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IGNORING GOD'S VOICE

Hebrews 4:12-16

Believe it or not, many people who attend church choose to ignore God's truth because they don't like hearing sermons that convict or demand a change.

But we tend to be guilty of doing the same thing when we pick and choose what to read in the Bible.

When you open God's Word, do you read only verses that encourage, comfort, or promise blessings?

Are you reluctant to tackle the more difficult passages, which prick your conscience and call for obedience? Do you avoid sections that make you feel guilty about the way you are living?

If you find yourself reacting strongly to a passage of Scripture or a sermon, then you ought to take an honest look at yourself.

God's Word is meant to cut into the deepest recesses of our soul and spirit. But the hope is that we then run to Jesus, our High Priest, in confession and repentance in order to receive forgiveness and cleansing.

Christ sympathizes with our weaknesses and invites us to draw near to God to receive grace and help.

The convicting passage of Scripture may cause momentary discomfort, but those

Reflections

If you're like most of us, in 2020, you faced difficulties and challenges that you never want to see again. Well, 2021 presents new opportunities, new reasons to give thanks to God, and new opportunities to serve Him.

We all had negative things happen to us in 2020. People hurt us, the pandemic brought changes and disruptions that no one saw coming. It's easy to go through life carrying offences, trapped in self-pity, blaming ourselves and others. Because we're always looking back, reliving the negative, we end up carrying around emotional baggage that weighs us down.

One of the best things you can learn to do is drop it. Whether it happened twenty years ago or twenty minutes ago, don't carry negative baggages in 2021. Now do your part and let it go.

Is there something you need to leave behind? A hurt, a bad attitude, an area that you're compromising in? Don't bring that into the New Year. Don't let them continue to hurt you by always thinking about them. As long as you're dwelling on the past, you're going to miss "the new things" God wants to do.

Say good-bye to failure; this is a new day. Say good-bye to guilt; you're forgiven. Say good-bye to what didn't work out; God has something better. Make the resolution that says, I know God has a new chapter for me in 2021--a chapter filled with blessings, favour, and victory!"

You need to be looking forward to new beginnings. God's plan is to increase you, open new doors before you, and take you places that you've never imagined. He has something big in store for this year. He's already planned out big breaks, big opportunities, and big ideas for you. He is doing a new thing!

2021 is your year to rise up higher in your relationships, health, finances, and most of all, in your walk with God. As you draw near to Him, He will draw near to you. Receive it by faith and declare, "Yes, God, this is for me today. I know You're a big God, and You have something new coming my way in 2021!"

CARTOON

Strong people don't put others down. They lift them up.



Even Though
the world may be in chaos right now,
I'm still truly grateful to have the gift
of a new day, a home, fresh air, sunlight,
food, water, friends and **LOVE**.
May I never take those things
For Granted. 

Every day,
GOD FILLS OUR LIVES
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 with so much goodness...
 All we need to do is open our
 eyes and **GIVE THANKS**
 for each of them.

*By the revelation of
 God's word, I affirm
 that my life shall be a
 testimony unto others.*

I tasted all that is sweet,
 but I found nothing
 sweeter than good
 health.
 And I tasted all that was
 bitter, but nothing was
 more bitter than being in
 need of good people.
 And I carried both, iron,
 and rocks, but nothing
 was heavier than debt.
 I discovered therefore
 that life is comprised
 only of two days:
 A day for you and a day
 against you!
 So when it is for you,
 Be not reckless and when
 it is against you,
 Be patient.
 Because both days will
 expire!!
 It is a year of
 Possibilities!
**TOGETHER WE ARE
 GREAT**

**As messengers of God
 let's be mindful of the
 news we disseminate.
 Let's be harbingers of
 news that REVIVES the
 spirit and not news
 that DEFLATE, /CRUSH
 the spirit.**

*Never let
 Anything
 Separate you
 From
 Jehovah*

MAKE SACRIFICES IN 2021 SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

Recently, Cristiano Ronaldo won the 'Player of the Century' Award for his achievements in the past 20 years and during the ceremony, he was asked if his son could emulate his footsteps as a football legend.

