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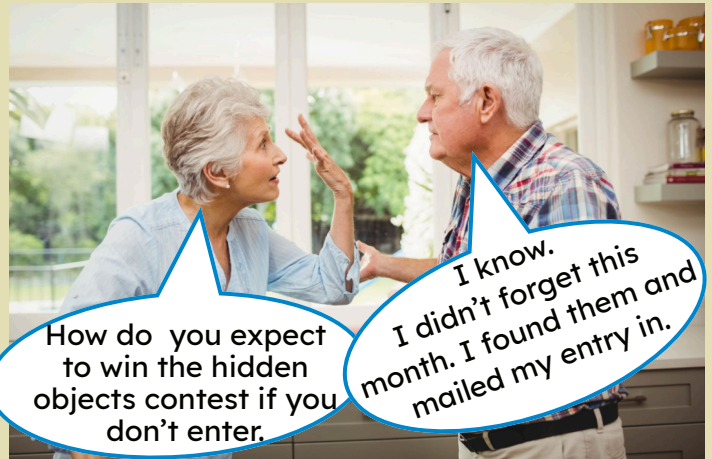
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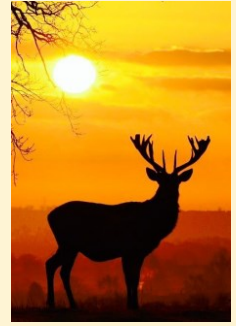
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After a rough day spent corralling my rowdy kids, I'd had enough. "I think I'm going to sell them," I hissed to my sister. "You're crazy," she said. "For thinking of selling them?" "For thinking someone would buy them."

Like A Fingerprint

How is a dog's nose print similar to the fingerprint of a person? They are alike in that no two are the same. Just like a fingerprint is unique to each person, a nose print is unique to each canine. A dog can be identified by its nose print.

Trapped By Dogma

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking." - Steve Jobs

Galaxies Colliding

The New York Times, among other papers, recently published a new Hubble Space Telescope photograph of distant galaxies colliding. Of course, astronomers have had pictures of colliding galaxies for quite some time now, but with the vastly improved resolution provided by the Hubble Space Telescope, you can actually see Alexander Shunnarah rushing to the scene.

Minnie Mouse's Real Name

Yes, we know that Minnie Mouse is not real, but did you know that her real fake name is not Minnie Mouse? Her actual name is Minerva "Minnie" Mouse.


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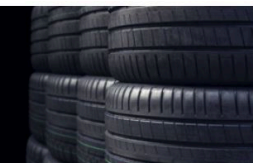


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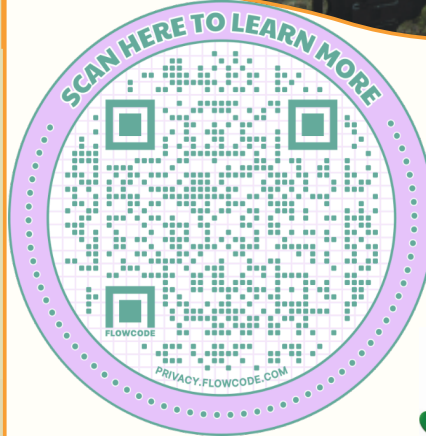
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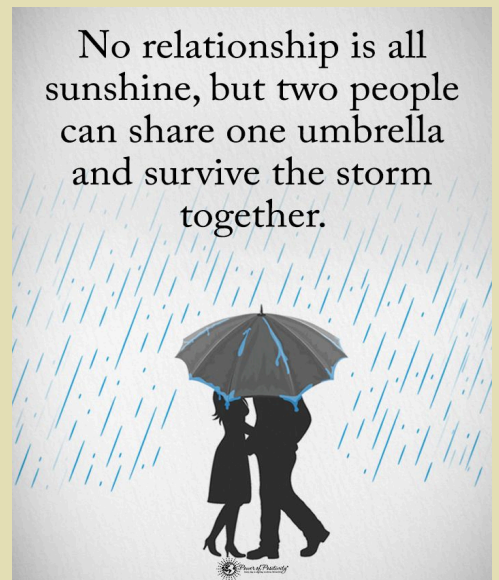
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THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND!

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

As Christians living in a fallen world, Jesus says to us: *John 16:33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.* (NLT)

So then, we are not exempt from daily struggles, often in our minds, the battlefield of the mind. Everything we do, every word we say, and every decision we make naturally begin in our minds.

The symptoms of losing the battle are usually manifested in mental or emotional issues, such as anxiety, disbelief, depression, anger, bitterness, condemnation, etc. All of these hinder our communication and, ultimately, our relationship with God.

