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If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love, it profits me nothing. If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the

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choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

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Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

The amount of people who confuse "to" and "too" is amazing two me.

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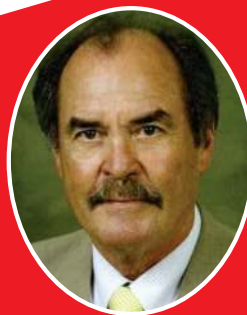
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Isaiah 9: 6

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One snowy, stormy Christmas Eve, this perfect couple was driving their perfect car (a SUV) along a winding road, when they noticed someone at the side of the road in distress. Being the perfect couple they stopped to help. There stood Santa Claus with a huge bundle of toys. Not wanting to disappoint any children on



Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."
 "That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"
 "Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night."

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the eve of Christmas, the perfect couple loaded Santa and his toys into their vehicle. Soon they were driving along delivering the toys. Unfortunately, the driving conditions deteriorated and the perfect couple and Santa Claus had an accident. Only one of them survived the accident.
 Who was the survivor?
 The perfect woman survived. She's the only one who really existed in the first place. Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus and there is no such thing as a perfect man. So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the perfect woman must have been driving. This explains why there was an accident.



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THE DEFINITION
OF A
STOOL SAMPLE.**

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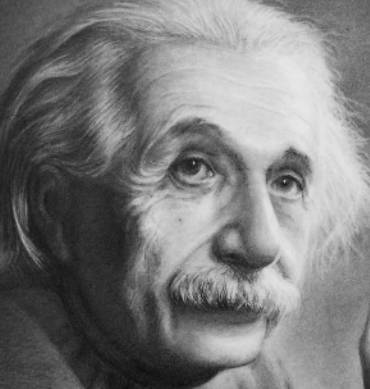
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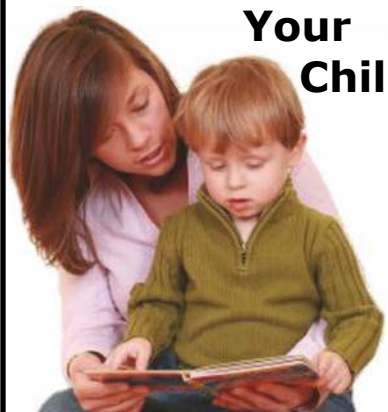
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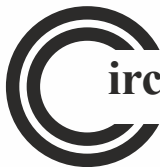
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The Message of God's Wrapped Gift

By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

Jewish people waited for many years for a King (Messiah) to come and save them. Their view of a king being born, the good news may sound and look like this: "You shall find him, though a babe, dressed up in robes, a bassinet made of gold and silver, baby rattlers and toys made of rubies and precious jewels. Lying in the best house in town, baby shower that includes all the wise men, shepherds and other important religious people". Paraphrasing my friends! Do you realize that God's great gift was wrapped in cloth (narrow bands of cloth)? The Bible tells us that when Mary "brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes" (Luke 2:7). The message of the angel to the shepherds was, "And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes" (Luke 2:12). How many times do you suppose we missed a blessing because we did not like the package it came in? This season of celebration let us remember the greatest gift ever given. It was when "God so loved the world and gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). I don't think we could put a number on all the gifts that have been given at Christmas, but there is no question that of all gifts ever given, God's gift is the greatest of all. He lives and keeps on living forever, and continues to give new life, eternal life to all who believe, confess and accept Him as their personal Lord and Savior. "He was born to die our death that we may live forever".

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Ingredients

- 1 package (12 ounces) vanilla wafers, crushed
- 3-3/4 cups finely chopped pecans, toasted
- 1 can (12 ounces) Sweetened Condensed milk

Directions


1. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients. Divide in half; shape each into a 9-in. log. Tightly wrap each log in plastic wrap. Chill well. Cut into 1/4-in. slices. Store in the refrigerator. Yield: 50 servings.