His shocking reply: "NOT YET!" How could a father be so harsh? I thought. I became curious to know why he said that and he clarified
 "Sometimes, he drinks Coke, Fanta and eats chips and fries and I get angry because he knows I don't like it because it's not healthy for the body. Even when my little kids eat chocolate, they know it upsets me."

Wow! For Christ sake, his son is only ten. So, why the high expectations of him?

But Ronaldo was simply saying, "If he cannot deprive himself of some pleasures and self-destructive habits, then he's NOT YET ready for success."

When they are home, he says, 'go to the treadmill to run a bit' and later says, 'now go to the cold water to recover to do it tomorrow again,' and the son replies, 'Daddy, the water is so cold, I don't want to do it.'

Though he admitted his son is just a kid, he still wants him to know that success demands hard work and sacrifice which is the secret of his success.

When I read all these, I started thinking about my own life to know if I'm making the necessary sacrifices to achieve my goals because, for every prize, there's always a price to be paid.

Though Ronaldo has got immense talent, he works himself out and abstains from anything whatsoever that will sabotage his productivity and that's why he is the most followed celebrity on Instagram.

The point is, like Ronaldo's said, you are NOT YET ready to succeed in 2021 if you are not ready to make sacrifices.

Think about it, what sacrifices do you need to make in your career, your lifestyle, your habits and even your feeding? What are those habits you have that are sabotaging your success?

Remember, if you don't make a sacrifice for what you want, what you want will end up becoming the sacrifice. Glorious New Year

Laugh it off.

COVID is no joke.
One former patient was so brain damaged afterwards he thought he won an election he lost by 7 million votes

Birthdays

Hannah Abiding Agboluaje.	1st Jan.
Br Dele Gordon.	3rd Jan
Kemi Oshinfodunrin	7th Jan
Tobi Odusami.	8th Jan
Rereloluwa Olubunmi.	8th Jan
Akindele Mormah.	8th Jan
Miguel Daniel.	9th Jan
Rele Olumide.	11th Jan
Sis Loise	12 th Jan
Abisola Oladapo.	23 rd Jan
Dare Oluwaniyi	25th Jan
Olalekan Saida.	26th Jan
Victoria Uwhowho.	29th Jan

Wedding Anniversaries:

NIL

If your name is not included and your birthday or wedding anniversary is soon, see the pastor.

Your storm isn't significant- because your help is on the way. Your daddy who created the world is on his way out on the water to order your storm to be still. Remember the last time you didn't think you'd make it? Remember the last time He provided for you? Remember when you wanted to end it all and He wrote across the sky in the flaming colors of a sunset LIVE. That is significant!

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LET US PRAY

A.S.A.P.
always say a prayer

I pray for you today that the sure mercy of God will speak for you. His Grace will be sufficient for you, every tongue that has risen against you shall be condemned. You will not fall, you will not fail, and the enemies will not ask you where your God is. In Jesus Mighty Name.

I pray for u today that God will lift u out of every dunghill to d mountain top, from story into glory and scars into stars. In Jesus Mighty Name. Amen. Today and all the days of OUR LIFE, Almighty God shall make his GRACE AND MERCIES available for US ALWAYS. Good morning and have a blessed day. Please, keep safe.

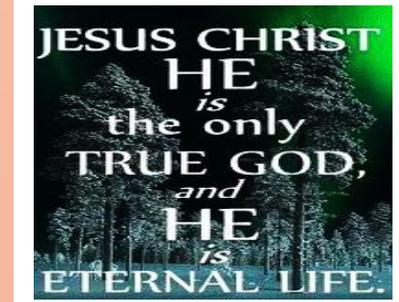
SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOPIC: GOD REVEALED HIMSELF TO ISRAEL AS THE ONLY TRUE GOD

TEXT: Deuteronomy 32:9-21

MEMORY VERSE:

Leviticus 26:1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God.