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (NLT)

Satan cannot read our minds. He is not omniscient. The scriptures teach that only Jesus knows the thoughts of all people (*Matthew 9:1-4; John 2:24*) This truth demonstrates the divinity of Christ. Besides, no one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit (*1 Corinthians 2:11*). It is imperative that a believer develop the mind of Christ, and it starts with: *Romans 12:2 Do not conform yourselves to the*

standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to



know the will of God, what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

We must intentionally manage the things we allow ourselves to give much thought to. And cast down every imagination that comes against the knowledge of

God's Word. (*2 Corinthians 10:5*)

Paul gives us a wonderful list of things we can think about. It is only when we abide in God's Word that we can think of whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, excellent, or praiseworthy (*Philippians 4:8*).

As we enter into the month of February when many celebrate Valentine's Day. Some maybe "battling with feelings of not being loved". Please know, that you are God's beloved children, you are special and wonderfully created in His image and likeness. Love is a choice God has made towards us before we were born; we must also choose to love others as we love ourselves. As we celebrate Valentine's Day, let this be a reminder of how much you are loved.

How do Amish girls know if it's a romantic candlelit dinner or just a regular dinner?

CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS

March 2024

Have you ever grown your own potatoes? Look for potatoes that have started to sprout, cut about 1/2" below the sprouted part, and give them a few days to callous over before you put them in the soil. Leave about 10"-12" between the planted pieces to give room for all the baby potatoes to grow.



At a recent workday with the Claybank Master Gardener volunteers and Victoria at Ozark's Autrey Center, Regional Extension Agent Megan Jones guided us as we put together oval shaped raised beds from aluminum kits and planted potato pieces that had been sliced into 1/2" slices below the sprouts. We placed them on a 6" layer of potting soil and covered them up with another 8-10" of potting soil. After the potato sprouts begin to send up leaves we'll add more potting soil to keep the potatoes from being



exposed to light. In about 3 months the plants will produce a cluster of potatoes from each planting. You can also grow your own potatoes in a five gallon bucket with holes drilled around the sides near the bottom for drainage, or in burlap bags.

According to the Alabama Extension app SOW you can plant these seeds: beets, cilantro, kohlrabi mustard, oregano, parsley radishes, sweet peas, thyme, turnips. Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale and lettuce transplants will be my choice as well.

*The Claybank Master Gardeners will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, March 13th, at 11 AM at Hoppergrass Restaurant in Ozark, 129 East Ave. Extension Agent Neil Kelly will talk about turf grasses. If you choose to buy lunch the line is shorter at 10:30. Come join us, we love new faces and to exchange gardening ideas. You can buy lunch if you wish, or just visit to see what Master Gardeners are about. Call the Dale County Extension office to verify the time and date of the meeting at (334) 774-2329.





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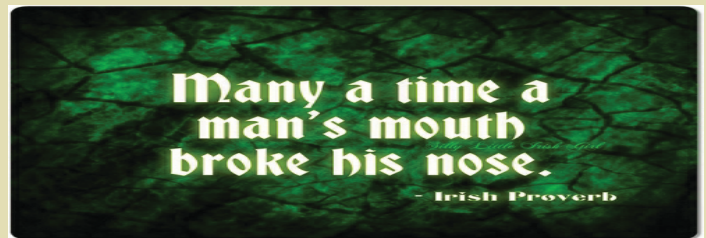
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Now I don't want to sound all braggy, but the cashier was just checking me out.

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An elderly man says to his grandson. "Plato once said. "I am the wisest man alive for I know one thing, and that is that I know nothing." His grandson then asked, "How did he know that?" The man said, "His wife told him."

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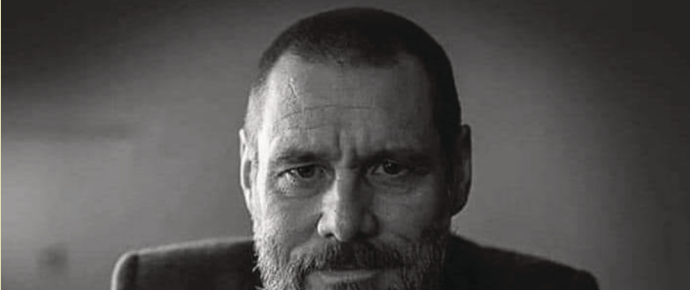
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How many struggles? How many battles?
How many difficulties? How much sadness?
How much happiness? How many expressions of hope for the future? —did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist?

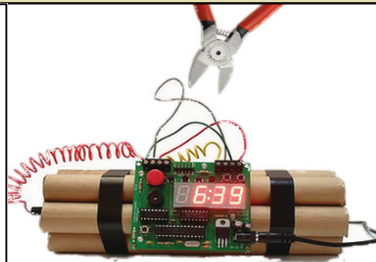
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When a woman asks you to guess her age, it's like deciding whether to cut the blue, red, or green wire to diffuse a bomb.



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I bought a new truck. I had to go back to the dealer yesterday, because I couldn't get the radio to work. SMART TRUCK!!!! The service technician explained that the radio was voice-activated. 'Nelson', the technician said to the radio. The radio replied, Ricky or Willie?' Willie!' he continued and 'On The Road Again' came from the speakers. Then he said, Ray Charles' and in an instant Georgia On My Mind'

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replaced Willie Nelson. I drove away happy and for the next few days, every time I'd say 'Beethoven', I'd get beautiful classical music and if I said 'Beatles', I'd get one of their awesome songs. Well, yesterday, a car ran a red light and nearly smashed into my new truck, but luckily I swerved in time to avoid a wreck. I yelled out, "STUPID IDIOT" The radio replied, "Democrat or Republican" ? I love this truck!

