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The next day, the husband decided to go back to the races alone. He put two dollars down on the first race and won. He put his winnings on the next race and won again. He continued to do this until he won nearly \$20,000. On his drive home, he saw a casino and decided to try his luck on roulette. He put down all his winnings on one bet and lost. When he returned home, his wife asked, "How did you do?" He shrugged his shoulders and said, "I lost two dollars." Here's the way I see it: Bill Gates said it best: "Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose."

Army Girl

"Daddy," said my 10-year-old daughter, "I think I want to join the Army."
"Baby," I answered, "I think the Air Force would be a better option for you."
"But I don't want to be a pilot."
"You don't have to be a pilot," I told her. "There are other jobs in the Air Force."
Her answer: "I don't want to be a flight attendant either."

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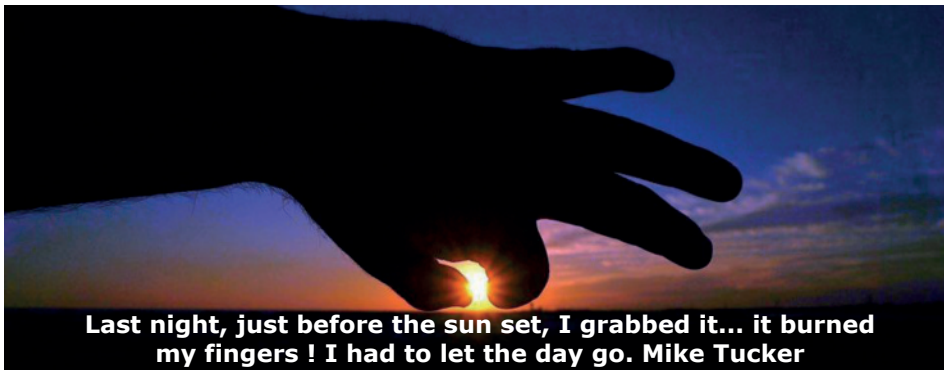


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Last night, just before the sun set, I grabbed it... it burned my fingers! I had to let the day go. Mike Tucker

Are We Dangerous?

Two snakes are crawling down the street. "Oh man, I have to ask you something!" the little one said. "What is it?" replied the other snake.

"Are we poisonous?"
The other one replied, "Of course we are, why?"

"Because I just bit my lip."

A six-year-old boy called his mother from his friend Charlie's house and confessed he had broken a lamp when he threw a football in their living room. "But, Mom," he said, brightening, "you don't have to worry about buying another one. Charlie's mother said it was irreplaceable."

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In other words, every quality that women hate in a man, they love in a cat.

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Murphy, a dishonest lawyer, bribed a man on his client's jury to hold out for a charge of manslaughter, as opposed to the charge of murder which was brought by the state. The jury was out for several days before they returned with the manslaughter verdict.

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- * It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.
- * Being old referred to anyone over 20.
- * The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties.
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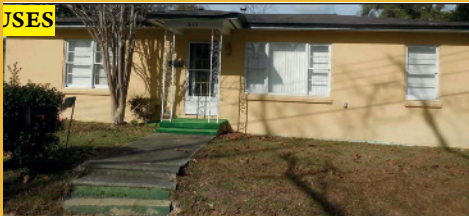


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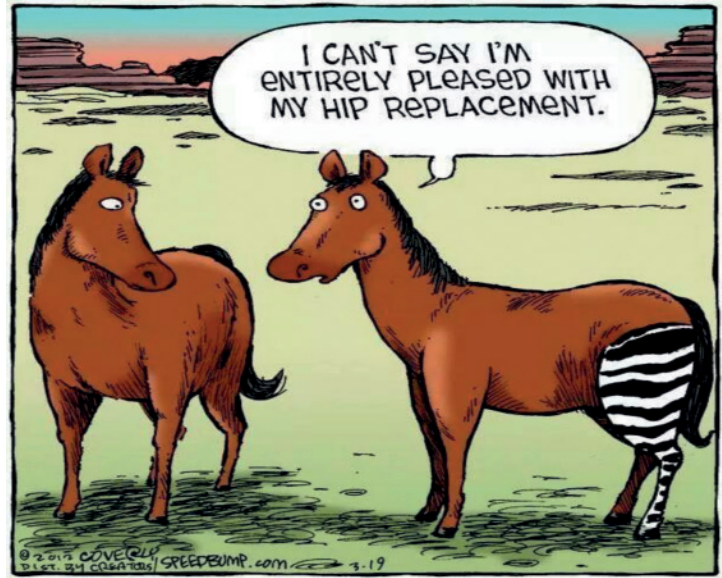
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Grandma - Praise the Lord!