PINEAPPLE COCONUT SNOWBALLS

Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple, well drained
- 2-1/2 cups flaked coconut

Directions

1. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and pineapple until combined. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.  in

2. Roll into 1-in. balls; roll coconut. Refrigerate for 6 hours or overnight. Yield: about 2 dozen.

Easy Christmas CANDY

CRANBERRY PECAN CLUSTERS

Ingredients

- 6 ounces white baking chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Directions

1. Line a baking sheet with foil; set aside. In a microwave-safe bowl, heat the chocolate, uncovered, at 50% power for about 2 minutes or until melted, stirring once. Stir until smooth. Stir in cranberries and pecans. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto prepared pan. Freeze for 5 minutes, then refrigerate until firm. Yield: about 20 pieces.

CRANBERRY MACADAMIA BARK



Ingredients

- 1 pound white candy coating, coarsely chopped
- 1 jar (3 ounces) macadamia nuts
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries

Directions

1. In a saucepan, melt candy coating in a saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring until smooth. Add nuts and cranberries; mix well. Spread onto a foil-lined baking sheet. Cool. Break into pieces. Yield: 1-1/4 pounds.

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- 1 can (16 ounces) salted peanuts (about 2-1/2 cups)

Directions

1. In a microwave, melt candy coatings, stirring often until blended. Stir in the peanuts until coated. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate until serving. Yield: about 3 dozen.

BROWN SUGAR CANDY

Ingredients

- 1 pound brown sugar
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

Butter a 8 or 9 inch square baking dish.

In a large heavy saucepan, stir together the brown sugar and evaporated milk. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook until the temperature reaches between 234 and 240 degrees F (112 to 116 degrees C), or until a small amount of syrup dropped into cold water forms a soft ball that flattens when removed from the water and placed on a flat surface.

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Remove from the heat and stir in the butter, vanilla and walnuts. Continue to beat with a sturdy spoon until the mixture loses its gloss. Pour into the prepared pan. Score into squares with a knife then set aside until firm, about 5 minutes. Cut into squares and serve or store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

CANDY CRUNCH

Ingredients

- 4 cups pretzel sticks or pretzel twists
- 4 cups white chocolate chips
- 1 (14 ounce can) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup dried fruit...cranberries, raisins or mixed dried fruit bits

Directions

Line 15"x10" jellyroll pan with foil. Place pretzels in large bowl. Melt chips with sweetened condensed milk in large saucepan over low heat stirring constantly until smooth. Pour over & coat pretzels. Spread into prepared pan & sprinkle with dried fruit; press down with spoon, Chill 1-2 hours or until set, then break into chunks.

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Nevertheless the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said "This is for you Daddy."

He was embarrassed by his earlier over reaction.

But his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty.

He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside of it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh Daddy it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you Daddy."

The father was crushed.

He put his arms around his little girl and he begged her forgiveness.

My friend told me that he kept that gold box near his bed for years.

Whenever he was discouraged he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

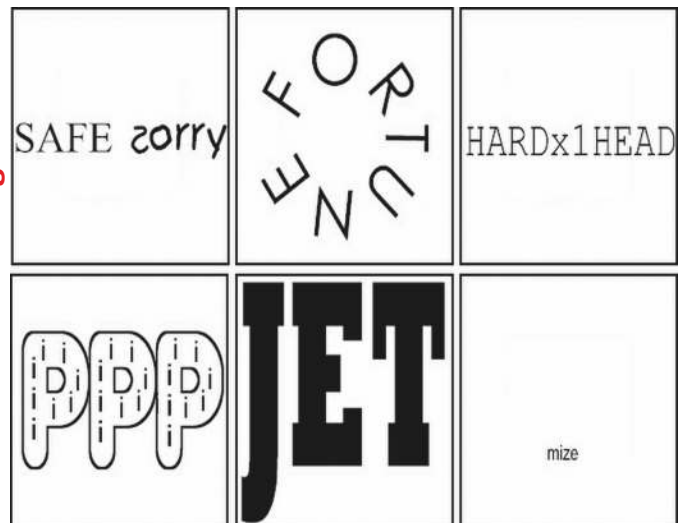
In a very real sense each of us has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses.

There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.



BAMBOOZABLES

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Outvoted 1-1 by my wife!

Liar!