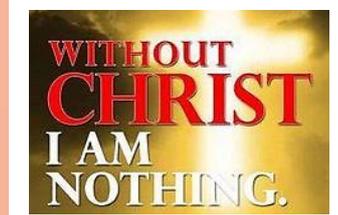
INTRODUCTION:

God Almighty created man to worship, reverence and adore Him only but man deviated from this objective in the course of his sojourn on earth to worship Idols, molten and graven images, grooves, high places, etc. According to Deuteronomy 32:12, it was not so in the beginning. On several occasions, God protested to His people not to make or worship idols and warned them against the consequences of doing so. The time has come that we need to open the eyes of the Church to this important topic, "Idols in the Church."

LESSON

Webster dictionary says,

1. An idol is a person or a thing that is loved or admire very much.
2. A statue that is worshipped as a god.
 - According to Psalms 78:58-64, what were the consequences of Israel worshipping idols?
 - According to Jeremiah 8:13-22, God was provoked to anger because of Israel's idolatry.



What were the consequences?

- Mention at least six (6) from the passage.
- According to Psalms 97:5-10, who should be the object of our worship and why?
- According to Hebrews 1:5-6, who should the Angels of God worship and why?
- The book of Deuteronomy Chapter 32 is tagged the song of Moses, he uttered the words of this song as he was about to die according to the commandment of God (Deuteronomy 31:19).
 - How can you interpret verse 15?
 - Who is Jeshurun and why did he provoke God to jealousy?
- According to Deuteronomy 32:16-17:21 and I Corinthians 8:4-6, how should a Christian treat an idol?
- Should a Christian eat things sacrificed to idols? Why? Discuss
- According to verse 21 of that Deuteronomy, what will God use to provoke the children of Israel in retaliation?
- Summarize Leviticus Chapter 26:1 and Exodus 20:1-5 in a sentence?
- Why is it that those things that God Almighty hates are the things that people love, that is, idol-worshipping, worldliness, and worldly things, etc.?
- What are those other things that we nowadays Christian are also doing that can anger God?

CONCLUSION:

Today's lesson has made us know what an idol is and that our God who created us hates idol-worshipping because of His nature of holiness, we are to worship God and all those who worship idols will suffer the consequences.



READERS' DIGEST. A true testimony

Mr. Peter had a job interview to attend at 10am but his wife developed complications at 9am. He decided to take the wife to the hospital and leave for the interview thereafter but on their way to the hospital, the taxi broke down. It was already 10:30am before he could get another taxi. He arrived the hospital at 11am, dropped the wife and used the same taxi to go for the interview. He arrived the interview venue at 12noon (2hours late).

He rang the bell but no one opened the door. Meanwhile, earlier at 10am, the company mail delivery had rang the bell but no one opened the door too. When the door was finally opened, Mr. Peter said "I'm sorry, I came..." He wanted to apologise for coming late, but the Secretary interrupted before he could finish his statement and ushered him to the Board Room. The Secretary said, "I apologise, Mr. Peter, for keeping you waiting since 10am. We actually heard when the bell rang at 10am but we were held up in a meeting with our company suppliers. However, we have sat since 8am to deliberate on your job specification, your office and the salary."

Mr. Peter was baffled and said, "Ma'am, I haven't been interviewed yet". The MD answered him and said, "We decided not to conduct the interview at least to save time and also save the interviewees money on transport."

So we looked at the papers for the most appropriate person we wanted and we opted for you. Also, we had tested your patience this morning by keeping you waiting intentionally for 2hrs. That's part of your interview. You won't be disappointed. You'll be shown your office, your secretary and the driver assigned to drive your company's allotted vehicle. You'll be on probation for 2yrs." He got the job!!!

On his way out, his phone rang and it was the wife. She said, "Honey, I was delivered of a bouncing baby boy." It was their fifth child and the only male child. He immediately named the child 'Miracle'. He got a double miracle same day.

All the disappointments turned out to favour him. God positioned the mail delivery man to ring the bell at 10am. God also held them up in the meeting until Mr. Peter arrived.

Note: _ You might be held up by issues in your life and hope might be diminishing and you think the chance is gone. But you know what? God's waiting for you to release His favour.

So don't go back along the way. Don't quit. Don't be upset by what you face along the way. In fact, God has already deliberated on your specifications.

One more thing: You don't have to go through any interview, since you have all the qualifications God wants.