The other day I went up to a local Christian bookstore and saw a honk if you love Jesus bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting, so I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed. I found that LOTS of people love Jesus. Why, while I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and when he leaned out of his window and screamed, "for the love of God, GO! GO!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus.

Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all these loving people.

I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love. There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach...

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. When I asked my teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant, he said that it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something.

Well, I've never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back.

My grandson burst out laughing, why even he was enjoying this religious experience.

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me.

I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So, I waved to all my sisters and brothers grinning, and drove on through the intersection.

I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared, so I slowed the car down, leaned out of the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away.

Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!



Growing Good Corn

Author Unknown

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon.

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves.

So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace.

Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare

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Struggling to make ends meet on a first-call salary, the pastor was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$250 dress she had bought. "How could you do this?!"

"I was outside the store looking at the dress in the window, and then I found myself trying it on," she explained. "It was like Satan was whispering in my ear, 'You look fabulous in that dress. Buy it!'" "Well," the pastor replied, "You know how I deal with that kind of temptation. I say, 'Get behind me, Satan!'" "I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks fabulous from back here, too!'"

of each is bound up with the welfare of all. The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself.

I hate making spelling errors on Facebook; mix up two letters and your whole post is urined.

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20 large fresh mushrooms (1 lb.),
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1/4 lb. breakfast pork sausage
1 cup STOVE TOP Cornbread Stuffing
Mix (about 1/2 of 6-oz. pkg.)
1 cup water
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley



DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 450°F.
Place wire rack on foil-covered rimmed baking sheet. Place mushrooms, cap sides up, on rack.
Bake 15 min. Meanwhile, brown sausage in medium non-stick skillet. Add stuffing mix, water and parsley; mix well. Remove mushrooms from wire rack; drain on paper towel-covered plate. Remove and discard foil (with mushroom liquid) from baking sheet.
Spoon sausage mixture into mushrooms. Return to baking sheet (without rack).
Bake 10 min. or until heated through.

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6 large eggs
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1/2 cup diced tomatoes and green chilies
1/4 tsp. ground pepper
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5 slices OSCAR MAYER Butcher Thick Cut Applewood Smoked Bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled



Aunt T's Kitchen

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
In a large bowl whisk the eggs and milk until eggs are broken up. Stir in the rest of the ingredients.
Grease a metal cupcake tin and pour the mixture into each cup filling it 3/4 of the way.
Bake in the oven for 17 minutes or until knife inserted comes out clean.
Season to taste

SPICY BROCCOLI-CHEDDAR ROLL-UPS

INGREDIENTS

1 tub (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Spicy Jalapeño Cream Cheese Spread
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli, cooked, well drained and cooled
1-1/2 cups KRAFT Finely Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese
24 sheets frozen phyllo dough, thawed



DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375°F.
Combine first 3 ingredients. Stack 4 phyllo sheets, spraying each layer with cooking spray before covering with next sheet. Cover remaining phyllo sheets and set aside until ready to use.
Spread about 1/3 cup broccoli mixture onto one short side of phyllo stack. Fold in long sides of stack, then roll up starting at topped short side. Place, seam side down, on parchment-covered baking sheets; spray lightly with cooking spray. Cover loosely until ready to bake.
Repeat with remaining phyllo sheets and filling.
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 1/2 cup KRAFT Thousand Island Dressing
 1 pkg. (8 oz.) KRAFT Big Slice Swiss Cheese Slices, chopped
 1/4 lb. sliced deli corned beef, chopped (about 1 cup)
 3/4 cup well-drained CLAUSSEN Sauerkraut



DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 350°F.
 Mix cream cheese and dressing in medium bowl until blended.
 Add remaining ingredients; mix well.
 Spread onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate sprayed with cooking spray.
 Bake 20 min. or until heated through.

CRAB RANGOONS

INGREDIENTS

1 tub (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Chive & Onion Cream Cheese Spread
 1 can (6 oz.) crabmeat, drained, flaked
 30 won ton wrappers
 1-1/2 cups oil
 1/3 cup KRAFT Sweet'N Sour Sauce



DIRECTIONS

Mix cream cheese spread and crabmeat; spoon onto won ton wrappers, adding about 1 tsp. crabmeat mixture to each.
 Moisten edges of wrappers with water; fold diagonally in half. Press edges together to seal.
 Heat oil in medium skillet or wok to 360°F. Add won tons, in batches; cook 1 to 2 min. or until golden brown on both sides, turning once. Remove from skillet with slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Serve with sauce.

