

Let's Chat

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THE GIFTS WE GIVE

Give time. Give of our own gifts. Give energy. Give commitment by keeping promises. Giving brings with it deeper relationship, gratitude, satisfaction, joy, laughter and love.

CALM CENTER

At the heart of the cyclone tearing the sky is a place of central calm. The cyclone derives its power from a calm center. So does a person. Out of relationship comes driving energy. Power is generated in and derived from a calm center.

SERENITY

If we take time each day to quiet ourselves and turn our thoughts inward, we can find an inward tidal of peace. It gives us a countenance of serenity.

OFFENSE

When someone has offended you, try to raise your soul so high that the offense cannot reach you.

EMOTIONAL CONTROL

The positive thinker feels deeply. He is sensitive to the needs and hurts of others as well as his own needs. But the positive thinker is not controlled by anger, hate, fear or worry. He may experience these feelings, but his actions are never directed by them. The positive thinker's actions are directed by the positive feeling of love, joy and a sense of self-confident security.

SEVEN ATTRIBUTES OF THE POSITIVE THINKER

The seven attributes of the positive thinker are belief, growth, desire, persistence, unselfishness, emotional control and rightfulness.

EMOTIONS

Emotions will occur. We must expect them. We cannot avoid them. We can talk ourselves out of a notion when a crisis arrives, but we can't talk ourselves out of the immediate emotion.

LITTLE TREASURES

With words that can encourage, and deeds that can assist, we'll give life to little treasures that a sad heart can't resist.

COURAGE

Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles. Cowardliness is submissive surrender to

circumstances. Courage breeds creative self-affirmation, cowardice asks the question, "Is it safe?" Vanity asks the question, "Is it popular?" But one must take it because it is right.

THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE

When life or circumstances are the darkest and bitterest and if we can look hard enough, there will be that same kind of ray of hope. Though storms may come again, that is hope and faith from that mere glimpse, will never let life be as hard to bear again.

PROBLEMS

Some problems are very real and can't be changed. What can be changed is our attitudes. Try giving the problem another name. Call it a condition, a circumstance or a challenge.

SELF-CONCEPT

In many instances those who seem unfriendly or difficult to work with have a negative self-concept.

CHOICE

There are always two choices before us, in every relationship. We can affirm the negative or we can affirm the positive. Our choice determines the tenor of our lives.

CHEERFUL

Cheerfulness is a gift which is to be nourished and cultivated until it becomes a habitual expression of our feeling. A cheerful attitude generates a feeling of pleasure and contentment. It is a catalyst that transforms doubt into faith, anxiety into hope and encouragement. A cheerful attitude has magnetic power.

FAILURE

Failure begins in your life and thoughts when you hold the idea that you are actually incapable, that you are a born loser. So to counteract failure, develop the ability to believe. Just be a believer because winners always are. Losers are never real believers. Belief power gets powerful results.

POSITIVE RESPONSES

Value yourself, you will in turn value others. Value yourself and your life very highly. We project our own feelings on other persons, so we must choose positive responses instead of negative ones.

DON'T QUIT

Don't give up though the pace seems slow. You may succeed with another blow. Success is failure turned inside out. The silver tint of the cloud of doubt. And you never can tell how close you are.

CHOICES

As we go about our daily activities and make the little choices we have to make, we shall find our confidence growing. When we have large decisions to make, which can change the course of our lives or the lives of others, we are ready for them.

IDEAS

Ideas are like beads: Men do not have them until they grow up.

INFLUENCE

Do a deed of simple kindness. Though its end you may not see. It may reach like widening ripples down a long eternity.

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

Happiness is simply giving of yourself to others.

Lost Tax Forms Can Be Replaced

Copies of federal income tax returns from prior years not only serve as good financial records, but also can be a guide for filling out future returns as well. Previous years' returns are especially helpful when financial situations stay almost the same from one year to the next.

Also, copies of prior year tax returns can be very useful if a change or amendment has to be made to previously filed returns, or if later there are questions about the returns.

If prior year tax returns are lost or destroyed, copies can be requested from the IRS by completing Form 4506, "Request for Copy of Tax Form," and mailing it to the service center where you sent the return. There is a charge of \$4.25 for each year's return.

Group Twelve Meets, Scripture & Prayers Highlights

Group No. 12 of First Baptist Church had its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 16, in the lower level of the church. The opening hymn was "Bless Be the Tie That Binds," followed by scripture and prayer by the leader. The background scripture for the four lessons was Ecclesiastes 9:11, Isaiah 61:1-6, Matthew 6:14-16 and Matthew 18:18-20.

Lesson I, "Winning the Game," was read by Ms. Mossella Burnett. Families must help each other to realize that the only way to achieve their goal is to be firmly based in God's will. We will win the game when we please God. We will have peace, contentment, inner strength and a source on which we can depend.

