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HOW DEEP ARE YOUR ROOTS?

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Vicar's three minute reflection YOUR ROOTS FOR DAILY LIFE



Ever since Alex Haley's novel, *Roots*, hit the bookstands in the mid-70s, there has been an increasing number of people interested in their heritage. Many people buy computers and get on the internet primarily to keep track of their family tree.

Finding our roots, unveiling the people of our past, is a process that helps us discover who we are by looking at where we came from. But it's only the beginning. Even more telling is the question of where we have set our roots for daily LIFE. What motivates our day-to-day existence? Or I could put the question to you in this way, "What's the biggest thing in your LIFE?" What's most important to you?

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Some might answer, "My home and family, everything revolves around them." Or someone else, "My country, first, last and always." Some might even say, "My work, my work means everything to me; without that, I'd be lost." Others might answer, "My youth. The important thing in my LIFE right now is the fact that I'm young." Many would simply reply, "Health and happiness." Don't we say, "If you've got your health, you've got just about everything?" And we all want to be happy.

These are certainly important facts of LIFE, the foliage which enhances our daily living. Then we must ask, "What if these things go?" What happens when your home or your family is crushed by news of a fatal illness or shattered by the death of a loved one? What if you lose your job? Or if your income no longer pays the bills? What if you wake up one day and realize that you're not just getting older but that you're getting old!" For our youth goes, too. The springtime of LIFE so quickly turns to autumn, and then to winter.

In a society that idolizes youth, it's tough to accept the fact that our youth is literally passing away. As for health and happiness, there may be some reading this piece whose health is



gone; some of you are looking for healing, or bearing a burden too heavy to bear, so you are looking for a word of encouragement. For others, an increasing number of problems have cast a pall over your LIFE, and you wish that someone would listen to you and try to understand. You are not very happy and you're not so sure you ever will be again. LIFE is so uncertain.

In his book, *Man's Search for Meaning*, Dr. Victor Frankl, a Jewish psychiatrist, tells how he survived three unimaginably grim years in Nazi concentration camps. His wife, his brother, his mother and father, all were killed in similar camps. He, himself, was stripped of all his possessions—his clothing, watch, rings, even his glasses. Then they shaved all the hair off his body and he was utterly naked. Now, you see, the question he had to face was, "Does my LIFE have any meaning now?" Family gone; all possessions gone; position in the community, gone; all dignity, gone; possessing only what he called, "My ridiculously naked LIFE." He asked: Now does my being have roots? Is there any reason to continue living?

Yes. There is. If Jesus is your Redeemer, even when you lose all material things, you have everything because you have Him. Death does not touch Him. Demons have no power on Him. Principalities are powerless around Him. The future is not in contest because He has the future in His hands. And if you are within the warm embrace of His love, you will have His peace which enables you to smile at the storms. Paul was so excited about this fact that he burst out in Romans 8:31-39 saying "Who will separate us from..." Dele Agbelusi

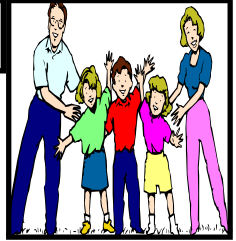
Memory Verse

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead.

Philippians 3: 12-13



THE BEST PRESENT TO GIVE YOUR SPOUSE



A man in Dallas says his grandfather used to whisper this into the ears of brides and grooms: "Marriage is like a hot bath. Once you get in it, and used to it, it's not so hot anymore." Indeed, one thing you can count on in marriage, is that between kids and careers and the junk that clutters the days, it's hard to sustain hotness and bliss.

After speaking to many men and women in various stages of relationships, from newlywed to affairs to golden anniversaries, I can tell you that partners who are hugged and kissed and hear "I love you" behave better. There's real power in a soft and unexpected brush of the lips on the forehead of your husband at the dinner table. What wife doesn't want to be told she looks beautiful?

Many people shared in interviews, with wrenching remorse that they could have saved their marriages by simply paying more attention to the person who slept next to them, night after night. We shop for roses and clothes, jewellery and hearts for husbands and wives on Valentine's Day. Yet the euphoria of opening a small box and unveiling something spangly and expensive is fleeting. Consistently loving behaviour, exhibited when you wake up day after day, is the real prescription for the ongoing health of a marriage, more than any diamond or Italian suit.