ASIAN-STYLE TURKEY BACON APPETIZERS

INGREDIENTS

8 uncooked large shrimp, peeled, deveined
 16 snow peas, trimmed
 8 slices OSCAR MAYER Selects Uncured Turkey Bacon, cut cross-wise in half
 1/2 cup KRAFT Asian Toasted Sesame Dressing
 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper



DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 400°F.
 Cut shrimp lengthwise in half. Place 1 shrimp piece on each snow pea; wrap with bacon piece. Secure with wooden toothpicks. Place in single layer in shallow pan sprayed with cooking spray.
 Bake 10 to 12 min. or until shrimp turn pink. Discard toothpicks.
 Microwave dressing and crushed pepper in microwavable bowl on HIGH 10 to 15 sec. or until heated through. Brush lightly onto appetizers. Serve with remaining dressing mixture.

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He found him in excellent health, so the Rabbi asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you at services anymore?"

The old man looked around and lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, Rabbi," he whispered. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind Him!"

Eighty-year-old Bessie bursts into the recreation room of the retirement home.

She holds her clenched fist in the air and announces, "Anyone who can guess what's in my hand, can take me out to dinner tonight!"

A witty, elderly gentleman in the rear shouts out, "An elephant?"

Bessie thinks a minute and replies, "Close enough!"

Being a teenager and getting a tattoo seem to go hand and hand these days. I wasn't surprised when one of my daughter's friends showed me a delicate little Japanese symbol on her hip. "Please don't tell my parents," she begged. "I won't," I promised. "You're 18 now, so I guess it's your choice. By the way, what does that stand for?" "Honesty," she said.

A man enters a barbershop for a shave. While the barber is foaming him up, he mentions the problems he has getting a close shave around the cheeks. "I have just the thing," says the barber taking a small wooden ball from a nearby drawer. "Just place this between your cheek and gum." The client places the ball in his mouth and the barber proceeds with the closest shave the man has ever experienced. After a few strokes, the client asks in garbled speech, "And what if I swallow it?" "No problem," says the barber. "Just bring it back tomorrow like everyone else does."



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My mother says she never holds grudges but then will blind side you with something that happened years ago.

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So she replied, "The first one. You have a really big head, you know."

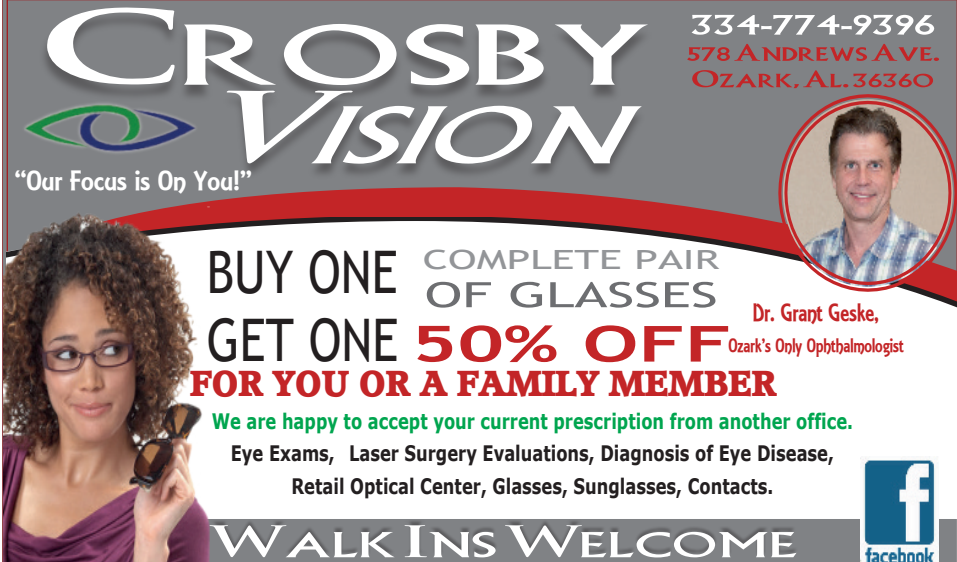
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A young mother paying a visit to a doctor friend and his wife made no attempt to restrain her five-year-old son, who was ransacking an adjoining room.
But finally, an extra loud clatter of bottles did prompt her to say, "I hope, doctor, you don't mind Johnny being in there."
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**DMC Auxiliary
Installation of 2017 Officers**

On January 12, 2017, there was an installation ceremony for 2017 officers of the Dale Medical Center Auxiliary. Pictures Left to Right: Shelley Slater, Treasurer, Omega Casey, Recording Secretary, Joan Ellis, Parliamentarian, Irene Tucker, Vice President, Annette Linton, President, Brad Hull, CFO



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KID'S LOGIC:

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is six years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became a father only when I was born.