**That is that word
which should be
used instead of
which.**

The Subject At Hand

A bank robber pulls out a gun, points it at the teller, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!"
The puzzled teller replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?'"
The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

I wanted to go on a diet, but I feel like I have way too much on my plate right now!

"Life's biggest tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late. ~ Ben Franklin



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- 10 ½ ounce can cream of chicken soup
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- 1 ½ cups prepared salsa
- 4 ½ cups shredded fully cooked chicken
- 12 ounce package flour tortillas (12 taco tortillas)
- 4 ounces sharp cheddar cheese shredded
- 4 ounces colby cheese shredded
- 1 Roma tomato seeded and diced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro



Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 13 x 9 casserole dish with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the soups and salsa until well combined. Add shredded chicken and stir to combine and evenly coat chicken.
3. Layer 4 of the flour tortillas evenly in the bottom of the casserole dish. Spread ½ of the chicken mixture over the tortillas.
4. Layer 4 more tortillas, then spread the remaining half of the chicken mixture over them.
5. Layer last 4 tortillas and sprinkle evenly with cheese.
6. Bake (uncovered) for 30 minutes, or until top is lightly browned and chicken mixture is bubbly around sides of dish.
7. Top with diced tomatoes and chopped fresh cilantro.

International Chicken

HAWAIIAN CHICKEN

Servings 6

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 pound chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 slices thick-cut bacon, chopped
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger
- 1 large red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cups fresh pineapple chunks, 1 inch pieces
- 1/2 cup BBQ sauce (your favorite brand)
- 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions



Instructions

1. Place the bacon in a large skillet and set over medium heat. Break the pieces apart with a wooden spoon and cook until reddish-brown, 5 minutes.
2. Add the onions and grated ginger. Sauté for 1 minute. Then add in the chicken pieces. Stir and cook for 2-3 minutes. Then push the chicken to the sides of the pan and add the bell pepper.
3. Sear the peppers for 1-2 minutes. Then add in the pineapple chunks, BBQ sauce, and soy sauce. Stir well to coat and simmer for 4-5 minutes. Sprinkle with scallions. Serve warm with a salad or side of rice.

GERMAN BAKED CHICKEN

Servings 6

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Butter, or margarine
- 1/2 cup Flour
- 2 cup Chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cup Milk
- 2 tsp Lemon juice, fresh
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1/2 tsp Pepper
- 1/4 tsp Nutmeg
- 8 oz Egg noodles, cooked & drained
- 3 cup Chicken, cooked, diced
- 2/3 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 2 tsp Paprika



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. degrees.
2. Melt butter in large saucepan over medium low heat. Whisk in flour and stir 3 minutes.
3. Gradually whisk in broth and milk. Reduce heat, simmering until thick, about 10 minutes.
4. Blend in lemon juice and seasonings.

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5. Combine cooked noodles and half the sauce, tossing gently to blend.
6. Place in the bottom of a buttered 2-quart casserole. Top with chicken and remaining sauce.
7. Combine Parmesan cheese and paprika, sprinkle over casserole. Bake until bubbling and golden brown, about 30 minutes. Serve hot.

FRENCH ONION CHICKEN

Servings 4

Ingredients

- 2 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced into rings
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup + 3 tablespoons beef broth, divided
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, pounded to even thickness
- 1 tablespoon oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon Italian blend herbs/Italian seasoning
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 4 slices provolone cheese
- 4 slices swiss cheese
- ¾ cup parmesan cheese
- fresh thyme or parsley and cracked black pepper for topping, (optional)



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to bake at 400 degrees OR broil on low. In a large oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onions and 3 tablespoons beef broth and saute onions for 3-4 minutes until translucent. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally so the onions don't burn, for about 15 minutes longer until browned and very tender. Use tongs or a fork to transfer to a bowl and cover to keep warm.
2. While onions are cooking, prepare the chicken by drizzling with oil, then seasoning with salt and pepper (to taste) and Italian herbs. Once onions have finished cooking and are removed from the pan, cook chicken for 4-5 minutes on each side (don't clean out the pan between the onions and chicken) until browned on both sides. (Chicken may not be fully cooked through yet, that is okay).
3. Transfer chicken to a plate and cover to keep warm and return the onions to the pan. Sprinkle flour over the onions and stir for 1 minute over medium-high heat. Add beef broth and continue to cook, stirring throughout, until mixture comes to a boil. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Return chicken to pan and spoon some of the sauce over each piece of chicken.
4. Top chicken with one slice of provolone each, then one slice of swiss, then 1/4 of the parmesan cheese. Transfer skillet to your preheated oven and cook for about 10 minutes until chicken is cooked through completely and cheeses are melted.
5. Spoon some of the onions and gravy over the top of the chicken, garnish with thyme or parsley and cracked black pepper, and serve.