We love our children wholly and unconditionally, showering them with emotional and physical affection. Overscheduled and overwhelmed, too often we forget to love— even forget to talk to— the most important person in our life, the man or woman who gave us those kids, the foundation of family and dreams for the future. Marriage needs to be fussed over or else it will break. Intimacy takes work. One woman said that her husband was never the kind of guy who sent surprise bouquets. But he was someone who said, "I love you" every day. There are some couples who don't even know what the other person has done in the past week.

The Best Present to give your Spouse

They literally say good morning and good night and that's it. This is a disaster waiting to happen to the relationship. It helps to ask your spouses about their day at work or school or the house. Court them, compliment them, and seduce them. No touching is bad news.

If the sexual life is freezing up, draw up a time table—times when you can be on your own uninterrupted.

And how do the children feature in this conundrum? Do parenting together. It adds to the fun of marital bonding. In an ideal world, people would agree on and develop a parenting philosophy and style long before they had children. In reality, however, most of us don't know what we're in for, and tend to react to situations as they occur. Be proactive, Even if you lead parallel lives, you can maintain the same vision and be part of the same team." Ensure that you schedule time for family fun and meetings—devoting time to your family might mean postponing some personal gratification. It might mean saying no a lot more often than you'd like. It might even mean turning down volunteer opportunities, until the kids are old enough to participate .

And keep in mind that it's the "You're-an-adult, get-up-and-go-get-it-yourself" syndrome that kills good feelings between marital partners. Remember that there are many people out there, in addition to you, who have responsibility to love and nurture children (parents, teachers, friends, music teachers, coaches...). But oftentimes, your partner has no one but you to nurture their simple acts of kindness! And, if you are too preoccupied with "taking care of children" or the "family finances" that you have very little time for each other, it won't be too long before there is an affair - or, at the least, extreme loneliness.

Finally, do not keep Jesus, your greatest Lover out of your marital bliss or woes. Talk to Him and listen to Him. He is one Friend you can always count on. He gives life to the fullest even in a marital situation. Why? He invented it.

D.A.

YOU THINK...GOD SAYS...

We think: "It's impossible" ,

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

We think: "I'm too tired",

God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)

We think: "Nobody really loves me",

God says: I love you (John 3:16)

We think: "I can't go on",

God says: My grace is sufficient (II Corinthians 12:9)

We think: "I can't figure things out",

God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

We think: "I can't do it",

God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)

We think: "It's not worth it",

God says: It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

We think: "I can't forgive myself",

God says: I forgive you (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

We think: "I can't manage",

God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)

We think: "I'm afraid",

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)

We think: "I'm always worried and frustrated",

God says: Cast all your cares on Me (I Peter 5:7)

We think: "I don't have enough faith",

God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

We think: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)

These are God's promises. Do you believe them? Then why are you still cutting corners? Why do you still go to pieces when life is difficult? Live with integrity. Deal with adversity with trust. Always ask, What would Jesus do? And the answer is, Jesus would trust God.

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NOTICES

YOUTH WORKER

The church is looking for a Christian youth worker who loves the Lord passionately and is able to work with the church's team to develop our Youth and Community ministry. The applicant is expected to put in up to 17 hours a week, Sundays inclusive. Please contact the vicar for more information on 020 8340 1566.

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday, 24th September 2006  
**Harvest Festival at 10.30am**

Sunday, 29th October, 2006  
**Confirmation Service at 5pm**

## **AUTUMN ALPHA COURSE**

Please give your names to the Vicar if you are intending to participate in the Alpha programme commencing October. If you have not attended any before, it will be helpful to join this one. You are encouraged to come with your friends.

## **THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

This month we pray for members of our church family whose surnames begin with H, J, K, L

Haggerty Mark & Funmi; Hawthorne Giles; Haynes Katherine; Horton Betty; Horton Rosemary; Hunt Ruth; Jackson Elizabeth; Jenks Anthony; Jordan Carron; Joseph Etwyn; Kafta Lillian; Kasozi Rose; Kirsakye Sydney and Bernadette; Kovar Jan and Elizabeth; Lalobo Caesar; Lawson Eddie; Lebaigue Danny, Lebon Brian, Lester Eve; Lines Florence; Liscott Peter; Lukomona Desiree.

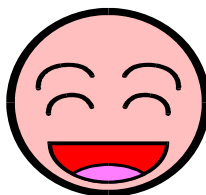
## A DIET FOR LOSERS

If you are interested in losing weight, I present to you the incredible new "Loser's Diet." Just follow this diet and you are sure to lose.

