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QUARRRELING

By Bill Eliff
Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, but any fool will quarrel. (Proverbs 20:3)

We do it all the time. It is rare in a marriage or a family for there to be an absence of quarreling.

No one likes it. It is not productive. Good, respectful conversations can be helpful, but the heat of a quarrel always leads to anger, disrespect, and an eroding of relationships. It dishonors others and rarely leads to good resolutions.

Some have become world-class arguers. It seems that most conversations lead to a quarrel for them. It can happen to you. It becomes habitual and engrained if you don't find

out to be released from this behavior. It becomes who you are and the way you operate. You will find that people don't want to talk to you because you have developed a touchy, sensitive spirit, and they know that almost any conversation

will not go well.

This is why the writer of Proverbs says, "Any fool will quarrel." Just think of that. If I'm breaking out and beginning a quarrel, the Bible puts me in the category of a fool, along with

millions of other foolish people. I am not counted with the wise.

So how do we remedy this? How do we stop being quarrelsome? How do we move from this immature, foolish behavior?

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THE HONORABLE CHOICE

The root idea of the word in the Hebrew language used in Proverbs 20:3 means to “break out, to start abruptly with intensity, to have an argument with someone.”

The mark of honor is to “keep away from strife.” To rise above this means of communication. To never start an argument. To recognize where a conversation is headed and, for the glory of God and the good of others, quickly choose a different path.

The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so abandon the quarrel before it breaks out. (Proverbs 17:14)

This doesn't mean simply gritting your teeth or covering your mouth. We must not only learn to walk away from this communication style but also go deeper than a merely humanistic restraint. We must identify the source and put the ax to the root of the tree.

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By Paula McBride



examples and words of wisdom have to do with waiting and how we are to wait. Think of the heroes of our faith, their waiting, and then the ultimate surprise when God's purposes were revealed at the perfect time.

What do these six Bible women have in common? Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah, Samson's unnamed mother, and the Shunammite woman of Elisha's time? Each of these women were considered barren, but God miraculously enabled them to conceive. Think of His delight as He suggested, "Just wait for it!" Then their babies were born!

Several men of the Bible are also notable for their waiting. Abraham waited along with Sarah for his promised heir; Joseph waited in slavery and the dungeon until he was exalted as second in command in Egypt. Caleb and Joshua waited forty years to take possession of the land God promised to His children. Job endured material, personal, and physical loss, yet suffered

patiently while waiting for God's surprise restoration. David waited to become king, Daniel waited while his prayers were being answered, and our Lord Jesus Christ waited thirty years before stunning the world with His divinity.

So, too, we are waiting. But Biblical waiting is not passive waiting around for something or someone to come along that will allow us to escape our troubles. Our waiting is wrapped in confidence that God keeps His promises as He did with the heroes of old. David wrote, "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. *"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord"* (Psalm 27:13,14).

One of these days we are going to hear a trumpet sound and a shout. The dead in Christ will rise, and if we are alive, we will meet the Lord in the air and be with Him forever. Just wait for it!

As I quickly scroll through my Facebook information and inspiration, suddenly a series of vertical panels invites me to view "reels." I've learned that these reels are short videos posted by anyone and everyone who has learned this impressive technique. The artificial intelligence that has determined my preferences sends me reels featuring babies and animals, and I must admit that viewing them is a sweet diversion. Often a reel will begin with the words "wait for it!" This means that something surprising will happen at the end, as in a newborn saying "Mama" or some such thing. The ploy works; I usually watch till the end.

In real life, though, waiting is not so enjoyable. We wait in line at gas pumps and check out lines. We wait for results of medical tests or the call back from an interview. Brides wait for their wedding day, and young couples wait for their baby to be born. We wait for healing to come after surgery, and some sleepless nights we just wait for morning. We may wait for the work day to be over so we can finally rest. Most waiting seems endless.

The Bible is our instruction manual for many things, and numerous

Did You Know?

- The Gospels tell us that Passover fell on a Friday in the year of Jesus' death. This fits the astronomical data for either A.D. 30 or A.D. 33, but not for A.D. 31 or A.D. 32.
- Jesus' healing miracles were usually performed with a word of command. He had the kind of authority over disease that an officer has over subordinates. Twice Jesus "gave the order" without even seeing the patient.
- Jesus never touched a patient in exorcisms, as he did in other healings. Exorcisms were done by word alone. The conflict was between the demon and Jesus, with the patient the battleground.
- Outside Jesus' many healing miracles, the Gospels record a total of only eight other miracles. Five of these supplied food or drink to meet a real shortage. According to the Old Testament prophecy, the future Messiah would feed the hungry.
- When Jesus silenced the storm at sea, he was proclaiming his divinity. The Jews were afraid of the sea, regarding it as out of human control and only God could control it (Psalm 89:9)
- When Jesus spoke of a "good Samaritan," his words would have sounded absurd to all Jews. Jews believed that the only good Samaritan was a dead Samaritan