Teacher: Your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Kid: No, sir; It's the same dog.

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A new nurse listened while the doctor was yelling, "Typhoid! Tetanus! Measles!" The new nurse asked another nurse, "Why is he doing that?" The other nurse replied, "Oh, he just likes to call the shots around here."

Why does grape flavor smell the way it is when actual grapes don't taste or smell anything like it.?

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"CONTENTMENT"

Wallace Kennedy, Jr.



Contentment

Our dictionary tells us that "contentment" means: A state of happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment.

This meaning implies that "contentment" has to do with the state of mind.

Biblical usage of the word in Philippians 4:11 "content" means: (1) Sufficient for one's self, strong enough or possessing enough to need no aid or support. (2) Independent of external circumstances (3) Contented with one's lot, with one's means, though the slenderest.

Often times our views of not having material possessions robs peace, joy and contentment. We tell ourselves "If I could just get a new car, a bigger house, a better job, money, certain type of relationships, relocate to a different place to live, then I'll be happy." We tend to view happiness as a commodity attainable by wealth. However, as the old saying goes, "money cannot buy happiness."

Most times it is not our circumstances that are robbing us, but our attitude during our circumstances. Paul said, in Philippians 4:11-12, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."

Paul is saying that he could be content—that is, have joy—regardless of his circumstances. Joy should not be dependent on circumstances; it should be present regardless of them. In 2 Corinthians 11:24-27 you can read about some really tough times in Paul's life. Even in all these things, Paul had "learned to be content." Clearly, it's not our circumstances that steal our joy.

So my friends, don't postpone joy, thinking that you need material things to be happy. If you're not content with what you have, you won't be content with what you want.

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Level: Beginner



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Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest."

In the natural we have seed time and harvest Genesis 8; 22: 22 *"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."*

We have to learn as Christians that in the Heavenly realm it is not subjected to the rules of the natural for everything in that realm is supernatural. It is not reliant of the natural senses that we have such as, what we see, what we hear, what we smell, what we touch, and what we taste. Jesus said in John 4; 34-36:

34 Jesus explained, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months until the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ripe for harvest. 36 Already the reaper draws his wages and gathers a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together..."

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Remember, February 14th is the locally recommended date for pruning your roses and shrubs. *Some of the things to plant now (if weather is not too warm):* Fall bulbs, beets, kale, lettuce cauliflower, cabbage, kohlrabi chard, potatoes (white}, green onions, scallions.

Looking on the Alabama Cooperative Extension

System website, www.aces.edu, there is a downloadable .pdf Planting Guide for Home Gardening that will give you lists of the best dates to plant vegetable crops in SE Alabama, plus tips on irrigation, pest control, harvesting times, and more. They also offer a free app for your smartphone called SOW (as in sowing seed) with links to more info than you can think to ask about planting and managing gardens.

There will be a Lunch and Learn series of one hour presentations in downtown Dothan at the Houston-Love Memorial Library on Tuesdays from 12-1PM. Here's a list of dates and the topics to be covered:

Jan 3-Pruning

Feb 7-Blueberries

March 7-Starting a garden

April 4-Growing tomatoes

May 2-Annual & Perennial flowers

June 6-Hydrangeas

Sept 5-Fall Gardening

Oct 3-Division of bulbs, rhizomes & other plants for the fall garden

Nov 14*(2nd Tues)-Holiday decorating

The February 16th Claybank Master Gardeners meeting will be held at Hoppergrass Restaurant, one block east of the courthouse on the corner of Broad Street and East Ave, 129 S. East Avenue. We will meet at 11:00 AM. You can buy lunch if you wish and bring it into the meeting. Check us out on Facebook, at Claybank Master Gardeners for updated info, in case our location and time change. Lunch and Learn for Claybank will also be posted there.



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These gave way to aphasia and hypertrophic cirrhosis. I completely lost my memory for a while. I know I had diabetes and acute ingestion, besides gastritis, rheumatism, lumbago and neuritis.

Realizing that perhaps I might do better with another doctor, I made an appointment at new medical office. The receptionist had me fill out forms that included my medical history.

I don't know how I pulled through it. It was the hardest spelling test I've ever had.