For Breakfast take: 1/2 grapefruit , 1 slice whole wheat toast , 100ml. skim milk

For Lunch: 4 oz. lean broiled chicken breast , 1 cup steamed zucchini, 8 large pieces of potatoes , 1 Oreo cookie , Herb tea

For Mid-Afternoon Snack: Rest of the package of Oreos, 8 scoops of ice cream on assorted fruits, 1 jar hot fudge



For Dinner : 2 loaves garlic bread , Large pepperoni and mushroom pizza , Large pitcher of root beer, 2 Snickers bars , Entire frozen cheesecake, eaten directly from freezer

Diet Tips: If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories. If you drink a diet coke or pepsi with a candy bar, they cancel each other out. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat. Food used for medical purposes never counts, such as: hot chocolate, toast, and cheesecake.

If you fatten up everyone else around you, then you look thinner. Movie-related foods don't count because they are simply part of the entire entertainment experience and not a part of one's personal fuel. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breakage causes calorie leakage.

This diet sounds a lot like how some people try to live the Christian life, doesn't it? We start off great in the morning—maybe even with a little Bible reading and prayer. But then things start to disintegrate and by the end of the day, we discover that we have blown it big time. We rationalize our behaviour with statements like "Well, if no one sees me sin, then it's really no big deal." Or, "If I sin with my friends then it's okay, because everyone is doing it."

That kind of Christianity, of course, is just as ridiculous as the "diet for losers."

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## IT'S THE ROOT THAT COUNTS

One day a little boy named Julian fell down while chasing butterflies in a field of tall grass. Soon afterward, the boy's left eye started hurting, so he was taken to a doctor. The doctor couldn't find the source of the irritation, so he just gave the boy some ointment and sent him home.

Eventually Julian's eye problem went away. About a year later, though, the boy started complaining of cloudy vision. His parents took him to an eye specialist, who was stunned by what he discovered.

Apparently when Julian had fallen a year earlier, a tiny grass seed had implanted itself in his cornea. Slowly the seed had grown and had actually sprouted two little leaves in Julian's eye. The seed had to be removed immediately in order to save the boy's vision.

Sometimes when we fall into sin, we tell ourselves things like, "That didn't hurt."

But sin has a way of implanting itself into our hearts and growing into something that can do permanent damage to our souls. Sin can blur our vision and cause us to take our eyes off Christ. Satan wouldn't have it any other way.

Have you allowed sin to take root in your life? Is your vision blurred? Unless the root of sin is surgically removed, it will destroy you and your relationship with God. The removal can't be done with ointment. Only Jesus can get rid of your sin. That's why he went to the cross.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

## PARENTING CAN BE FUN

Once we asked the kids to compile a list of the things we most often said to them. This is what they wrote:

- I'm not talking just to hear my jaws flap.
- You just ate.
- It'll be good for you.
- Sit back and buckle up.
- Not another word. • I had to walk five miles to school and five miles home and it was uphill both ways.
- Don't touch each other.
- There are starving people in Africa. • Don't you look at me like that. • I'll give you something to cry about.
- Ask your mother. • Ask your father.
- That drives me nuts. • Do you want to live to see your next birthday? • If you pick at it--it won't heal.

Then there are the mixed messages like:

- Shut your mouth and eat.
- Hurry up and don't run.
- Don't be smart.

Has formulating this list caused us to stop saying these things? Of course not. But at least laughing together about them makes it slightly less nausea-provoking to the kids when they're repeated for the eight-zillionth time.

There's no place in parenting for "jokes" that ridicule or put down children. But all kinds of room exists for humour that replaces sarcasm, or diffuses genuine fury. There are days with Heidi and Nathan, when, listening to songs about how sweet children are (even ours!), I wish the tape would self-destruct. On one really rough day I told the kids, "Here's a parenting song I'd like to write: 'I've got bald spots on my head, from tearin' my hair out over yew-w-w-w-w.'" "

Humour is the spoonful of sugar that makes the medicine of all our serious parenting efforts more palatable to children.

Steve and Annie Chapman

## FAMILY CRACKERS

### FAMILY VACATION

It was a typical vacation. The kids were complaining, fighting, and whining. Dad was holding his own until his burning fuse finally hit dry powder. He was tired of having his seat kicked by these cranky kids who were ruining his time away from work. The car pulled to a screeching stop, and the father pulled out his two delinquent sons for their woodshed experience. As he shoved them back in the car he warned them that they better not make a sound for the next thirty minutes. From their back seat cellblock the boys got the message and remained quiet. After thirty minutes had passed, one boy asked if was all right to talk now. The father sternly replied, "Yes. What do you want to say?" The little boy started, "Well, when you spanked us back there, my shoe fell off, and we left it in the road."