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- ✍ **The Ambassador** is a free, monthly publication promoting unity and revival among the local Yuba-Sutter area Bible-believing churches
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BECOMING PEOPLE OF THE WORD OF GOD

By Rod Carlson

LIVING LOGOS Scripture Memorization Challenge Ministry

Are you content with simply knowing a little about scripture? Perhaps you know a few chosen verses by heart. Do you ever long to know more, to have the Word of God etched into your memory? The western church is filled with Christians who can quote and understand but a sliver of scripture. Many of us have heard hundreds (if not thousands) of sermons, and yet our knowledge of and commitment to God's Word is often a 'mile wide and an inch deep'. That may seem like a scathing rebuke, but it is a rebuke I had to face at the age of 49 when confronted by a friend about hiding God's Word within. The truth was, I was a scriptural lightweight!

It continues to amaze me that God can use even scriptural lightweights for His purpose. Jenni and I planted a church outside Rapid City, SD (which continues to thrive), then a few years later were called to pastor the Rawlins Foursquare Church in Wyoming. Rawlins is not exactly our sort of town, sitting on the high rolling plains of Wyoming on the continental divide at 7,000 feet and with little vegetation for miles. Our preference is trees, lots of



green, and a mountain or two. We thought we might be in Rawlins for a couple of years. We settled in and found our two years stretch to seven as we became contentedly woven into the fabric of our community. Our congregation remained much the same size. Rawlins is not exactly a 'destination' community to which people clamor to live, so there were times of growth and contraction as people came and went.

In early spring of 2000, we invited friends, Jerry and Marie Knudsen, to be ministry guests one Sunday. Jerry had memorized several books of scripture and presented them dramatically at churches along with a challenge to become memorizers of God's Word. Jerry presented the book of 1st Peter and then finished with his challenge. About a dozen people did raise their hand to indicate their intent to memorize eight verses. Several actually did much more

than that.

I did not raise my hand. So, on the way home for lunch, Jerry confronted me about it. I was preaching through the book of Philippians at the time and thought I'd go for the eight-verse deal everyone else got. Jerry persisted with, "This is something you NEED to do, Rod!" In the end, I committed to memorize Philippians! I didn't for a moment think I could do it, but dutifully set out on what I thought was a daunting task. Was it a task! Well, it was not easy, but I quickly discovered it is easier than I thought, which leads me to believe that our lack of memorizing scripture is far more a matter of deciding to 'not do it' than a matter of 'I can't do it.'

In scripture, God challenges us at least one hundred and fifty times to get His Word hidden within the heart! God must be serious about this. I concur. It didn't take more than memorizing the

first chapter of Philippians twenty-three years ago before I knew my life had been dramatically changed!

Through our own experience, and through the experience of those who have accepted this memorization challenge, we are confident to declare that, if you choose to make memorization a personal priority and discipline, scripture will become alive to you as it never has before. Jenni also began memorizing and now has a repertoire of nine books and several Psalms. Together we now have memorized more than twenty books or large portions of scripture and have been traveling the U.S. and, periodically, eight other countries doing nothing but sharing scripture, then letting the Lord 'bring it on home' to the hearts of the listeners. It has been quite a journey! Join us, won't you?