A judge asks a defendant to please stand. "You are charged with murdering a garbage man with a chain saw." From the back of the courtroom a man shouts, "You liar!" "Silence in the court!" The judge turns to the defendant again and says, "You are also charged with killing a paperboy with a shovel." "You tightwad!" blurts the spectator. "Quiet!" yelled the judge. "You are also charged with killing a mailman with an electric drill." "You cheap old geezer!" the spectator starts to shout. The judge thunders back, "I will hold you in contempt! What is the reason for your outbursts?" "I've lived next to that liar for ten years now, but do you think he ever had a tool when I needed to borrow one?"

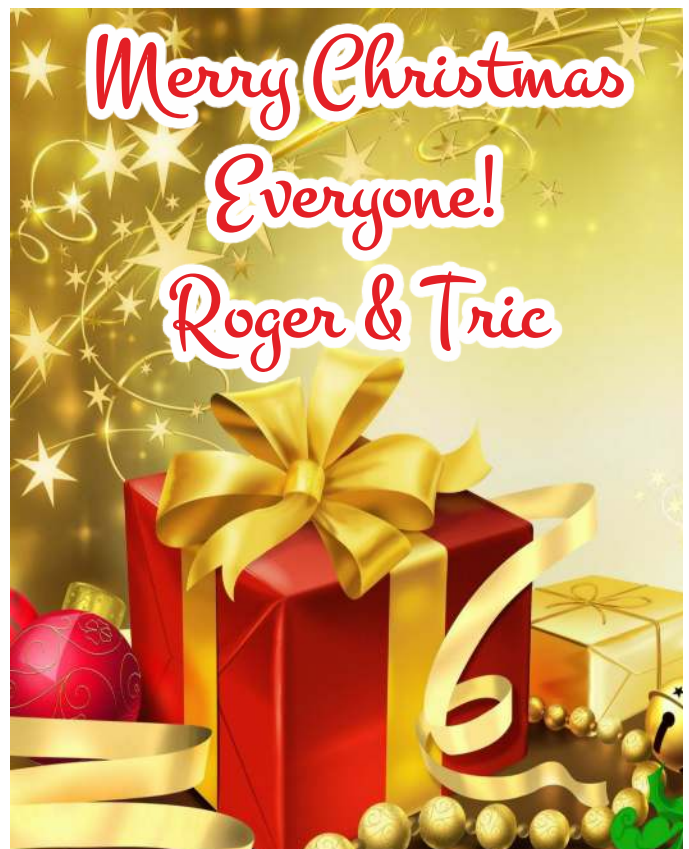
I have a bowl of 10,000 M&MS. 10 are poisoned and will kill you. How many of you bleeding heart liberals are gonna grab a handful and eat them?

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BAMBOOZABLES

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Everyone says I'm dark and handsome...when it's dark, I'm handsome.

Pink Ladies Donate Cameras

The Dale Medical Center Auxiliary, better known as the "Pink Ladies" serve as valuable partners in the care of patients at the hospital. With funds raised through the operation of the hospital gift shop, they purchase needed equipment vital to the care of the patient.

The latest contribution was the purchase of two specialized wound cameras used to monitor the progress of the treatment of wound care patients.



The camera were presented to nurses Robert Smith, RN; Tammy Woodall, RN; Alisa Thrash, RN; Heather Harbuck, RN; and Lisa Rawlings, RN, CNO. Making the presentation were Pink Ladies, Annette Linton, President; Maryanne Wilkerson and Barbara Amlong.

Dale Medical Center Nurses Care Beyond Hospital Walls

Dale Medical Center has been serving and caring for patients for over sixty years. The nursing staff of Dale Medical Center is known for their compassionate care within the walls of the hospital and in October they elected to expand that compassion they are known for outside the walls of the hospital and into the community they serve and love.



Under the leadership of Chief Nursing Officer, Lisa Rawlings, nursing departments are rotating the selection of a service agency, identifying needs and collecting donated items from employees through the hospital.

For the month of October items were collected and delivered to Save-A-Life. "It is great to be a part of an organization filled with people that love what they do and love their community, said Vernon Johnson, CEO. "We have a great staff that help people every day, in and outside of the

hospital."