- Parenting Isn't for Cowards, James Dobson, 1987,

### FATHERLY EXAMPLE

A father was riding his son for not measuring up to his expectations. After a few choice words the elder said, "Frankly, I'm just ashamed of you. You still don't have a job. When George Washington was your age he was working hard as a surveyor in the wilderness." The boy quickly fired an arrow back: "That's true, and when he was your age he was President of the United States."

- Saturday Evening Post, Nov./Dec. 1992, p. 35

### NOTHING SIR

Daniel Webster was a great orator with a quick mind. In his early years, Webster's father left specific instructions for Daniel and his brother Ezekiel. When the elder Webster returned from a trip, the job was still unfinished. He questioned his boys about their slothfulness. "What have you been doing, Ezekiel?" "Nothing, sir," was his son's reply. The father turned to his other boy and asked, "Well, Daniel, what have you been doing?" Webster answered, "Helping Zeke, sir."

Stories for preachers

## 10 -MINUTE BIBLE STUDY ON JAMES 2

James clearly shows that true faith will be seen in action; in our acts of mercy to the helpless, in the use of our tongues, and in our willingness not to be tainted by the world, which comes in chapters 4-5. In 2:14-26, James issues us with a direct challenge. He asks you and me: Is your faith dead or alive? Are you authentic or a phoney?

James is in no way contradicting the apostle Paul here. Paul was writing to people who were thinking they could work their way to heaven. So Paul says: 'The only way you can be saved is by trusting what Jesus has done for you. You cannot get to heaven by the good things you do.' James writes for people who say: 'Yes, I have faith, I trust in what Jesus has done. I can just put my feet up and enjoy the journey.' To them James says: 'If you really believe, then your belief will be seen in the way you act. You cannot be saved by simply saying you believe.' That's the emphases of the two writers. There is no contradiction between James and Paul.

**So, what is dead faith? It is all mouth but no action.**

Verse 14: If you truly follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour then you will live his way. To make his point James gives an example of dead faith, the sort of belief which does not act and shows itself to be false. Verse 15: 'Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes... Now James here is talking about the armchair Christian. Think of the armchair cricketer who knows all the rules, and criticizes the umpire when he's made a bad decision, or berates the batsman for getting caught out, and yet put this armchair fan on a cricket pitch and they'd be hopeless. They sound very impressive, and yet they are all mouth and no action. And James says in the world of faith, it is very dangerous to be an armchair Christian. James' illustration is very biting. Because he's not talking about people who live on the streets who we see in the centre of London. He's talking about people in the church who are in great trouble- these people are spiritual brothers or sisters. This armchair Christian simply sees this person in trouble and says: 'Oh well. Don't worry. I'll pray for you.' And then he sends them on their way, (contd on page 13)

## 10 -MINUTE BIBLE STUDY ON JAMES 2

with not a hint of willingness of getting involved. They don't want to be troubled. That's dead faith.

### **2) Living Faith is about Costly Sacrifice (Vv 20-24)**

Verse 20: 'You foolish man! Do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?' And for an example he gives us Abraham. Abraham showed his trust in God by living God's way and obeying him. In Genesis 22, the sacrifice of Isaac his only son, or the near sacrifice, as God stopped Abraham just as the knife was falling, is the highpoint of Abraham's walk of faith. He trusted in God and was willing to sacrifice Isaac, because he knew, as Hebrews tells us, that God could raise Isaac from the dead. It was faith in action.

### **3) Living Faith is about Courageous Service (Vv 25-26)**

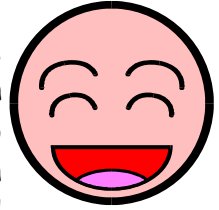
But then finally, James tells us another mark of living faith in verses 25-26 and that is courageous service. Verse 25: 'In the same way, was not the prostitute Rahab considered righteous for what she did... Now of course we might be tempted to think, why on earth has James chosen Rahab as an example of faith. After all, you cannot get a lower example- she was a prostitute and she was a pagan, not a Jew. If she can have faith in God which is seen in action, then anybody can (You'll find the whole story in Joshua 2.) And so James concludes this passage in verse 26: 'As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.' Rahab showed her faith by courageous service. Is that what marks you as a Christian? Someone whose Christian life is one of courageous service, who is willing to put reputation, money and even life on the line for the sake of the faith you believe in? It may sound a tall order, but as Rahab discovered there is only one God worth serving. Let Rahab be an example to us today- the pagan prostitute who put her money where her mouth was, spiritually speaking. That is the mark of living faith- courageous service.

