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Quotes



"I believe that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another."
~ Thomas Jefferson

5%

of the people think

10%

of the people think they think

85%

would rather die than think
~ Thomas Edison

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"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Death is not the greatest loss in life. The greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live."
--- Norman Cousins

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Living Waters



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

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Editor's Corner

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The Vine

"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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One Thing

Scripture uses the expression "One Thing" 5 different times. Each time has a different meaning but they all point to Jesus Christ. In the movie "City Slickers", Jack Palance tells Billy Crystal to find the "one thing" that really matters in his life. He says it is different for each person. Looking at the Scriptures that use "one thing" you can learn very important lessons.

Psa 27:4 NKJV 4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the

days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

David focused on the desire to be with the Lord. He really wanted a relationship with the Lord.

Mar 10:21 NKJV 21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

Upcoming Events

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

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus was asked "who is my neighbor?" The better question is "to whom can I be a neighbor?" In the "one thing" in Mark it is concern for others and following Christ

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Luk 10:42 NKJV 42 "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

In Luke, Mary wanted to hear the words of Jesus. How much do we want to know the words

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One Thing (cont.)

of our Lord? It is the "one thing" in our life?

Jhn 9:25 NKJV 25 He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

In John, blindness is removed and this man could actually see the Lord. Have we had the blinders removed? Do we truly see how great our God is?

Phl 3:13 NKJV 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

In these troubled times we need to focus on the "one thing" that will get us through – a personal and intimate walk with the Lord.

Great 3:16's

Sent in by Lil Dratler

Everyone knows John3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Have you ever looked at the other 3:16's in the New Testament? In them you can find the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit strengthening us, God's imbedded Word, the all encompassing peace of God, the uniqueness of Christ, the

power of love and an admonishment about the danger of lukewarm love. It is amazing how following a thread such as 3:16 can open so many concepts about our loving Father.

Lk 3:16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

The Spirit of God dwells in you

Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2Th 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.

1Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

1Jo 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life

for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Rev 3:16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Walk With God

This is from my Billy Graham daily devotional:

Ps 101:6 My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with Me.

Walk with God as Noah did; when the flood came, Noah was saved amidst the scorn and rejection of his neighbors. Walk

called to rule his people he was prepared for the task of kingship.

Walk with God as Daniel and his three young friends did in the palace of Babylon's king; when the fiery furnace and the lion's den came, God was beside them and delivered them.

No, God didn't always deliver his saints from adversity or even death, nor does He today. But because they had learned to trust Him in the light, they were prepared to follow Him in the darkness.

God has not promised to deliver us from trouble, but He



with God as Moses did in the solitude of the desert; when the hour of judgment fell upon Egypt, Moses was prepared to lead his people to victory.

Walk with God as David did as a shepherd boy; when he was

has promised to go with us through the trouble. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me". Ps23:4

Sent in by Susan Thompson