Lesson II, "Take the Time," was read by Ms. Louise H. Shaw. We must use our time wisely so that we will have time for God and our family. When we have a relaxing conversation it will afford us time to build trust, to confess our faults and to know family members in a different light. We need to take time for soul-winning.

Lesson III, "Our Christian Example," was read by Ms. Elizabeth Bowman. We must be an example in our daily living in order for us to lead others to Christ. We must set an example in our home by use of a prayer altar and time for meditation. Family members should be able to say that they know we are Christians and they respect us.

Lesson IV, "Family Ministries: A Joint Effort," was read by Ms. Lucille G. Paige. Christ is ready to help us in all that we do. Have the family to recall incidents in your life where the Lord came through for you. To help the unsaved to meet Christ, we must be open, tell the truth, and let them know that Christ loves them.

Ms. Carolyn Beckwith recorded the minutes. Ms. Mossella Burnett gave the treasurer's report. Ms. Paige thanked the members for their presence and cooperation in the preparation of dinner for the family of Ms. Celia Sanders. She also asked them to support the anniversary activities.

The roll call and monthly report were taken. The session closed with

the members repeating the mispah and assembling in the chapel for devotion, minutes, roll call and a program with the 12 missionary groups.

Ms. Blonnie L. Slade brought greetings and gave the devotion. The scripture was taken from Philippians 3:13-14, followed by prayer and the singing of "Just As I Am," which ended the devotion.

Ms. Marjorie Phillips read the minutes and Ms. Slade received the reports from the groups.

Ms. Paula Foster gave the program. Her message was "Ruth—A

Good Role Model for the Virtuous Woman." Ms. Foster mentioned that we have focused on role models for the male youth, and have not talked much about the role models for female youth.

In the home, mothers are failing to be role models for their daughters. This will lead their daughters to seek other channels for role models which may lead to their destruction. Mothers are employed outside of the home and leave the rearing to their children.

The female has in the past held the family together. The female

inmates are increasing. What can we do to turn this around? We must turn to the Bible and find our role models. All of our spiritual values come from the Bible. Ruth is one of our best role models because she is an example of loyalty, commitment, love, compassion, faith and hope. We would not have the problems that we have today if more people were like Ruth.

Members of Group 12 present were Ms. Elizabeth Bowman, Ms. Carolyn Beckwith, Ms. Mossella Burnett, Ms. Louise H. Shaw and Ms. Lucille Griswold Paige.

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Sunday School Lesson

SONG OF THE VINEYARD

Isaiah 51:1-7

The prophet Isaiah employed a brief but tender love song to bring God's message to the people of Judah. The word "wellbeloved," in Hebrew a term of special endearment, set the tone for the song's brief account of a farmer lavishing care on his vineyard.

The farmer chose a fertile spot, cleared away the many stones covering the ground, fenced in the area, planted the finest quality vines, and constructed a tower where watchmen could guard the vineyard. Fully expecting a good harvest, the farmer even chiseled a stone vat out of the mountain ledge to hold the juice pressed from the grapes.

God's love for His people is illustrated by the farmer's patient care for his vineyard. Patience marked the Lord's actions toward the Israelites. God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt. He gave them His law at Sinai and provided them with food in the wilderness. He led them into a land flowing with milk and honey, driving their enemies out before them. He molded them into a nation and provided them with prophets, priests, and kings. He patiently planted, cultivated, protected and loved them.

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Come Let's Think

BY EVA L. PERRY

A TIME TO SHARE

At Christmas time we like to share our gifts with those we love, but how much more we ought to share God's gift sent from above.

Christ did not come for us alone, or for a privileged few; He came to give His life for all that men might be made new.

"'Tis strange how we can think so much

Of gifts, and Christmas trees, and think so little of the lost in lands across the seas.

For us to squander all our store on those who have no need, and fail to share God's Christmas Gift is very wrong indeed.

For God so loved the world He gave so we must learn to give our money, effort, and our prayers that dying souls might live.

Since Christmas is a time to share, let's give ourselves anew, that heathen souls in lands afar may hear the gospel too.

—Fred D. Jarvis

Jesus is the greatest gift! It matters not when—where—or why. I, Eva Perry, have found that there is really "nothing to nothing but Jesus." All good for all mankind is in our Jesus. I am so glad that the sum total need for this great Savior is universal. The Bible says that "The nations are but a drop in the bucket." All power in Heaven and in Earth is now given unto Jesus, who said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Eternal life through the blood of Jesus is the priceless gift of God to humanity. We must be always sharing this good news in a worldwide way. Salvation has appeared to bring us one eternal Merry Christmas and one eternal Happy New Year! The new life in Christ is blessed assurance for ever.

Read your Bible prayerfully and think!!!