ITALIAN BAKED CHICKEN

Servings 6

Ingredients

- 2 lb boneless skinless chicken breast
- Salt and pepper
- 2 teaspoon dry oregano
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon Sweet paprika
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tablespoon Extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 5 to 6 Campari tomatoes, or small Roma tomatoes, halved
- Handful chopped fresh parsley for garnish
- Fresh basil leaves for garnish



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
2. Pat chicken dry. Using a meat mallet, pound to flatten the chicken. Repeat the process with the remaining chicken breast pieces.
3. Season the chicken with kosher salt and pepper on both sides and place in a large mixing bowl or dish. Add spices, minced garlic, extra virgin olive oil, and lemon juice. Combine to make sure the chicken is evenly coated with the spices and garlic.
4. In a large lightly oiled baking dish or pan, spread the onion slices on the bottom. Arrange seasoned chicken on top, and add the tomatoes.
5. Cover the baking dish tightly with foil and bake for 10 minutes covered, then uncover and bake for another 8 to 10 minutes or so. Watch carefully. This can take less or more time depending on the thickness of your chicken breasts. To be sure the chicken is cooked through, use an instant digital cooking thermometer. It should register 165 degrees F.
6. Remove from the heat. (cover with foil) for 5 to 10 minutes or so before serving. Uncover and garnish with fresh parsley and basil. Enjoy!

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 Though my hair is white as snow
 Though my sight is growing dim,
 Still He bids me trust in Him.
 (CHORUS)
 YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES,
 JESUS LOVES ME..
 YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR THE
 BIBLE TELLS ME SO.
 Though my steps are oh, so slow,
 With my hand in His I'll go
 On through life, let come what
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 He'll be there to lead the way.

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 In my heart He puts a song..
 Telling me in words so clear,
 "Have no fear, for I am near."
 (Verse 3)
 When my work on earth is done,
 And life's victories have been won.
 He will take me home above,
 Then I'll understand His love.
 (CHORUS)
 I love Jesus, does He know?
 Have I ever told Him so?
 Jesus loves to hear me say,
 That I love Him every day.



One year clean, and then I ran into my dealer at Piggly Wiggly...

I've come to realize that I drive safer when there's food in my passenger seat than when there's a person sitting there! ~~
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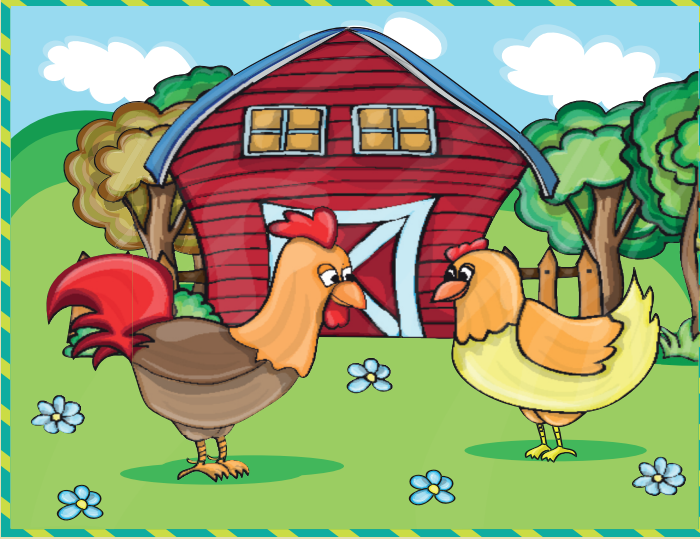
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IN THESE PHOTOS ... Solution on Page 20



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Girl: Please, marry me?

Sheriff: I can't. I have to catch the rustlers.

Girl: Please, let's get married?

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Home is where they learn to be clean, not talk with their mouths full, and how/where

to properly dispose of garbage.

Home is also where they learn to be organized, to take good care of their belongings, and that it's not ok to touch others.

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Schools should only reinforce the education that children receive at home from their parents.

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Stop leaving y'all kids round them
 extra old folks... I asked my lil nephew
 how old he was turning, he said....
 If the Lord see fit, 6 in May.

When I was born the
 Moon was the size of a nickel,
 Moby Dick was a minnow, and
 Donald Duck was an egg!

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You've Done Too Little

"You often feel tired, not because you've done too much, but because you've done too little of what sparks a light in you." - Alexander Den Heijer

If this is a pair of pliers



Then what is this?



ADD A LITTLE SALT!

By Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Add A Little Salt

The human body requires a small amount of sodium to conduct nerve impulses, contract and relax muscles, balance electrolytes and fluids, and maintain the proper balance of water and minerals.

It is estimated that we need about 500 mg of sodium daily for these vital functions. But too much sodium in the diet can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke. It can also cause calcium losses, some of which may be pulled from bone. In my own experience, food taste bland without salt. Added salt enhances the positive sensory attributes of foods, even some otherwise unpalatable foods; it makes them "taste" better.