Pictured Left to Right: Tammy Woodall, RN; Lisa Rawlings, RN CNO; Tammy Hill, Nursing Administration; Robert Smith, RN; Alisa Thrash, RN; Mitchell Murphy, Business Office and Heather Harbuck, RN



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SHE ANSWERED, "NO SIR, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT IF YOU GO UP TO THAT DESK THEY CAN TELL YOU."

THIS JUST IN:

The smoke detector industry is covering up research showing more people are injured every year falling from ladders and stepstools while trying to replace smoke detector batteries than are injured in actual house fires.

(yes, of course this is a joke, and we all must still replace those blasted batteries!)

My wife's not too smart. I told her, "Our kids are spoiled." She said, "Don't be silly. All kids smell that way."

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— [Adrian Rogers](#)

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Association (CMGA), and we meet monthly, either for lunch or for a light potluck supper at the Ozark Dale County Library. We are a non-profit organization operating under the Alabama Extension Agency, and our purpose is to serve the local community by advising, educating and volunteering. For example, in October on Make a Difference Day the CMGA set up gardens for the children who come to the library.

Winter tips: Protect your tender (not cold tolerant) perennial plants (the ones that come back every year) from freezes by mulching them (covering them) heavily with pine



straw. Agapanthus (Lily of the Nile) will return with vigor if well mulched. Pine straw allows water and air to get to the roots, yet doesn't suffocate them.

Do you have roses? Don't cut them back until Feb. 14th, and then cut every branch that is thinner than a pencil.

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The Real St. Nicholas

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

<http://www.joyfulheart.com/christmas/st-nick.htm>

"A vast multitude was imprisoned in every place," wrote an eyewitness. "The prisons -- prepared for murderers and robbers -- were filled with bishops, priests, and deacons ... so there was no longer room for those condemned of crimes."*

You'd hardly expect to find old St. Nick in jail. But St. Nicholas is more than a children's Christmas legend. He was flesh and blood, a prisoner for Christ, bishop of the Mediterranean city of Myra. What do we know about the real St. Nicholas? He was born, ancient biographers tell us, to wealthy parents in the city of Patara about 270 A.D. He was still young when his mother and father died and left him a fortune.

As a teen-ager, Nicholas' humility was already evident. He had heard about a family destitute and starving. The father had no money for food, much less the dowry needed to marry off his three daughters. He was ready to send his oldest girl into the streets to earn a living as a prostitute.

Under the cover of night, Nicholas threw a bag of gold coins through the window of their humble dwelling. In the morning the father discovered the gold. How he rejoiced: his family was saved, his daughter's honor preserved, and a dowry for her marriage secured. Some time after, Nicholas secretly provided a dowry for the second daughter. Still later for the third. But on the third occasion, the girls' father stood watching. As soon as the bag of gold thudded on the floor, he chased after the lad till he caught him. Nicholas was mortified to be discovered in this act of charity. He made the father promise not to tell anyone

who had helped his family. Then Nicholas forsook his wealth to answer a call to the ministry.

At the nearby city of Myra a bishop supervised all the churches of the region. When the bishop died, the bishops and ministers from other cities and villages -- Nicholas among them -- gathered to choose a successor.

Nicholas was in the habit of rising very early and going to the church to pray. This morning an aged minister awaited him in the sanctuary. "Who are you, my son?" he asked.

"Nicholas the sinner," the young minister replied. "And I am your servant."

"Come with me," the old priest directed. Nicholas followed him to a room where the bishops had assembled. The elderly minister addressed the gathering. "I had a vision that the first one to enter the church in the morning should be the new bishop of Myra. Here is that man: Nicholas." Indeed they did choose him as bishop. Nicholas was destined to lead his congregation through the worst tribulation in history.

In A.D. 303, the Roman Emperor Diocletian ordered a brutal persecution of all Christians. Those suspected of following the Lord were ordered to sacrifice to pagan gods. Nicholas and thousands of others refused. Ministers, bishops, and lay people were dragged to prison. Savage tortures were unleashed on Christians all over the empire. Believers were fed to wild animals. Some were forced to fight gladiators for their lives while bloodthirsty crowds screamed for their death. Women suffered dehumanizing torment. Saints were beaten senseless, others set aflame while still alive.

