called the **Spring 2021 Urban Green Back 2 Basics**, it is offered on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of each month at **11 AM Central Time**, on Facebook and **Zoom** live. Register online at www.aces.edu/go/B2Bzoom. (If you have the Zoom app downloaded it is quite easy to join the meeting. They even offer a Zoom tutorial to teach you how to use it.) Also available at the **Alabama Extension at Alabama A&M University Facebook page**. Upcoming topics on March 10th -*High tunnels: Benefits and Funding Opportunities*; on **March 24th** -*Native Food Forests*; on **April 14th** -*Plant Propagation by Seeding and Cutting*; on **April 28th** -*Underutilized Native Plant Selections*. Those March and April webinars look especially appealing to this gardener.

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- B-3 Who's On First
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