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Colossians 4:6*

CALENDAR

• Prayer List for May 2023 •

- 2-May **Pray for China, Sudan, North Korea and other nations** that God would intervene and the leadership would restore civil rights
- 3-May **Pastors-** That God would give them strength, courage and wisdom to speak the truth from the pulpit
- 4-May **National Day of Prayer-** Join together to pray for this nation to return from rebellion and disobedience against God
- 5-May **Revival-** Pray that the college student revival would continue and spread to the nation!
- 6-May **World Affairs-** Pray about international activities that point to the Last Days
- 7-May **The Persecuted Church around the world.** Pray that believers would stand strong in the midst of brutal persecution
- 8-May **Singles, Single Parents, Divorced , Widowed-** pray for those experiencing loneliness and overwhelming burdens
- 9-May **Human Trafficking-** Pray for the freedom, healing and restoration of survivors and for traffickers to repent
- 10-May **Race Relations-** Pray for Race relations in our nation. Pray for understanding and collaboration between races and an ease of racial tension
- 11-May **Global Revival-** Pray that our global chaos would lead multitudes to repent and follow the Lord!!
- 12-May **Homeless-** Safety, health and provision- Twin Cities Rescue Mission, other local homeless ministries. Safety from summer heat
- 13-May **Marriages-** Pray that relationships would grow and families would seek the Lord together
- 14-May **Mothers' Day-** Let's pray for and honor Moms for their sacrifice and dedication
- 15-May **Local Ministries-** Pray for continued financial support and volunteers to meet needs (see page 3)
- 16-May **California-** pray for our Godly representatives (including James Gallagher and Doug LaMalfa) to fight against liberal and harmful state policies.
- 17-May **Disabled-** that they would receive the assistance and support they need
- 18-May **Mental Illness-** Pray for those who dealing with Mental Health issues or suicidal thoughts
- 19-May **Life-** Pray that abortion clinics would be shut down that people would choose life for their babies.
- 20-May **Fathers-** Pray for dads to be the family leaders that God calls them to be.
- 21-May **Discipleship-** Pray that believers would seek to follow Jesus and become more like Him every day!
- 22-May **President-** Pray that God would show Himself to Pres. Biden and he would radically change his life and leadership
- 23-May **Addicted-** pray for those under the control of substances that they would surrender and get the treatment they need
- 24-May **Health Care Workers and First Responders-** Pray for physical protection and endurance
- 25-May **Israel-** Pray for safety from violence, and for the Peace of Jerusalem
- 26-May **Restore America!** Pray against the divisiveness and violence in this nation
- 27-May **Pray for each of us to be bold by the Holy Spirit** to speak and act in accordance with God's Word and His Way!
- 28-May **Unity of Churches/Global impact-** Pray for churches to unite and influence the world!
- 29-May **Memorial Day-** Thank God for courageous men and woman who sacrificed their lives for our freedom!
- 30-May **Pray for teachers, students and parent** to work together for a positive and productive learning environment
- 31-May **Pray for your neighbor-** for opportunities to serve them, pray with them and share the Gospel with them!



Finding Freedom in God's Perfect Peace

If you would like to experience the peace and transformed life that God can provide through Jesus Christ and you are willing to commit your life to the only one who can truly set you free from your sin, you can pray to the Lord right now and ask Him to forgive you of your sins. Because of what His Son, Jesus, did by dying on the cross, your sins will not be held against you by God anymore. You can experience freedom for the rest of your life on earth and then have a life in Heaven with God for eternity. God's part of the deal is already done. Your part is to confess your sins, repent (or change your ways) and believe that He is Lord. If your life is out of control, let Him take over control.

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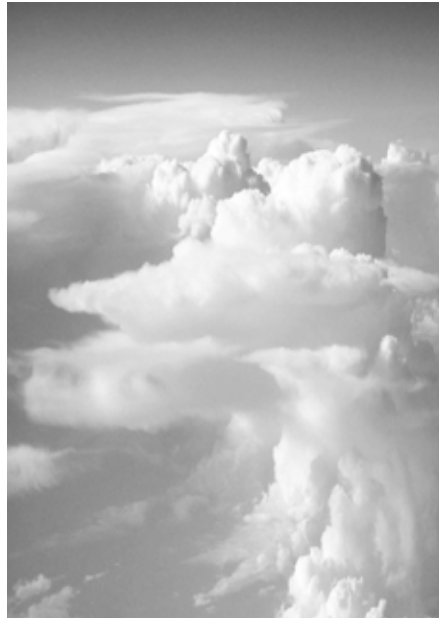
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I was driving through the Sacramento Valley on a sunny day. As I drove along though, I saw a large area of shadow in front of me. I was really surprised because I could not recall seeing any clouds in the sky, and I assumed this must be quite a massive cloud to block out that much sun. As I reached the other side of the shade, I glanced upward and saw only a tiny, little puff of white! I thought how ironic it was that a small wisp of vapor could block out the light and warmth from something as powerful as the sun.

Thinking about it some more, I realized this is what I do to God! I'll be cruising along, enjoying the sunshine of His presence and relationship, when all of a sudden, a little puff of a problem comes along and I allow it to instantly block out His light, warmth and power. Depending on how "big" I perceive the problem to be, I can even find myself in complete darkness.

I wish I could instantly recognize what I am doing, but sometimes I might stumble around in the darkness for quite a while until I think to call out for help. The awesome thing is when I do ask, God sends the wind of his Holy Spirit to blow away my despair and doubt. Don't



get me wrong, sometimes the problems are real and can take some time to work through, but really, is anything too hard for God? The issue is more on my side of things, when I forget that God is still there, waiting on the other side of difficulties just like the sun is still shining behind the clouds.