Yet persecution couldn't stamp out Christianity. Rather it spread. Third Century leader

Tertullian observed, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

Those who survived Diocletian's torture chambers were called "saints" or "confessors" by the people, because they didn't forsake their confession that Jesus Christ is Lord. Nicholas was one of these.

Finally, after years of imprisonment, the iron doors swung open and Bishop Nicholas walked out, freed by decree of the new Emperor Constantine. As he entered his city once more, his people flocked about him. "Nicholas! Confessor!" they shouted. "Saint Nicholas has come home."

The bishop was beaten but not broken. He served Christ's people in Myra for another thirty years. Through the prayers of this tried and tested soldier of faith, many found salvation and healing. Nicholas participated in the famous Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. He died on December 6, about 343, a living legend, beloved by his whole city.

St. Nick of yuletide fame still carries faint reminders of this ancient man of God. The color of his outfit recalls the red of bishop's robes. "Making a list, checking it twice," probably recalls the old saint's lectures to children about good behavior. Gifts secretly brought on Christmas eve bring to mind his humble generosity to the three daughters.

Yet if he were alive today, this saint would humbly deflect attention from himself. No fur trimmed hat and coat, no reindeer and sleigh or North Pole workshop. As he did in life centuries ago, Bishop Nicholas would point people to his Master.

"I am Nicholas, a sinner," the old saint would say. "Nicholas, servant of Christ Jesus."

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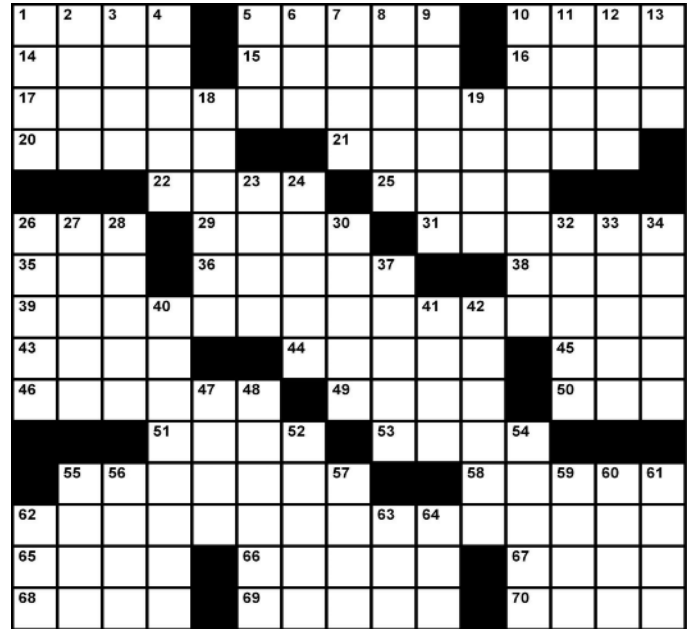
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Across

1. Driven transport
5. Jewish teacher
10. Kind of instrument
14. "By yesterday!"
15. Betelgeuse's constellation
16. "Cogito, ___ sum"
17. Rarely
20. Back
21. Outdo
22. Annexes
25. Dates
26. Chop (off)
29. Piques
31. Can't stand
35. "The ___ Daba Honeymoon"
36. Andrea Doria's domain
38. Arabic for "commander"
39. Fab Four film
43. Otherwise
44. Character
45. Poetic meadow
46. Mideast capital
49. Goose speech
50. Time zone
51. Froth
53. Big laugh
55. Astronomer
58. Choker
62. Destination of the disgruntled?
65. Dirty coat
66. Sea gear
67. Ball field covering
68. Barley beards
69. 1980's-90's ring champ
70. Cut down