Jesus said: "You are like salt for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it. (Matthew 5:13 GNT)

Salt in this verse means: salt is a symbol of lasting concord, because it protects food from putrefaction and preserves it unchanged. Also, wisdom and grace exhibited in speech.

The Bible contains numerous references to salt. In various contexts, it is used metaphorically to signify permanence, loyalty, durability, fidelity, usefulness, value, and purification. Salt signifies preservation and the binding of a spiritual covenant. Jesus sprinkles us like salt into the world to prevent the erosion of kingdom values, to prevent the decay of society and, to fight against the tide of inhumanity and oppression. This is a scandalous statement that Jesus is making.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Paul's use of this metaphor has more than one meaning. The believer's words are to preserve the message of Christ, helping it effectively reach as many people as possible. What a Christian says ought to add value to the conversation. Our words should be uplifting or helpful.

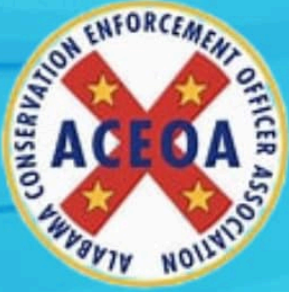
Speech is a test of a soul influenced by the grace of Christ. God expects us to approach people on their approachable side. Our style of talk can make a difference. This is far more than human charm. It is speech that reflects the grace of Christ in our lives. God wants us to be pleasant but firm in what we say to those without Christ.

Are you easy to live with? Do you antagonize people rather than win them?

Adding a little salt can help us evangelize the fallen world we live in.

Father God, bless us with wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Enable us to use the right amount of salt in our witnessing, not too little, not too much, but enough to influence the hearer, in Jesus name, amen.

God bless you and keep you in His care always.

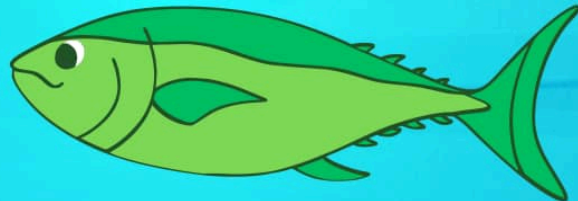


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There's Something I Can't Figure Out

At the Henry Street Hebrew School, Goldplate, the new teacher, finished the day's lesson. It was now time for the usual question period. "Mr. Goldplate," announced little Joey, "There's something I can't figure out."

"What is that Joey?" asked Goldplate.

"Well according to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the

Red Sea, right?" "And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?" "And the Children of Israel fought the Egyptians, and the Children of Israel fought the Romans, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?"

"All that is right," agreed Goldplate. "So what is your question?"

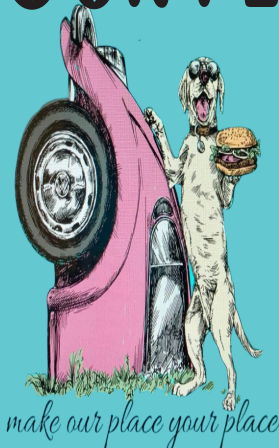
"What I want to know is this," demanded Joey. "What were all the grownups doing?"

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“Wise Words”

By: Hayes Wise

“PLAY WITH FIRE AND YOU GET BURNT!”

Play With Fire And You Get Burnt
 Children are naturally curious. Children see candles on a birthday cake, marshmallows being toasted over bonfires, or watching 4th of July fireworks and it gets their attention. They can become enthralled with the flame of a lighter or a match. However, young children are not able to understand the dangers of fire. Every year, children playing with fire cause hundreds of deaths and injuries. Therefore, it is important to teach children that fire is very dangerous, and if you play with it, you will get burnt. Most have heard of king David. Most remember him for killing the giant Goliath. David was a Godly man. He was humble no matter his station in life. He gave God the glory for the good. He confessed and repented for the bad. David was a man after God’s own heart. He had everything going for him. But, he made some bad choices to play with sin. The price of David's sin of murder

and adultery was high. The cost? His wives were taken by another, and the child born to him and Bathsheba died. He spent the rest of his life regretting it. He played with fire and got burnt. We adults would do well to think about this when it comes to our spiritual experiences. Sin is dangerous and if you play with it, you will get burnt. For those that aren’t “born again” that’s what will happen literally. “But unbelievers... will be cast into the lake of fire.” (Rev 21:8). What about believers? We’re saved, going to heaven, and don’t have to be concerned with sin. Wrong! James tells us, “Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death” (Jam 1:14–15). Sin affects our prayer life and worship. Above all else, abiding in sin quenches the Holy Spirit in us. We end up listening to the wrong voices. We are easily deceived by Satan and that really gets us into trouble. It affects everything in our physical, emotional, and spiritual life. Sin will take us further than we ever wanted to go and cost us more than we expected to pay.
Don’t play with sin and you won’t get burnt.