"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"
Jeremiah 32:27

"I, Jesus...am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."
Revelation 22:16



"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all,'"
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By Clare N. Ruff Hosea Initiative

In autumn 1994, I was expecting our third child. I waited until the end of the first trimester to retrieve my favorite maternity jumper from storage and wear it to Sunday Mass, a subtle announcement to those who had not yet heard our glad tidings through the grapevine. After Mass, a graceful, snow-white haired woman with the graciousness of a saint approached me. Gently taking my hands in hers and spreading them out to my side, she exclaimed, "Oh, you are with child!"

Her tender words and elegant tone wrapped me in dignity and beauty like a warm wool blanket on a cold Minnesota morning. It was the most nurturing thing anyone had ever spoken to me. I was not merely pregnant; I was With Child! The truth resonating through her words strengthened an awareness inside of me of the high calling of maternity. I've never forgotten her charity and support. Vernanne has since gone to the Lord, but her act of kindness lives on in the recent pro-life campaign of Hosea Initiative, a national nonprofit for which I work.

First a little background



Hosea Initiative's founder, Terry Beatley, spoke October 2017, at the Gospel of Life banquet in Marathon, WI. Nearly 400 came to hear details about her interview with Bernard N. Nathanson, MD, the man called America's Abortion King for his role in starting the abortion industry but converting his position after the science of real-time ultrasound convinced him of the personhood of the unborn child. Terry stayed a few days after her talk to celebrate. That's where we connected.

Within the radiance of that grace-filled celebration, we talked about the prolife movement and how Hosea Initiative

would spread Dr. Nathanson's parting message of love across the country. Terry wanted a writer to compose a counter to the 8 points of propaganda NARAL (Nation Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws) used to flip a predominantly prolife society (only .01% of the US population accepted abortion-on-demand in the early 1970s), and spawn a culture based on false freedom, greed, and deception. That deception - modus operandi of the Deceiver of Souls - was intended to destroy the life at the center of God's beautiful creation.

I accepted Terry's invitation and

started writing Hosea's counter to NARAL's scheme. The first point of propaganda strategy framed the abortion debate around CHOICE. The baby in the womb was presented as an "option," making the woman a powerful dispenser of life -- and death. My job was to formulate a counterpoint more divinely brilliant than NARAL's devilishly effective word. But my brain was not clever enough. So, I prayed, and fervently asked the Lord to enlighten my mind. [God did not disappoint.]

Soon Advent arrived, with scripture readings rich with prophecies from Isaiah: A Virgin will be with child and bear a son and shall call him Emmanuel." [Is 7:14] Then, nativity narrations from the gospels of Luke and Matthew offered more food for thought: "And Joseph also went...with Mary, his espoused wife who was great with child." [Lk 2:3-4] A Second Reading was proclaimed: "A woman, clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet and on her head was a crown of twelve stars, and she was with child." [Rev 12:12]

I almost slid right off the pew -

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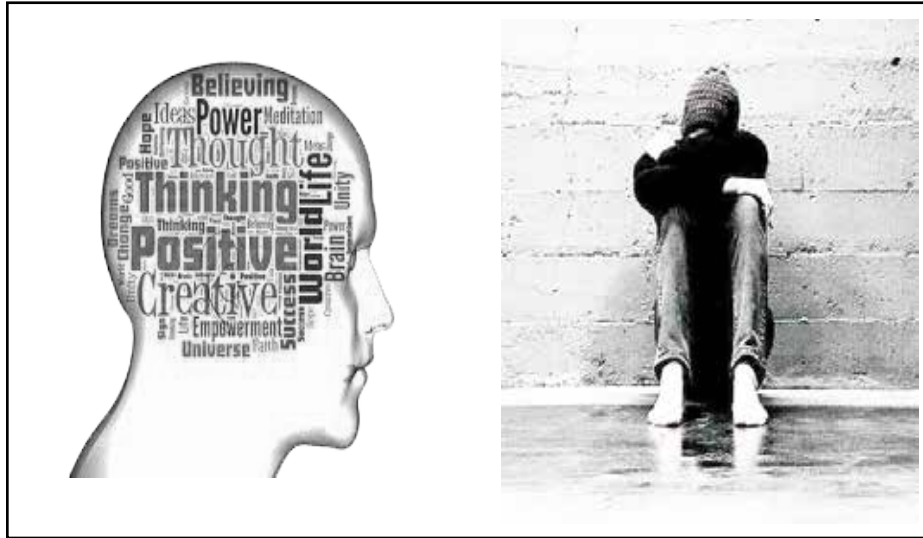
The Impact of Sleep on Mental Health

Sleep is a fundamental component of our daily lives, and it plays a crucial role in our overall health and wellbeing. Adequate sleep is essential for physical and mental health, and studies have shown that poor sleep quality and quantity can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Numerous studies have established a link between sleep and mental health. It is widely recognized that sleep deprivation can lead to irritability, mood swings, and emotional instability, which can impact our mental wellbeing. Lack of sleep can also lead to difficulties in concentration, impaired cognitive function, and memory problems, which can exacerbate underlying mental health conditions.