Down

1. Golden Triangle country
2. "___ She Lovely?"

3. Disabling spray
4. "La Bohème," e.g.
5. Howard of "Happy Days"
6. Victorian, for one
7. Food collectors?
8. Dense mass
9. Accustomed
10. Learn again
11. "Aeneid" figure
12. These may be inflated
13. Family head
18. Deep blue
19. Old weapon
23. Attracted
24. Taste, e.g.
26. Cake part
27. Ancient editorial marks
28. Buddy-buddy
30. Pole position?
32. "South Pacific" hero
33. Trig functions
34. Foot the bill
37. Dislike intensely
40. Flyers
41. Like old recordings
42. Obliquely
47. Slay
48. Most healthy
52. Compassion
54. Licks
55. Cultivate
56. Long, long time (var.)
57. Sonata, e.g.
59. Daunting exam
60. "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
61. Glimpse
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64. Gabriel, for one



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The Minister & the Lawyer

A minister and lawyer were chatting at a party. "What do you do if you make a mistake on a case?" The minister asked. "Try to fix it if it's big; ignore it if it's insignificant," replied the lawyer. "What do you do?" The minister replied, "Oh, more or less the same. Let me give you an example. The other day I meant to say 'the devil is the father of liars,' but instead I said 'the devil is the father of lawyers,' so I let it go."

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up when I returned out of the hardware store to find this same person helping themselves to ever person that is in close distance, driving by, trying to get in their car to leave. They were helping themselves to every softhearted person that thinks they are doing right by giving a handout. I immediately was reminded of the story of Jesus feeding the 5000...

Mathew 6; 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

In the book of John Chapter 6; the bible gives a little more detail of what happen after Jesus feeds the 5000, you guessed it they got hungry again.

25: When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

26: Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

27: Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval..."

35: Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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The judge showed it to a local FBI agent, who was equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug' planted by the conspiracy defendants. The agent sent the device to FBI headquarters in Washington, DC for analysis.

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We've all heard that chocolate is bad for dogs, but it turns out that the increasingly popular sweetener, Xylitol, is even more toxic!. While xylitol is safe for humans, If a dog eats gum or a mint with xylitol, it can cause a rapid drop in blood glucose which in turn causes a dangerous surge of insulin. Enough for the dog to go into insulin shock. Higher doses are toxic to the canine liver as well.

Ok, you might then ask: What in the world is so great about Xylitol as a sweetner? Xylitol is a natural sugar alcohol that helps to prevent cavities! It is equal in sweetness as sugar at the same volume which makes it very useful as a sugar substitute. As far as cavities go, one of the main ingredients in dental plaque is a bacteria that uses sugar as a means to create acid. The acid breaks down the enamel surface so that the process can continue into the tooth. Xylitol is such a good con-artist, that the bacteria think that it has the real thing, but when it tries to create an acid, it just can't!! No acid= no cavity!

This is exciting news if you aren't a dentist....I'm just kidding, in fact we carry xylitol products at our office. You cannot avoid real sugar all the time. However, if you are using xylitol mints or chewing the gum a few times a day, that really gives the bacteria fits! Basically, the more ineffective bacteria you have, the better!

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I just spent \$43.87

I just spent \$43.87 at the dollar store. How could I spend so much money at a place where things cost only one dollar? I went in to buy paper cups and craft sticks for a church project plus Spanish moss and pretty gift bags, if they had any.

Turns out the store had all of these things—and much more. Like this cool nail file that has green sparkly flowers on one side. Paper towels, sunglasses, a magazine that's only slightly out-of-date. Chewing gum. I even found a darling yellow hat for my granddaughter. And this purple pill organizer that lets me put all my supplements for the week in one place.

Wait. I'm beginning to see how I could spend \$43.87 at the dollar store. I did it one dollar at a time.

Little things tend to add up. A cookie here, some ice cream there—a pair of jeans that won't zip. A week too busy for devotional reading, a day so crowded that there's no time for exercise, an evening when one TV show turns into hours spent staring at the tube—then I wonder why I'm feeling sluggish, physically and spiritually.

But it works in a positive way too. One little act of kindness, one smile at a hassled clerk, one card sent to brighten someone's day—and the world doesn't seem as hostile, as hopeless. So here's to little things. Well managed, they can have big results.—Mary Lou Carney, via KneEmail, Mike Benson, editor
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I not saying El P's chip sauce is too hot, but I took a jar home and put it my refrigerator and the next morning my refrigerator had defrosted!!

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