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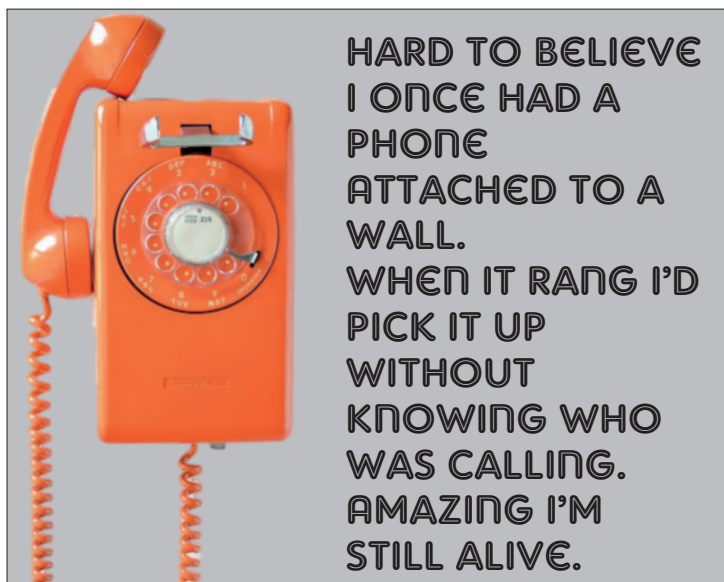
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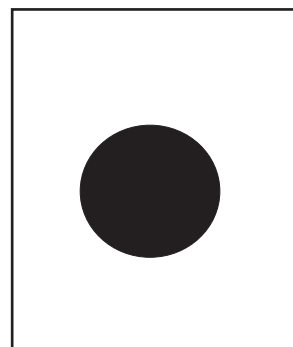
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Bamboozable Answers

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| 1.. Think Twice About It | 1. I See You Understand |
| 2. Walk on Water | 2. Did it Cross Your Mind? |
| 3. Space Invaders | 3. All in All |
| 4. You Are Always on my Mind | 4. Little House on t Prairie |
| 5. Keep on Smiling | 5. Incomplete Sentence |
| 6. It Doesn't Add Up | |



One day a professor entered his classroom, and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They all waited anxiously at their desk for the exam to begin. The professor handed out the exams with the text facing down, as usual. Once he had handed them all out, he asked the class to turn over the papers. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions- just a black dot in the center of the sheet of paper.



The professor seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write about what you see there" the students, confused, got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the papers, and started reading each one of them out loud, in front of all the students. All of them with no exception, defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the center of the sheet. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor started to explain: "I'm not going to grade you on this, i just wanted to give you something to think about. no one wrote about the white part of the paper. everyone focused on the black dot - and the same happens in our lives. We have a white piece of paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots.

Our life is a gift given to us with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate - nature renewing itself every day, our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day... However, we insist on focusing on the dark spot - the health issues, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friend. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything we have in our lives, but they the ones that pollute our mind.

The lesson:

Take your eyes away from the black dots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment life gives you. Be happy and live a life filled with love!"

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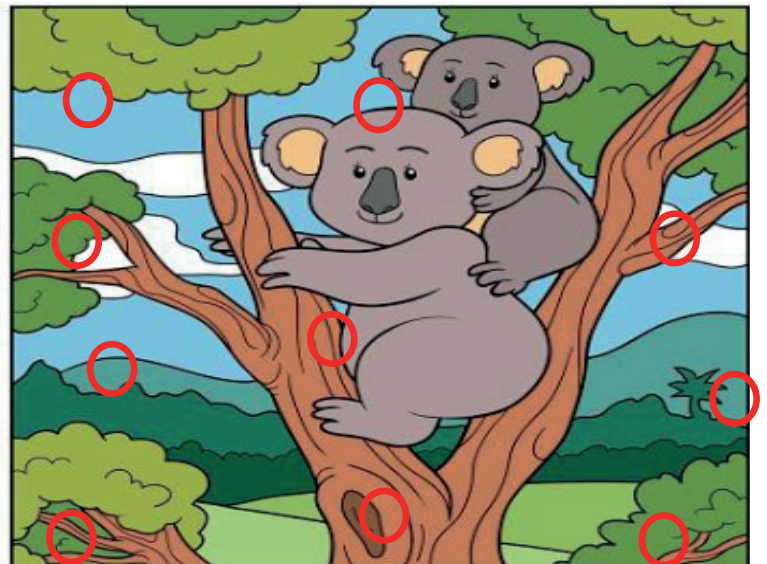
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