For people with mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, or bipolar disorder, sleep disturbances are a common symptom. These individuals often experience difficulties falling asleep, staying asleep, or waking up too early. Sleep problems can also trigger or worsen these conditions, leading to a vicious cycle of sleep deprivation and mental health problems.

Research has also shown that sleep



deprivation can have a significant impact on the brain's reward center, which controls feelings of pleasure and motivation. Studies have found that sleep deprivation can reduce the brain's ability to respond to positive stimuli, leading to a decrease in motivation and mood.

Moreover, sleep plays a crucial role in regulating the body's stress response system. Lack of sleep can lead to increased levels of the stress hormone cortisol, which can contribute to the development of anxiety and depression. Chronic sleep deprivation can also

lead to changes in the body's immune system, which can increase the risk of developing mental health disorders.

On the other hand, adequate sleep has been linked to better mental health outcomes. Studies have found that individuals who get enough sleep are less likely to experience symptoms of depression, anxiety, and other mental health conditions. Quality sleep has also been associated with better emotional regulation, improved cognitive function, and increased resilience to stress.

The relationship between sleep and mental health is bidirectional. Mental

health problems can lead to sleep disturbances, and sleep disturbances can exacerbate mental health problems. However, there are several steps that individuals can take to improve their sleep and promote better mental health.

One of the most effective ways to improve sleep is to establish a consistent sleep routine. Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day can help regulate the body's internal clock, leading to better quality sleep. Other strategies include creating a comfortable sleep environment, avoiding caffeine and alcohol before bedtime, and engaging in relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, prayer or meditating on God and His Word.

In conclusion, sleep is a crucial component of our overall health and wellbeing, and it plays a vital role in our mental health. Sleep deprivation can contribute to the development or exacerbation of mental health conditions, while adequate sleep can promote better mental health outcomes. By taking steps to improve their sleep habits, individuals can enhance their mental wellbeing and lead healthier, more fulfilling lives.



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2. — The Philistines brought a tribute to King Jehoshaphat.
3. — In a vision, the prophet Micaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a mountain.
4. — Solomon got the cedars for his temple from Lebanon.
5. — King Uzziah dug wells in the desert.
6. — Uzziah, the king of Judah, was a leper until he died.
7. — Moses disguised himself before fighting with an Egyptian.
8. — Paul's nationality was Greek.
9. — Paul suffered shipwrecks three times.
10. — Eve's name appears seven times in the New Testament.
11. — The apostle Paul fled from the soldiers of King Aretas in Damascus.
12. — Paul knew of a man who had been caught up into the third heaven.
13. — The bones of Elisha healed a man of leprosy.
14. — Elijah was taken to heaven in a whirlwind.
15. — When Elisha struck the Jordan River with Elijah's cloak, it turned red.
16. — Elisha was used by God to heal the waters of Gibeah with a bowl of salt.
17. — Hezekiah and Joshua had time altered for them.
18. — Josiah was only eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years.
19. — King Josiah was killed in Megiddo.
20. — Nabuchadnezzar was ruler of Babylon.

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Bible Word Search



Bible Wordsearch Matt 5:43-6:4

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NEIGHBOR	HAND
PAGANS	HATE
PERFECT	HEARD
RECEIVED	KNOW
REWARD	LOVE
RIGHTEOUS	NEEDY
SECRET	PRAY
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"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."


Deuteronomy 31:6




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THE ROOT

A quarrelsome behavior stems from one root: pride. We think we know better than anyone else, and we'll make sure we correct everyone, regardless of the relational cost. Our opinion is more important than people.

I begin quarrels when in my pride ...

- I want to show everyone what I know.
- If I feel I must make my point.
- I am driven to prove that I'm right and that others are wrong. (This feeds my ego).
- I want to show my (supposed) superior understanding.
- I am upset that I think someone is not hearing me.
- I feel slighted, misunderstood, and marginalized, and I must prove I'm right.
- I am hurt, and I want to retaliate. I want to make them hurt as I've been hurt. (This is called "revenge")
- I am unwilling to listen to others and admit they might have a better idea. I attack before listening humbly.
- I am unwilling to die to being "right" in order to preserve relational harmony and goodwill.



