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Quotes



"Discipline is just doing the same thing the right way whether anyone's watching or not."
~Michael J. Fox

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

~William Arthur Ward

Pastors & Elders

Pastor: Wayne and Patty Mitchell
West Valley Elders
Carlton & Judy Green

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"You wouldn't worry about what others think of you if you realized how seldom they do."
Eleanor Roosevelt

"You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read."



Living Waters

Psalms:25:9: The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

M't:6:6: ...thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Eph:2:19: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

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..."
Submissions: TheVineEditor@aol.com
We meet at the Congregational Church of Northridge
9659 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91325
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Company

Sent in by Lil Dratler

This is from the book "Devotions for Women on the Go" by Stephen Arterburn and Pam Farrel.

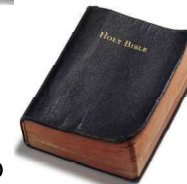
You are known by the company you keep –



George Washington – "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

John Quincy Adams – "So great is my veneration of

the Bible, that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens and respectable members of society."



Charles Dickens – "The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world."

Upcoming Events

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

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Andrew Jackson – "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests."

Abraham Lincoln – "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book."

Woodrow Wilson – "I ask every man and woman in this audience that from this day on they will realize that part of the destiny of

"Company" (cont.)

America lies in their daily perusal of this great Book."

Douglas MacArthur – "Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed."

Herbert Hoover – "The whole of the inspiration of our civilization springs from the teachings of Christ and the lessons of the Prophets. To read the Bible for these fundamentals is a necessity of American life."

Dwight D Eisenhower – "To read the Bible is to take a trip to a fair land where the spirit is strengthened and faith renewed."

Your daily reading of the Bible puts you in the super-leader league – good company!!

Excerpts

Proverb:12:25: Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad.

Proverb:12:18: There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

Proverb:13:3: He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.



Proverb:13:12: Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Proverb:14:10: The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

Proverb:14:29: He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

Image

God is very concerned about the image that his children project, and this is called in the Bible "our witness." If we really are worshiping Him, we will be strongly motivated to be like him, because we love him, because we respect Him, and we want to live like, to dress like, to entertain like, to speak like, to act like; to do everything in the image of this One that we admire and respect.

In this case that is exactly what our God wants. This is why He wants us to study His word so deeply and so often. He wants us to get as much an impression in our minds of what He is like as we possibly can, because it will profoundly affect what we do with our life; if we believe him, that is.

From an article "The nature of "the God family". John Ritenbaugh

Sent in by John Brown

Purpose

This is from my Billy Graham devotional:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

There will always be secrets and motives of God that lie beyond our grasp. God knows everything; we do not. As Paul said, "Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known" (1 Cor. 13:12).

But based upon what we do know about God's character, demonstrated supremely in the cross, we can trust that God is doing what is best for us. God says in his word, "**I know the plans I have for you... Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future**" Jeremiah 29:11.

As Corrie ten Boom once explained, "Picture a piece of embroidery placed between you and God, with the right side up toward God. Man sees the loose, frayed ends; but God sees the pattern."

God is in control. Whatever comes into our lives, we can confidently say, "We know

that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Sent in by Susan Thompson

Lessons

One day I got a dog. This is what he taught me — that it is possible to love extravagantly without limit; that there is value in total trust; that there are expectations, rewards and joy in every day; that to the heart, play is as important as forgiveness; that no wrongs are everlasting. He was not interested in hiding his feelings, but was completely open and transparent at all times, seeking the same. He never let a grudge poison his heart, and was not willing to wait *endlessly* for what he hoped for today; that

loyalty is bound to integrity; that he was at times imperfect yet remained undiminished. He fearlessly sought resolution of any conflict, and expected nothing less. "Fortitude" was his middle name. He was the perfect friend.

~~~ Sharon Mills