My prayers for you: who share this testimony

1. God will position somebody at the right place and the right time for you who will ring the bell in your favour.
2. God will turn all your disappointments into blessing.
3. Every positive meeting will end in your favour and every negative meeting will scatter in your favour.

May this be your portion.

THE FOUNTAIN YOUTHS

OVERCOMERS



Now we come back to man. You may be wondering why we are so concerned about Adam and what happened to him. The reason is this—Adam was the head of the human family. He was the source of the entire human race. What happened to him affected the whole human race, and it affected you and me.

We have already said that Adam was created perfect. This doesn't mean that he couldn't do anything wrong. Adam had a free will—he could choose to obey God and he could choose to disobey God. That will was soon to be tested because God had placed one restriction on Adam and Eve—they were not to eat of *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*. God warned them, "...in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:17 NKJ)

Now Satan comes back on the scene. Satan hates God and he hates everything that reminds him of God; therefore, he hated Adam and Eve who were created in the image of God. Satan set about to get Adam and Eve to disobey God and rebel against Him.



Adam and Eve did disobey God. They did rebel against Him. They believed Satan instead of believing God. They took sides with Satan and rebelled against God.

The sin of Adam and Eve had devastating results. God had said, "...in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:17 NKJ) The result of their sin was death. But what kind of death was it? It was *spiritual* death. That very day, they died spiritually, that is, they were separated from God. Later on, they died physically.

Another terrible result of Adam's sin was this: Adam's nature changed. Adam did just what Satan had done—he took God off the throne of his heart and put Self-there. He became a rebel, setting his will against God's will. Instead of loving God and wanting to do His will, he now loved himself and wanted to have his own way.



The picture grows darker and darker. Adam passed this sinful, self-centred nature on to his children. Adam's first son, Cain, manifested his sinful nature by murdering his brother. And what's worse, Adam's sinful nature was passed on to every human being born on this earth.

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 255

Matt.11:4-17

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John the Baptist

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| DANCE | CHILDREN |
| DESERT | CLOTHES |
| DIRGE | DRESSED |
| ELIJAH | FORCEFUL |
| FLUTE | GREATER |
| JESUS | HEAVEN |
| JOHN | KINGDOM |
| MOURN | PALACES |
| PLAYED | PREPARE |
| RAISED | PROPHET |
| REPORT | RECEIVE |
| RISEN | REPLIED |
| SIGHT | SWAYED |
| SPEAK | WILLING |
| TRUTH | WOMEN |
| | WRITTEN |

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

CROSSWORD

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE



ACROSS

- 4) Judas came...and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the _____, the scribes and the elders." (Mark 14)
- 9) "But Yeshua said to him, "Judas, would you betray the _____ with a kiss?" (Luke 22)
- 10) Gethsemane was located outside which city?
- 11) Peter used what type of weapon to cut off the servant's ear?
- 12) Who fell asleep while Yeshua prayed?

DOWN

- 1) "Pray that you will not fall into _____." (Luke 22:40)
- 2) Name of the garden where Yeshua was betrayed?
- 3) Judas _____ Yeshua to identify Him to His enemies. (Luke 22)
- 5) Which Appointed Time was Yeshua betrayed?
- 6) While Yeshua prayed, the disciples fell _____.
- 7) Which religious leader did Yeshua first meet after He was arrested? (John 18)
- 8) Which disciple betrayed Yeshua?



PRAYER POINTS

1. Every satanic army marching against my advancement, I scatter you by fire.
2. Blood of Jesus, separate me from every strange altar that is speaking against my life
3. Every evil word spoken over any evil altar about me, I nullify by fire. Return to sender.
4. Every hidden arrow delegated to puncture my destiny, return and pierce sender.
5. I destroy every instrument of frustration and disappointment fashioned against me in Jesus' Name.
6. All those who have gathered to destroy me, turn and fight yourselves.
7. My Father, send confusion into the camp of my enemies in the Name of Jesus.
8. I scatter all evil associations against my life, family, and marriage in Jesus' Name.
9. Any satanic personality secretly setting me up for failure, fall in your plans by fire.
10. Anyone using sweet words to deceive me, I command your agenda to be exposed and nullified.
11. Anyone pretending to love me, but is just using flattery; be exposed in Jesus' Name.
12. Anyone telling lies against me to steal my position; be exposed, confess, and release what is mine in Jesus' Name.
13. Any Absalom pretending to do good, but conspiracy is in his heart; hang yourself by fire.
14. Any Cain pretending to take me on a friendly walk with murder in his heart; my Father, expose and protect me from his plans in the Name of Jesus.