WISDOM FROM ABOVE

James, the brother of Jesus, writes God's truth to us. If I'm quarrelsome, I must humbly admit my need and seek a higher source of wisdom. I must realize that an argumentative spirit is not God's way. I must quit blaming others for the ensuing arguments but accept responsibility for my part of the equation. This will lead to wisdom. Notice how precious this is and see if it's not something you long for.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
(James 3:17-18)

The person who has this wisdom is the best person on the team. The favorite relative. The wisest spouse. The most productive person in any conversation or decision. The one who has peace, promotes peace, and is pleasing to God.

INSULT FOR INSULT

The Apostle Peter adds life-changing, practical instructions for our home (and every arena of life) in 1 Peter 3:8-11. Meditate on this passage deeply. You will find the reasons you argue in these instructions and a simple pathway out. This will not happen overnight, but you must let this passage (and the Spirit who wrote these words) master you. Ask God to make it part of your foundational DNA, your character.


To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. For, "The one who desires life, to love and see good days, Must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. "He must turn away from evil and do good; He must seek peace and pursue it."

When you are beginning an argument, pause and realize, "I'm being a fool. This is driven by my pride. Regardless of what others are doing, I must humble myself and be willing to die to what others think about me. I don't have to show my superior thinking, correct them, or dishonor them. Right now, by the power of the Spirit of God, I must choose to abandon this quarrel before it breaks out. I do not have to win. The path to real winning is for the other person to walk away feeling loved, honored, and blessed by my responses. Lord, show me how to bless them right now."

This does not mean that I never voice an opinion and become a mindless robot. It means that I quickly abandon

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an argumentative spirit when the temperature rises. I humbly choose another path.

And I must be proactive. When I am insulted or marginalized, I must not return the insult or evil but ask, "How can I bless them right now? What does the Spirit of God inside me want me to do in response that would make them feel honored and blessed?" (By the way, genuinely listening with a desire to sympathize and understand always makes others feel honored). Then, I must follow God's promptings. I must realize that people are more important than my opinions.

BY GOD'S EMPOWERING

At the core of this lifestyle response must be a deliberate, determined dependence upon the Spirit of God. The same Spirit that led Christ to respond like this.

*While being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.
(1 Peter 2:23)*

Do you want to grow in foolishness? Then just keep arguing. Make no adjustments in your responses. Do what you've always done. Don't humble yourself. Make sure everyone around you gets it in the teeth to prove your point.

Since you've read this article and if you desire to change, realize that you will be tested. It will probably come before the day is out. But tests are designed to help you grow in godliness. If you desire more, and you want to please the One who made you and has a higher life for you that will bless those around you ... admit your pride, surrender to the Spirit's leadership, and trust your case to "Him who judges righteously." Don't give evil for evil or insult for an insult but give a blessing instead.

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second that I breathe,
I need you. I am not
strong enough on my
own. AMEN! 🙏**

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The Tap on the Shoulder

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for a Midway airport, leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you ok?" I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years,"



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15 of the Most Influential Quotes from Charles Stanley

By Meg Bucher
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Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley died at the age of 90 on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Many people strive to reach fame in this world, but he made his faith famous. Set free at the age of 12, when he gave his life to Christ, Charles Stanley made it his mission in life to help others find the same freedom. Born in Dry Fork, Virginia in 1932, the pastor, evangelist, broadcaster, and author of over 50 books, pastored the megachurch, First Baptist Church, in Atlanta for 51 years. He founded In Touch Ministries in 1972. A Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary graduate, Charles Stanley “was widely regarded as one of the best preachers of his generation, along with Charles Swindoll and Billy Graham,” Christianity Today reports.

He is survived by his son, Andy, and daughter Becky. Andy Stanley is the senior pastor at Northpoint Ministries. He said his father taught him and others “Not just to preach or how to build a church. But how to get to a finish line with integrity and to be able to be proud of everything that came before, and unfortunately that’s increasingly rare.” Many of his sermons, broadcasts, and books have provided relief and restoration. The imperfections in his



life allowed him to empathize with others, and his faith inspired all of us to soldier on in our pursuit of Christ Jesus. As he rests peacefully in the arms of his Savior, we remember some of the iconic and inspired words of one of the greatest Christian leaders of our time.

- “Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him.”

- “You always have God’s undivided attention.”

- “We must remember that the shortest distance between our problems and their solutions is the distance between our knees and the floor.” - Charles Stanley
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- “Behavior is the substance of religion. Belief is the substance of relationship.” - Charles F. Stanley

"God's Way Day By Day"

- “Our willingness to wait reveals the value we place on the object we're waiting for.”

- "The time you spend alone with God will transform your character and increase your devotion. Then your integrity and godly behavior in an unbelieving world will make others long to know the Lord."

- “You have to have courage to be obedient to God.”