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What's the difference between a "hippo" and a "zippo"?
One is really heavy, and one is a little lighter.

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The God who created us is better than the God we've created."

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His friends are really amazed and ask him how much he said.

"Well," he replied, "I said I was 87!"

THE ANSWER IS IN YOUR HANDS

I heard an interesting story about an old man. According to legend, he could answer any question asked of him correctly. Two young boys heard of his wisdom and thought they could fool him, so they caught a small bird and went to his home. One of

the boys held his hands out covering the tiny bird and asked the old man if the bird was dead or alive. Without hesitation, the old man replied, "Son, if I were to say that the bird is alive, you would close your hands and crush the bird to death. If I were to say the bird is dead, you would open your hands, and it would fly away. You see, you hold the answer in your own hands." Your hands are capable of whatever goal you are looking to achieve. However, the trick is learning to use them to your advantage.

"Those people who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do."

- Isaac Asimov

St. Patrick's Day word search

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PARADE	COINS	MARCH	CLOVER
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Wackie Words answers

1. You can count on it
2. Foot in the door
3. No can do
4. Honest to goodness
5. Way overpriced
6. Living on a shoestring
7. Drawn to scale
8. Round of Applause
9. Splitting Hairs
10. They're all the same
11. There's no end to it
12. Different strokes for different folks

What's the best way to make a small fortune in the stock market?
 Answer... Start off with a big one!

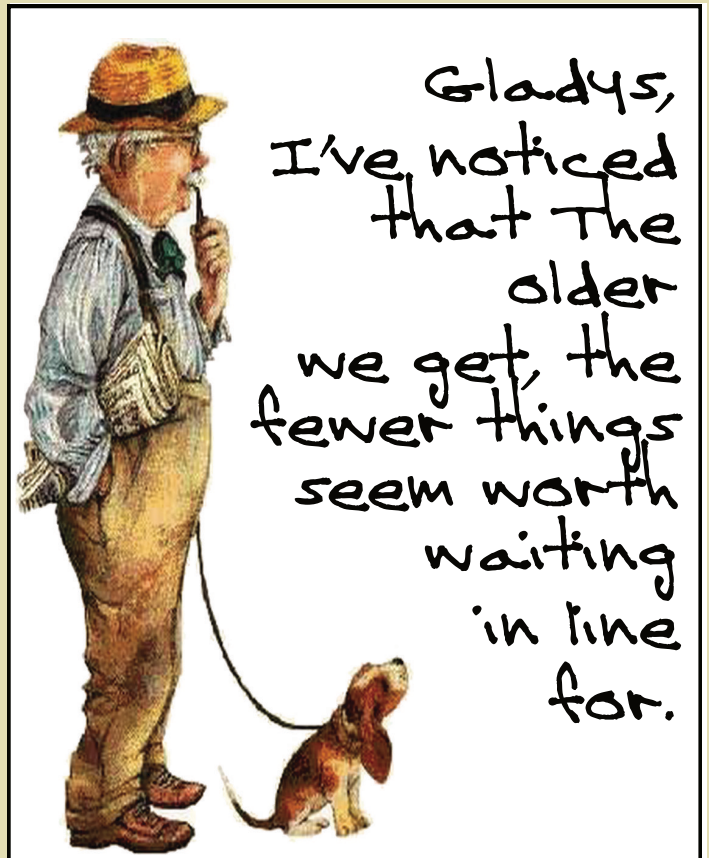
My wife still uses curlers in her hair after she washes it. She came into the family room as I was watching TV. I guess I stared at her funny because she said, "I just set my hair."



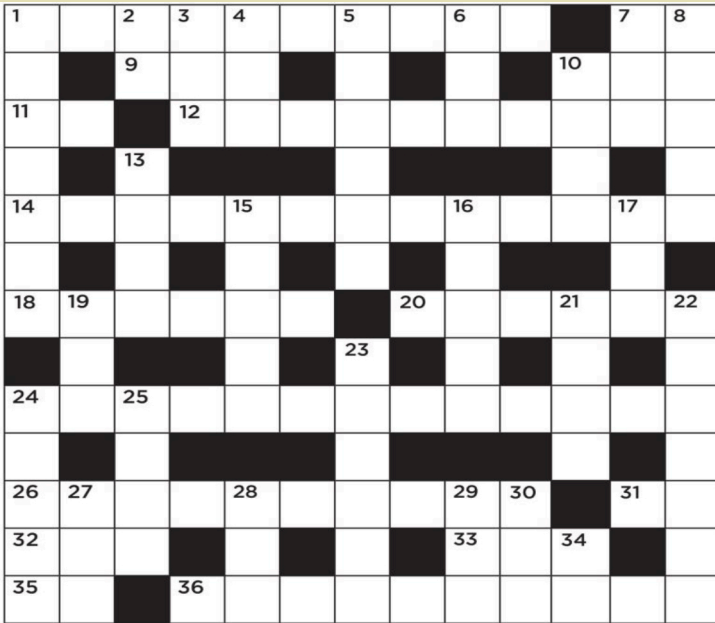
The last thing I remember saying was, "Oh, really? and what time does it go off?"