WORDS OF WISDOM

1. Nothing makes life sweeter than making people happy*
- *2. The people you help today become your soldiers in the battle of life tomorrow*
- *3. To invest in properties is good but to invest in people is far far better.*
- *4. Try to make money, but try also to make people great.*
- *5. Your greatest trophies are the tears you wipe away from people's faces not the things you acquire.*
- *6. Your greatest achievement should be raising achievers.*
- *7. People will defend, stand by you & honour you when they realise you value them*
- *8. Don't let an ingrate stop you from making others Great.*

TURN BACK TO GOD

From My God to My Lord

JESUS
"MY LORD & MY GOD"

The word GOD means perfect, omnipotent, divine, immortal etc. When we consider our God as God, we stand in awe of his might and potential. We feel that we are like dust before him. From our childhood we develop a sense of fear, reverence and begin to follow a ritualistic routine so as to abide and align our life in a way pleasing to God and society.

The word LORD

The word LORD Kyrios [Greek], Dominus [Latin], Dynamus [dynamite], Adonai [Hebrew] means ruler, master with power and authority. In the Bible if we watch carefully the word lord refers to husband, Lord to king and LORD (all caps) to Yahweh. He is full of power and authority.

From My God to My Lord

As long as God is God in our life, our relationship with Him is a passive one and His potential is not fully effective in our life. If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [Romans 10:9] The moment we accept JESUS as our LORD, our life transforms completely. We ourselves allow Him to use His power to lead our lives. We must not have any inhibitions.

This is the time His will becomes our will. God's will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. He is our living companion, taking control of every situation, every moment, every day and our entire life, with power and authority, depending upon the degree of trust we have in Him and how far we have surrendered our lives to Him. He will lead us to the pinnacle of success and summit of Glory.

Life – A chariot with many horses

Our life is like a chariot with many horses. If each go in its own direction, we just cannot move one bit forward. Now is the time to give the reins to our Lord and Master. Give him the reins, see him reign, let abundance of Grace and Mercy rain on us. Let Lord Jesus Christ be a dynamic God so kinetic in our lives.

God is not an abstract entity. He is an absolute reality. Every creation should find God, experience Him and feel His presence, by the time our life cease to exist. All prayers and formations are just starter packs for this greater purpose.

God Experience

On one fine day, which is sure and certain in everyone's life, we will have that 'GOD EXPERIENCE'. Then we come to know the purpose of our existence, our mission and target, bringing focus to our future. The Joy of this moment is just awesome. From that moment, we are led by that Kindly Light and a tender whisper guiding amidst encircling gloom. We must sustain this light and voice all our lives, never let it fade, or die out.

God is infinite in all dimensions. This God so infinite seeks your finite heart to rest, live and make you one with him. He knows you before your birth and is going to be with you after your death. Only during this earthly life we fail to seek him.

Let seeking and being with God be our prime aim in our lives. Let every prayer be addressed to Abba father, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

READERS' DIGEST.

A man's character is his fate. Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States (US), said: "Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude" As a clergyman, I have watched how people self-sabotage by seeking spiritual solutions to character-deficit issues. They look around at everybody as suspects for their predicaments when their greatest demons lurks within them - their character. What we often call our destiny is truly our character, and since that character can change, then destiny can be altered. Character_is_destiny.

Is prayer actually EVERYTHING? Many would begin to argue back and forth on this intriguing question, but my main purpose of writing this piece is not to get involved in arguments. Arguments don't improve the validity of a 'truth;' they only determine how long it would take before you realise it. Most people believe that we can pray ourselves to success and get away with virtually anything if we become a stickler to some prayer routines. There is no amount of spiritual penance that can substitute for character. Sometimes, you need character, not prayer. Dutch Sheets said: "#Prayer is not a cheque request asking for things from God; it is a deposit slip- a way of depositing God's character into our bankrupt souls." British writer and politician, Thomas Macaulay (1800-1859), said: "The measure of a man's character is what he would do if he knew he never would be found out." I have often said that what would ultimately destroy a man going to high places in life is not really the enemies that are waiting for him there, but the character that followed him there.