- “God’s plan for enlarging His kingdom is so simple- one person telling another about the Savior. Yet we’re busy and full of excuses. Just remember, someone’s eternal destiny is at stake. The joy you have when you meet that person in heaven will far exceed any discomfort you felt in sharing the gospel.”

- "We can be tired, weary and

emotionally distraught, but after spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our bodies energy, power and strength.”

- “Have you been asking God what He is going to do? He will never tell you. God does not tell you what He is going to do. He reveals to you Who He is.”

- “Hellen Keller was blind and deaf when she graduated from college with honors. So what’s your problem?”

- “If sympathy is all that human beings need, then the Cross of Christ is an absurdity and there is absolutely no need for it. What the world needs is not "a little bit of love," but major surgery. If you think you are helping lost people with your sympathy and understanding, you are a traitor to Jesus Christ. You must have a right-standing relationship with Him yourself, and pour your life out in helping others in His way—not in a human way that ignores God.”

- “God does not give us overcoming life; He gives us life as we overcome.”

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literally. That was it! The scriptural language used for millennia countered NARAL's campaign of "Choice." God's Word describes a woman not as pregnant, but WITH CHILD. Throughout Sacred Scripture, this is the phrase consistently used to express a mother's state of expectancy.

When we shared this revelation at one of Hosea's liberated by Truth conferences, an attendee approached to thank us. "We would have never used the word 'pregnant' when I was younger," she explained. "That was only used by men at bars, but never in mixed company." The first step to changing a culture is to manipulate the language. NARAL understood the power of semantics. The United States citizens would never vote in favor of abortion if the phrase 'with child' defined a state of motherhood. The verbiage must be

replaced, reasoned NARAL. Notice how increased use of the medical terms 'pregnant' and 'pregnancy' parallel the rise of the abortion-on-demand market from the 1970s. Eventually, these semantics supplanted the long-standing biblical language. However, collectively we can restore it.

Hosea Initiative carried posters at the National March for Life 2023 reflecting the WITH CHILD campaign, to encourage everyone to restore our culture by reclaiming life-affirming language. We can be at the forefront of elevating the beauty and dignity of motherhood every time we say a woman is WITH CHILD.

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Just For Laughs...

Funeral Guitarist

As a guitarist, I play many gigs. Recently, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a poor, humble man. The service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back country. As I was not familiar with that area, and I got lost.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone, and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left, and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down, and the vault lid was already in place.

I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.



And as I played "Amazing Grace," the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, and we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my guitar and started for my car.

Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I've never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I was still lost.

CONT'D FROM PAGE 16: "...QUOTES OF CHARLES STANLEY."

- "Our heavenly Father understands our disappointment, suffering, pain, fear, and doubt. He is always there to encourage our hearts and help us understand that He's sufficient for all our needs. When I accepted this as an absolute truth in my life, I

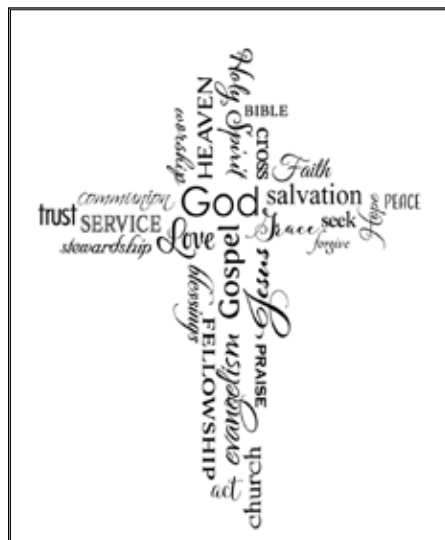
found that my worrying stopped."
 • "The circumstances and events that we see as setbacks are oftentimes the very things that launch us into periods of intense spiritual growth."
 -ChristianQuotes

And now these three remain:

Faith, Hope, and Love

But the greatest of these is Love.

