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Quotes

"I am no longer as inspired by expertise as I once was. Perhaps the worth of any lifetime is measured more in kindness than in competency."
--- Rachel Naomi Remen

Great minds are great for all time, not only for their own time. Truth does not change; only beliefs do."
--- Gertrude Himmelfarb

"Great music, like great art, and great thoughts are meant to be shared within the human condition. It is not about individual talent, all of it is a gift which enhances our mutual experience."

"The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money."
--- Bernard Meltzer

Pastors & Elders

Pastor: Wayne and Patty Mitchell
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Carlton & Judy Green
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Within every child is a unique flower bringing his or her special fragrance to the world.



I don't know why there is suffering, but I've never seen a strong person with an easy past. We don't grow from happiness. We grow from struggle. Why is it this way? I don't know. But we know that we can take our suffering and use it to grow.

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Living Waters

Isa:43:5a: Fear not, for I am with thee.

Psa:145:18a The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him."

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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West Valley Church of God -- "Come worship with us..."
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We meet at the Congregational Church of Northridge
9659 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91325

Saturday Service 10:30 A.M. - www.westvalleywvcg.org

Proverbs 27:7

Proverb:27:7: The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

"Brooklynese" or "Southern." The nasal tone or drawl just rubs off. The child picks it up. It is ingrained within him unconsciously.

This is an indication from Scripture that, when we are in the companionship and the fellowship of others, we tend to shape each other. We rub off on each other.

The same principle is at work in terms of character and personality. We rub off on each other. Are we rubbing off on each other for good, or are we rubbing off on each other for evil? Are we lifting one another up, or are we pulling one another down? We do not have to try consciously to do either. It will just happen. The world, largely, does not care how it rubs off on others - except that human nature wants people to think well of it, even while it is doing evil.

A clear illustration of this is our relationship with our children. When a child is born, he is not born with the inflections or the twangs of the area into which he is born. Nobody has to teach anybody how to speak

Upcoming Events

● **Bible Studies, Letters and other Events...see Weekly Bulletin and Bulletin Board.**

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But in our Christian fellowship, we have the responsibility before God to *work* to rub off on each other for good. As long as we are conducting ourselves aright, it will rub off in the right way. In other words, all we have to do is work on ourselves. If we work on ourselves, then the projection of the self, the spirit that will go out from us, will be right, and it will have the right kind of impact.

God intends that prayer be an act of a free moral agent who

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Proverbs 27:7 (cont.)

consciously chooses to fellowship with God for the development of their relationship and the completion of himself as an individual.

Do we realize that, when we pray, we are in the presence of God, and He has the opportunity to rub off on us? It seems so simple as to be almost unbelievable, but it is right. Some of His Spirit reaches out and begins to affect us for good. Prayer is a *major* tool in our spiritual development through God's rubbing off on us. All the while this is happening, our minds are being subtly shaped by Him because we are in His presence. ~~*From The Berean*

Sent in by John Brown

Vitamin F

Vitamin F Why do we have a variety of friends who are all so different in character? How do we get along with all of them? I think that each one helps bring out a "different" part of us. We joke with one friend. We sit and talk about serious matters with one. With another we laugh a lot. We listen to one friend's problems; then listen to another's advice for us. Our friends are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle – when completed they form a treasure box. A treasure of friends!! Doctors tell us friends are good for our health. Dr Oz calls them "Vitamin F" for friends and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our well being.

Sent in by Lil Dratler

Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes. If you take large doses of Vitamin F you can be up to 30 years younger than your real age! The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your most intense moments can decrease the chance of a cardiac arrest or stroke. Keep a good stock of Vitamin F in your life!! Value your friends and keep in touch with them. Try to see the funny side of things and laugh with them. Pray for them as we all go through tough times. Thank you for being part of my Vitamin F!

Loved

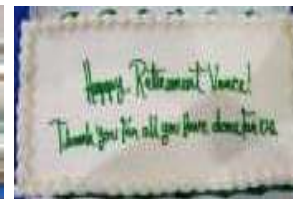
It is easy to forget that the Creator chose me to be part of His family. He tells me that it gives Him great pleasure to have me there!

Eph 1:4-5 NKJV 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

It is easy to forget that I am a child of the King – loved beyond measure. I make Him smile and He has inscribed my name on the palm of His hand. I can face anything if I keep these thoughts foremost in my mind.

Sent in by Lil Dratler

Retirements, Birthdays and Praises



Vance cuts Retirement Cake after many years service in the area of making sure all of our finances are in order, and our obligations met.

Thank You!

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Husband Marvin cuts Retirement Cake for Zola, after many years service in the area of food service, planning and preparation of so many delicious meals for all of us. She STARTED the idea of this service!



Two of our most elderly and beloved ladies recently had birthdays!! (We won't mention the exact number... because you never ask a lady about her age).

Congratulations!



Recent visitors enhancing our services were a Praise Team... including Redida Edwards, Linda Morgan, Celestine Olive, Laura Urista, and drummer Mitchell Vasseur, and our own Patty Mitchell, bringing sweet music to our ears. Special musical presentation by Bernice McDuffie was especially sweet! Visit again soon! *Thank You to All!*