I want to emphatically underline the fact that this write-up is not meant to trivialise prayers in any way. I have observed that many people take character for granted, while overzealously tuning into their spiritual mode. We have become so spiritually in tune through prayers that we neglect the place of character and our relationship with people. Many are actually 'heavenly' bound, but with no earthly relevance. You can speak with spiritual eloquence, pray in public and maintain a holy appearance, but it is your behaviour and character that will actually trigger the manifestation of all that God has for you.

You must learn to treat people with courtesy .The Shunammite woman must have been praying for a child all through her life. By being hospitable to a man of God, she eventually got her much-awaited miracle. *It wasn't prayer that opened the door for her; it was her character.* Assuming she wasn't hospitable, she would have missed a critical miracle. Many times, we pray, fast and bind demons that don't exist when our real demons are just our greatly flawed character. Many have insulted people that were divinely placed and orchestrated to help them fulfil their destiny. Some people are keeping malice with their destiny helpers.

Treat people with respect. Treat strangers with courtesy. Never look down on anybody. God can use anyone to change your story. Abigail Van Buren said: "The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good, and how he treats people who can't fight back" You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him. The way we treat people we think can't help or hurt us, like housekeepers, waiters, and secretaries, tells more about our character than how we treat people we think are important. How do you treat people? _

One of the most impressive architectural feats and the greatest military defence project in history is the Great Wall of China. History has it that when the ancient Chinese decided to live in peace, they made the Great Wall of China; they thought no one could climb it due to its height. During the first 100 years of its existence, the Chinese were invaded thrice and every time, the hordes of enemy infantry had no need of penetrating or climbing over the wall, because each time, they bribed the guards and came through the doors. The Chinese built the wall, but forgot the character - building of the wall-guards. How many people and homes had been invaded, looted and devastated by the enemy through the bribery of ego, self-indulgence, insincerity and unfaithfulness? The scriptures says." *while men slept, the enemy came and sow tares into the harvest and go their way". The Chinese realised much later that the best defence against the enemy is not a fortified wall, but a fortified character. Thus, the building of human character comes before building of anything else*.

Prayer is not EVERYTHING! Build relationships, build your family and don't ever forget that God will always use man. Be mindful of your words and how you speak to people. Work seriously on your character and attitude towards life. I want to say emphatically that character_is_not_optional; it is sacrosanct to the future that God has planned for you and your home. No matter where you place prayers, character matters. *The greatest fraud in life is religion without character.* A man without character is recklessly alive.

William Shakespeare captured it succinctly when he said: *"The fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves." Peter Schutz, former chief executive officer of Porsche said: *"HIRE CHARACTER; TRAIN SKILLS*."

Lastly, back in the days when Germany was divided, a huge wall separated East and West Berlin. One day, some people in East Berlin took a truck load of garbage and dumped it on the West Berlin side. The people of West Berlin could have done the same thing, but they didn't. Instead they took a truck load of canned foods, bread, milk and other provisions, and neatly stacked it on the East Berlin side. On top of this stack they placed the sign: *"EACH GIVES WHAT HE HAS"* How very true! You can only give what you have.

Be sincere! What do you have inside of you? Is it hate or love? Violence or peace? Death or life? Capacity to build* or *capacity to destroy*? What have you acquired over the years? *Team spirit* or *pull down* architecture? *"EACH GIVES WHAT HE HAS"*

LAST WORD

It's all about you

Just this week, I was reading about the great, great grandson of the Queen's mother who is to be sentenced for sexual assault. He is aristocrat to the core and very young.

Then something struck me as my mind reflected on the report which included the story of his alcoholic father.

No I wasn't thinking about how position or privilege spoils people. It was something else that crossed my mind especially.

Spartacus died in 71 BC. You know him. Your children also know him.