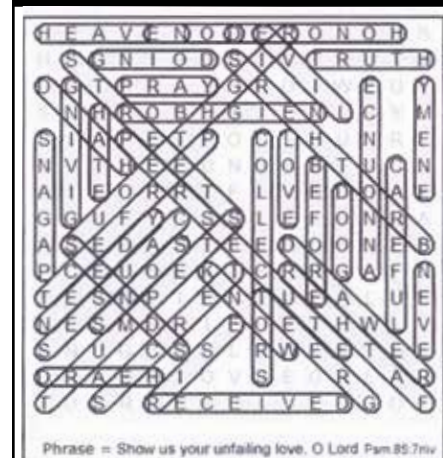
- 1 Cor 13:13 -



**From Pg 13:
Bible Trivia Answers**

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| 1. True - 2 Chronicles 13:21 | 11. True - 2 Corinthians 1:1-2 |
| 2. True - 2 Chronicles 17:11 | 12. True - 2 Corinthians 12:2 |
| 3. False - 2 Chronicles 18:8-18 | 13. False - 2 Kings 13:20-21 |
| 4. True - 2 Chronicles 2:8 | 14. True - 2 Kings 2:11 |
| 5. True - 2 Chronicles 26:9-10 | 15. False - 2 Kings 2:12-14 |
| 6. True - 2 Chronicles 26:21 | 16. False - 2 Kings 2:18-22 |
| 7. False - 2 Chronicles 35:20-22 | 17. True - Joshua 10:12-13 |
| 8. False - Philippians 3:5 | 18. True - 2 Kings 22:1 |
| 9. True - 2 Corinthians 11:25 | 19. True - 2 Kings 23:29 |
| 10. False - 2 Corinthians 11:3 | 20. True - 2 Kings 25:1 |

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Word Search Answers**



Phrase - Show us your unfailing love, O Lord Psm 85:7iv

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AN UGLY AMERICA

By Jon Skillman

Have you noticed a new face on America? If you look closely you can see a face contorted by confusion and frustration...a face wondering what has happened and reflecting anger over what we don't understand. You know, the same face that sent our Lord to The Cross...it is an ugly face!

Have you noticed a new voice in America? If you listen closely you can hear the harsh and bitter voice of division...a voice fraught with intolerance and hate...the same voice that cried out, "CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM!" It is an ugly voice.

Have you noticed a new culture in America? A culture that has turned itself upside down and inside out. A culture the Bible warns of in Isaiah 5:20, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." God's word also gives us a sign for recognizing when these things have or are happening: "The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men." Psalm 12:8. Have you ever witnessed a gay pride parade? They are right off the streets of Sodom...they are ugly.

Have you noticed a new society in America? A society that not only condones men marrying men and women marrying women, but openly

promotes it...a society so removed from the reality of biology that it believes a man can become a woman and woman can be a man by simply proclaiming it so.

There was a time when parents were asked: "It's 9:00 pm, do you know where your children are?" Now we must ask ourselves: "It's 9:00 am, do I know if my child is attending drag queen story hour or being groomed in transgender ideology?" The state has staked claim to our children and parental rights ignored.

America has become a different nation. A nation that no longer holds to its own founding documents. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Right, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Okay I know we haven't reached the "equal" goal yet, but we fought and won a war over it, and were making strides toward it when something called "antiracism" switched our racial polarity and we are headed backwards.

Our right to life has become contingent on a woman's right to choose...our right to liberty is dependent on whether our worldview matches those in power. Our happiness is determined by equity, not by the pursuit of.

Pray for America...it is dying!

CARE-GIVERS

One of the most essential jobs is that of a Caregiver. As with many significant roles, caregivers for the elderly and disabled are usually underpaid. Although, thankfully, I have not required a caregiver other than my wife (and I thank God for her!), I have had recent health issues that have piqued my sensitivity to the "care" I've received from healthcare professionals (there's that pesky word "care" again). I'm not talking about treatment, expertise or diagnosis, but about "care". Unfortunately, I have/am encountering many who don't seem to know what the word means! On the other hand, I have a much deeper appreciation for those who instill trust and confidence, spend the time to comfort and console, or unhurriedly answer questions after their patients are processing difficult news.

Care is an important and probably innate skill that must be provided whether or not it is the healthcare professional's personality, experience, or desire. To put it bluntly, if you can't offer "care", you should NOT be in the health "care" field!

Yet, "care" is not something limited to healthcare professionals. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are commanded throughout scripture to offer care. "Be Kind and Compassionate to One Another; Forgiving Each Other, Just as, in Christ, God Forgave You" (Ephesians 4:32). This verse and many, many others remind us that we are each called to be "Caregivers". During my recent discovery of health issues, I have experienced good and bad "care"



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(or lack of it) from Christians. No one has been outright mean, of course, but the best have been discerning enough to see that there are times when they need to listen, other times when they need to pray, and still other times when all that is needed is a hug and not a solution.



R e m e m b e r caregivers are not doctors, so patients as well as friends or family are probably not looking to you to provide diagnosis or treatment, whether the issue is health, finances,

relationships or anything else. They (we) need care! I treasure the people who will allow the Holy Spirit to direct them rather than Google. Often times during this process, I have simply needed to "feel cared for". I've also learned through this that I wasn't always a very good "Giver of care" myself. I thank God that He has begun that change in me. I'm learning to listen more than talk, weep with others more than advise them, and reassure them more than preach to them. I'm learning that sometimes we need simply to show up, shut up, and lift up!

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