Not once in the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme does it mention that he's an egg.

IF YOU'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE IRISH...



Gladys,
 I've noticed
 that The
 older
 we get, the
 fewer things
 seem worth
 waiting
 in line
 for.



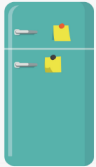
ACROSS

- 1. Beloved TV star
- 7. Give approval
- 9. Tic-tac-toe victory
- 10. "See ya!"
- 11. Fee, fi, ___, fum
- 12. Part 1 of an observation by 1 Across (three words)
- 14. Part 2 (three words)
- 18. Baltimore's favorite bird
- 20. Right away
- 24. Part 3 (four words)
- 26. Part 4 (two words)
- 31. You and I
- 32. Layer
- 33. Presidential nickname
- 35. Bygone love
- 36. Part 5 (three words)

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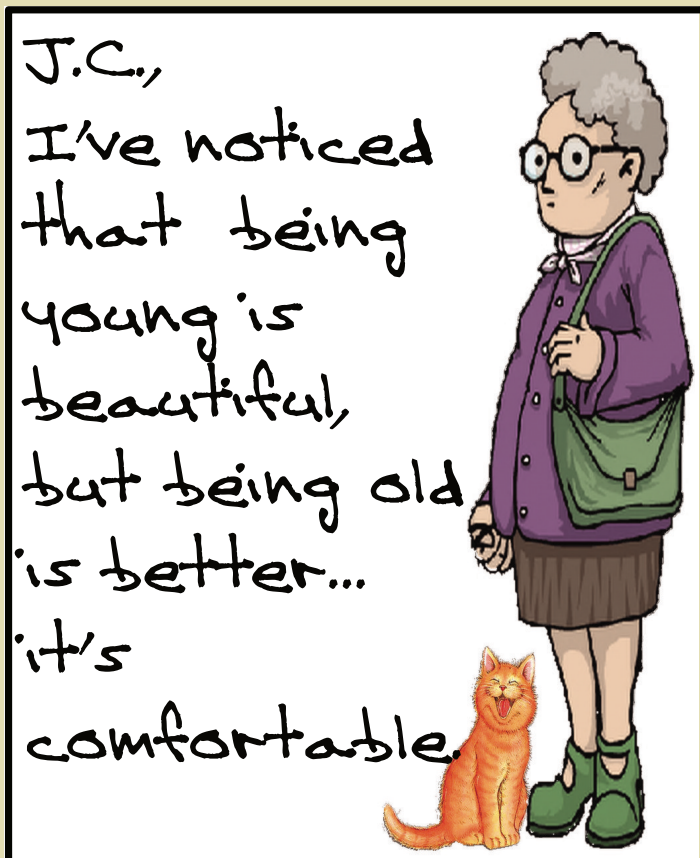
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- 3. Child's delight
- 4. ___-hoo!
- 5. Lady Byng Memorial Trophy sport
- 6. Catch some rays
- 7. Olive ___
- 8. Shade of green
- 10. Neuwirth of *Cheers*
- 13. Hagar the Horrible's daughter
- 15. Oklahoma's second-largest city
- 16. Prize money
- 17. Fragment
- 19. "Go, team!"

- 21. Slangy denial
- 22. Healthy breakfast
- 23. Overexert oneself
- 24. Traditional church donation
- 25. Paradise
- 27. Bad spell
- 28. Seek political office
- 29. Clamor
- 30. Hit the slopes
- 34. *The Wizard of Oz* aunt



**My wife left a note on the fridge saying, "It's not working. I can't take it anymore. I am going to my mothers."
I opened the fridge. The light came on, everything was cold.
I can't figure out what she's talking about?**

A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them. ~ John C. Maxwell



A Little 10-year-old girl was walking home, alone, from school one day, when a big man on a black motorcycle pulls up beside her.

After following along for a while, turns to her and asks, "Hey there little girl, do you want to go for a ride?"

"NO!" says the little girl as she keeps on walking.

The motorcyclist again pulls up beside her and asks, "Hey little girl, I will give you \$10 if you hop on the back."

"NO!" says the little girl again as she hurries down the street.

The motorcyclist pulls up beside the little girl again and says, "Okay kid, my last offer! I'll give you 20 Bucks "and" a Big Bag of Candy if you will just hop on the back of my bike and we will go for a ride."

Finally, the little girl stops and turns towards him and Screams Out...

"Look Dad" "You're the one who bought the Honda instead of the Harley... YOU RIDE IT!!"

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10 DIFFERENCES SOLUTION

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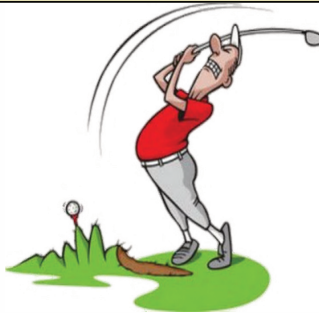
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Old age has come at a bad time, just as I was beginning to know everything, I'm now forgetting everything I knew...

