

Important Things in Life

“Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.” - H. Jackson Brown, Jr. -

“What we get by achieving our goals is not as important as what we become by achieving our goals.”

- Henry David Thoreau -

“Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come.” - Robert H. Schuller -

September Birthdays

3 Wendy Cortes 15 Marcos Perales 30 Kurt Hoffman
11 Marie Burruss 16 Jim Burruss 30 Dortha Gentry

(Note: if anyone is “missed” here, let Jim know)

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Things we often “forget”...

Ten Principles of Daily Living

(email shared by David Welden)

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"

9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

There's Nothing to be Afraid of, David

By David A. Sargent

Solomon Rosenberg, his wife, his two sons, and his mother and father were arrested and placed in a Nazi concentration camp during the Holocaust of WWII. It was a labor camp and the rules were simple: As long as you can do your work, you are permitted to live. When you become too weak to do your work, then you will be exterminated.

Rosenberg watched his mother and father being marched off to their deaths when they became too weak to work. He knew that his youngest son, David, would be next because David had always been a frail child. Every evening when Rosenberg came back into the barracks after his hours of labor, he would search for the faces of his family. When he found them, they would huddle together, embrace one another, and thank God for another day of life.

One day Rosenberg came back, but he didn't see those familiar faces. He finally discovered his oldest son, Joshua, in a corner, huddled, weeping, and praying. He said, "Josh, tell me it's not true." Joshua turned and said, "It is true, Poppa. Today David was not strong enough to do his work, so they came for him." "But where is your mother?" asked Mr. Rosenberg. "Oh Poppa," he exclaimed. "When they came for David, he was afraid and he was crying. Momma said, 'There is nothing to be afraid of, David,' and then she took his hand and went with him."

There are few things as strong as the love of a mother for her children - a love so strong that it would choose to give up life so her child can be comforted.

The love of Mrs. Rosenberg pictures the sacrificial love Jesus has for us. In order to take away our fear of death, He went before us (Hebrews 2:14-15). He met death head on - in fact, He died for us, so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:10). Jesus was buried

but emerged from the grave victorious, so that we might have hope in the resurrection.

***"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ"***

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

The Power of Late Night Thoughts

By Maxie Boren

What we think at any time is important (Proverbs 23:7), but it seems to me that our late night thoughts are fraught with particular significance because they 'set our course' for the next day. If a person drifts off into sleep with prayerful thoughts about God and heaven, and serving the Lord, it cannot help but impact him for good come morning. But on the other hand, if one fills her head at late night with evil thoughts, it can only be productive of wicked pursuits in her daylight activities.

First, let us note the blessings of good late night thoughts: *"Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord"* (Psalm 4:4-5). Again, *"My soul shall be satisfied...when I remember thee upon my bed and meditate upon thee in the night watches"* (Psalm 63:5-6). Yes, *"The thoughts of the righteous are right..."* (Proverbs 12:5).

On the other hand, how spiritually destructive are the wrong kind of late night thoughts. Observe this warning from a prophet of old, *"Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it..."* (Micah 2:1). The wicked man *"deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good..."* (Psalm 36:4). No wonder the Bible tells us, *"the thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord"* (Proverbs 15:26).

The way we live our lives is determined by what we think. Solomon stated, that what one *"thinketh in his heart, so is he"* (Proverbs 23:7). Thus, we cannot over emphasize the importance of thinking good things, and especially at night upon our beds.