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Quotes

“Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars... Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” ~**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

“One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today.” ~**Dale Carnegie**

“I am convinced that material things can contribute a lot to making one’s life pleasant, but, basically, if you do not have very good friends and relatives who matter to you, life will be really empty and sad and material things cease to be important.” ~**David Rockefeller**

“When you really listen to another person from their point of view, and reflect back to them that understanding, it’s like giving them emotional oxygen.” ~**Stephen Covey**

As It Is Written



“He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness.” ~**John 8:12**

“The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure.” ~**Deut 28:12**

Editor’s Corner

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“I am the Vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.” **John 15:5**

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...And God Remembered

(It’s His time)

By **John Brown**

Gen 8:1 And **God remembered Noah**, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;



Gen 19:29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that **God remembered Abraham**, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

Gen 30:22 And **God remembered Rachel**, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

Ex 2:24 And God heard their groaning, and **God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.**

Ps 98:3 **He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:** all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

God never “forgets” His people, but being human as we are, we

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often don't have His heart in us to fulfill *our part* in His plan for the salvation of mankind. We must be tested so that all the world can see *His plan* for mankind.

1Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is faithful*, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape (*when it's His time*), that ye may be able to bear it.



2Cor 12:9, 10 And he said unto me, *My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness*. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

And by observing our overcoming (through suffering and deliverance from the consequences of sin) the world learns of our wondrous God and His plan of salvation for all of humanity.

Vessels

God used a raven, a bird considered unclean in Jewish culture, to feed the prophet Elijah during the famine. Nehemiah built the walls of Jerusalem with funds provided by a heathen king. **The point is:**

Sent in by Susan Thompson

don't limit God. Sometimes the people we normally shun are the very ones he uses to provide what we need, and by shutting them out we forfeit a blessing He has in mind for us. Be careful; your tendency to be picky can end up hurting you! The truth is, you can't avoid working with difficult people. God planned it that way. Why?

Because he wants you to grow in the midst of negativity without getting sucked into it. David developed the ability to work with people who are hard to get along with. It doesn't get much harder than working for a boss with an evil

spirit! At first David enjoyed King Saul's favor, but after he killed Goliath, Saul sought to kill him. Yet David never changed his strategy. He stayed in Saul's house because he knew his destiny was there. And because of the wisdom he exhibited, he ended up owning the place! **God's principles are timeless.** David didn't limit himself, and he didn't limit God. He understood that people fall into two categories: "vessels of honor and vessels of dishonor." And God uses both. Getting his eyes off people, and being neither impressed nor depressed by them, afforded David great opportunities because he freed others up to be used by God. So learn to get along with difficult people; your greatest challenge today may be the person who assists and blesses you tomorrow.

**T. D. Jakes
Before You Do**

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LEXOPHILIA

WHO ON EARTH DREAMS THESE UP?

- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a typo.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.



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