The newest member of the country club was taking his initiatory round of golf with the club's officers. He was nervous about making a good impression. He teed up the ball, spread his feet apart, fixed his stance, and took a healthy swing. The golf club removed about a pound of turf, but left the ball intact. Terribly embarrassed, the man again planted his feet, took another healthy swing, and again, totally missed the ball. Although thoroughly exasperated, once again he spread his feet apart, fixed his stance, and took a vibrant swing----and for the third time missed. Whereupon he looked up and said, "Wow, this sure is a tough course."



Many of us are more like that golfer than we care to admit. We spend our time and energy blaming our problems on circumstances and conditions and cultural contexts, when we should be changing our stance.

Week ago, my Mother-in-law began reading, "The Exorcist". She said it was the most evil book she ever read. So evil in fact, she couldn't finish it, took it over to the beach and threw it into the ocean off a fishing pier. I went and bought another copy, ran the faucet over it and left it in the night table drawer by her bed.

Advertising Works

This morning we visited a building where a new business opened two months ago. They're now closed and gone. Two months ago they said they didn't need advertising. "All Good." They sunk a lot of money and effort into their dream, now it's all gone.

*Dont Let This Happen To Your Business...advertising works.
Call Us Today! We Can Help.
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It wasn't about Taylor Swift being at the game. It wasn't about Usher's halftime show. It was about THIS GUY, Brock Purdy (and all the guys he "represents")



When he was in high school, some college coaches said he was below average in height, his arm strength & accuracy were "meh."

He was dead LAST in the NFL draft getting dubbed "Mr. Irrelevant."

He is the LOWEST PAID NFL quarterback.

Last year, he took his team to the NFC championship

This year, he played in the Super Bowl.

THIS IS WHY you never let anyone define you.

THIS IS WHY you never give up.

THIS IS WHY when GOD IS FOR US, no one can be against us.

Thank you, Brock for being a role model - not with your words - but with your actions.

Thank you for being steadfast in your belief that even when things aren't going our way, "God is good, all the time."

Thank you for showing all of us that others' opinions are just "noise."

He got an after school job in the 6th grade so he could buy his sister chicken nuggets for dinner so she wouldn't go to bed hungry.



Although he was the star defensive player in high school, he would regularly take bottles of water out to the offense when they were practicing.

He still attends church with his grandmother when he goes home to visit.

He gives out sandwiches on Saturday's in the off season to the homeless in Kansas City.

He was moved to tears by the National Anthem before the Super Bowl.

He was a one man wrecking crew of the San Francisco offense, especially on third downs in the second half.

Chris Jones is the Chiefs player we should regard as a hero.

**God didn't remove the Red Sea, He parted it.
Sometimes God doesn't remove your problems, He makes a way through them.**

"I don't remember a single school shooting when I was a kid. What I do remember is our teacher having us begin the day reciting the pledge of allegiance, reading from the Bible and praying. We also had the Ten Commandments on the wall.

Maybe getting rid of those things wasn't such a good idea after all!"



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Crossword Solution

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LET'S TALK BROADBAND

By Pea River Cooperative

Super-fast fiber spreads like wildfire

Since connecting its first member in June 2023, Pea River has provided fiber broadband services to over 1,100 households and businesses in Dale, Barbour, and Henry Counties.

 All members can get fiber services installed with no up-front costs.

No up-front costs for fiber

Our goal is to make the Internet accessible to our entire membership, so we've eliminated up-front costs, which could be a barrier to connection for many households.

There is no installation fee, no deposit, no contract, and no fee for essential Wi-Fi equipment – that applies to *everyone*.

ACP ending in April

The FCC announced in January that the \$14.2 billion allotted to fund the Affordable Connectivity Program is expected to run out in April 2024.

This does not affect service availability.

Households receiving the \$30 ACP discount should prepare to cover the full price for their current services or contact Pea River to change their service plan.

300 Mbps
\$59.95

1 Gig
\$79.95
Best Value!

2 Gig
\$99.95



Understanding the Broadband Map

Green: Fiber-Ready

Service zones go green when fiber construction and splicing are complete.

Once an area goes green, we can begin scheduling installation appointments for homes and businesses in that area. Call **(334) 774-2545** to get scheduled!

Yellow: Under Construction

Yellow service zones are not quite ready, but they will be soon.

Yellow can mean that construction and splicing are underway or that the area still needs underground construction. When the area is fully built and installations can be scheduled, the area will go green.

Yellow zones that were previously red are "on deck" to be fiber-ready. These zones are usually dated for the current month or the month to come.

Red: Pre-Construction

Construction has not begun in red zones.

Members living in red areas should register their addresses for service at broadband.peariver.com.

We will contact registered members when these areas are fiber-ready before we contact non-registered members.

EXPLORE THE BROADBAND MAP:

Use your camera phone to scan the QR code 