In 500 years, people will still read about him. His story has been told and acted on the big screen. But, do you know his son? I bet you don't.

His son is not the one keeping his name alive. Spartacus kept his name alive by the way he lived.

Children, especially Sons, don't keep names alive. The life you are living will determine if your name should be included in history or not.

If you are still busy running around like a naked toddler, looking for a male child or pampering your kids so that they will keep your name alive, I just want to tell you that you are in another planet.

The reason we talk about some great names today is not because of their children especially, male children. Do you want to contest this?

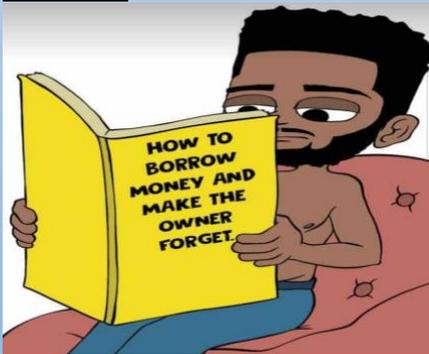
Please show me the son of William Shakespeare that is keeping his name alive.

You still have the pen in your hands to write your own story-

I need You to stand by me
GOD Without You I cannot stand alone.
 Because of You I am still breathing and without You am nothing.'
 Thank you God

"All Birds find shelter during rain. But Eagle avoids rain by flying above the Clouds. Problems are common, but attitude makes the difference!!"

CARTOON



The search for happiness has been important for thousands of years. The queen of Sheba travelled from her home to visit Solomon, because of his famed wisdom, which she observed produced 'happiness' among his subjects. I have also travelled widely and extensively. I love seeking to discover truth and have an insatiable appetite to understand how I tick and how I might realise my greatest potential. After many adventures in self-discovery, I find myself today content simply to acknowledge that I know God. I spend large amounts of time very happily on my own. But, in reality, I'm not alone. I meet God within all the daily routines of my existence. And where I fail to do so, it is merely that I've taken my eye off the Lord. Paul declares: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). The statement sounds stark. Is he wishing his life away? No. He's simply wrestling with the reality that his greatest happiness is in God. This is where we can all arrive, once we embrace the wisdom of God. Here alone can we find happiness, both inner contentment and our true purpose. It is a place I travelled along many roads to discover. It is a place I have resisted on many occasions. Yet now, it is a space that enfolds me with God's fullness, and I find I am enjoying the greatest contentment of my life so far. There is nothing in this world I will trade for this hard-won happiness. Life has many challenges, and one of the greatest is that restless call demanding that we find inner contentment and personal fulfilment. It may simply be that we need to refresh our gaze upon God, for God is the source of our happiness.

LAUGHTER'S THE BEST

DURING THE SHOOTING OF A MOVIE.

Director: Alright now you will stand here and we're going to open the cage for the Lion to come out, it will chase you but it won't bite you. It doesn't bite.

Jude: How sure are you?

.Director: That is how it is written in the script.

.Jude: Has the Lion read the script?



I Need Answer Please!

Which one is
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 (c) 0024. (d) 2044.

Please

Argue with Your brain

This is Jim Thorpe. Look closely at the photo, you can see that he's wearing different socks and shoes. This wasn't a fashion statement. It was the 1912 Olympics, and Jim, an American Indian from Oklahoma represented the U.S. in track and field. On the morning of his competitions, his shoes were stolen. Luckily, Jim ended up finding two shoes in a garbage can. That's the pair that he's wearing in the photo. But one of the shoes was too big, so he had to wear an extra sock. Wearing these shoes, Jim won two gold medals that day. This is a perfect reminder that you don't have to resign to the excuses that have held you back. So what if life hasn't been fair? What are you going to do about it today? Whatever you woke up with this morning; stolen shoes, ill health, failed relationships, failed business, don't let it stop you from running your race. You can experience more in life if you'll get over the excuses and get on with living. You can have reasons or you can have results...but you can't have both.



Prayer for the week ahead.

May God remove your pain, worries, and problems, and replace them with good health, happiness, and peace

May the Lord grant you the courage, strength and wisdom to confront and overcome any insurmountable giant of your life in the mighty name of Jesus Christ,

AMEN

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