Above all let's remember today that we should not simply hear the word, and so deceive ourselves, we should do what it says.

# LAUGHTER LINES

## What's He Going to Become?

An older couple had a son, who was still living with them. The parents were a little worried, as the son was still unable to decide about his future career. So they decided to do a small test. They put a note on the front hall table saying they had gone out. Around the note they put a ten-dollar bill, a Bible, and a bottle of whiskey. Then they hid, pretending they were not at home.



The father told his wife, "If our son takes the money, he will be a businessman, if he takes the Bible, he will be a pastor, but if he takes the bottle of whiskey, I'm afraid our son will be a no-good drunkard."

So the parents hid in the nearby closet and waited nervously. Peeping through the keyhole they saw their son arrive. The son read the note that they had left. Then he took the ten-dollar bill, looked at it against the light, and slid it in his pocket. After that, he took the Bible, flipped through it, and put it under his arm. Finally, he grabbed the bottle, opened it, and took an appreciative whiff to be assured of the quality. Then he left for his room, carrying all three items.

The father slapped his forehead and said: "This is worse than I could ever have imagined!" "What?" asked the wife.

"Our son is going to be a politician!"

Sheep Laughs Christian Comedy

## Every Day is a Celebration

Passing by a table in a local restaurant, I noticed a gentleman who was to be celebrating his 100th birthday the following week eating with some of his family. I stopped and said to him, "you're out celebrating a little early, aren't you?" He looked at me and asserted, "At my age, son, every day is a celebration!"

Dan Soman, Livingston, WI. Christian Reader, "Lite Fare."

# LAUGHTER LINES

## Not Clear On The Concept

A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his attractive but dim female neighbour came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. She opened it, then, finding nothing in it, slammed it shut and stormed back into the house.

A little later she came out of her house again went to the mailbox and again opened it, and again slammed it shut. Angrily, back into the house she went. As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, here she came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever.

Puzzled by her actions the man asked her, "Is something wrong?" To which she replied, "There certainly is! My stupid computer keeps saying, 'YOU'VE GOT MAIL.'"

Sheep Laughs Christian Comedy

## Be Careful What You Ask For ...

A husband was in big trouble when he forgot his 25th wedding anniversary. His wife told him "Tomorrow there better be something in the driveway for me that goes from 0 to 200 in 2 seconds flat..."

The next morning the wife found a small package in the driveway. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Funeral arrangements for the husband have been set...

From "Christian laughing zone"

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## A DIET FOR LOSERS

When we commit ourselves to Christ, we commit ourselves to following Jesus over the long haul. As Paul wrote in Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Paul not only started well, but he ended well. He didn't give up every time the going got a little rough. He didn't try to change the rules. Instead, he hung in there and finished the race. So can you.

Adapted from Youth specialties Inc

# CROSSWORD - BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

## ACROSS

- 1- Written to young leader at Ephesus
- 3- Jesus' brother who warns about false teacher
- 6- Reminds that faith is key to eternity
- 9-This gospel focuses on Jesus' ministry
- 11- Book of symbols and imagery
- 12-Both tell of Christ's suffering and return
- 14-Account of church beginnings
- 17-Offer reassurances of Christ's return
- 18-Written and named after Jesus' other brother
- 19-About the life and work of Jesus
- 20-Reminds that true joy comes from Christ

## DOWN

- 2- Paul's letter to this church leader on Crete
- 3- Only book with three in its series
- 4-Written by a doctor
- 5-First book
- 7-Describes church as body of Christ
- 8-Opposes false gods in Corinth
- 10-Opposes salvation under Jewish law
- 13-Written by Paul about God's righteousness
- 15-About Paul's persuasion for forgiveness
- 16-Reminds that Jesus rules over all

**Answers on page 18**



## “HEP BADDY”

The weather was perfect—a day made for raking leaves. With his trusty rake, the man began gathering the leaves into tidy piles. Once they were in piles, he planned to bag and haul them to the kerb. He figured he could get the job done in about an hour.

Just as the man finished his third pile, his two-year-old son Justin came charging out of the house. The excited boy was shouting, “Hep baddy! Hep baddy!” at the top of his lungs. Holding a small plastic rake, he ran toward his baddy to hep rake up the leaves.



Justin’s father was excited about his son’s enthusiasm, but he knew the little guy probably wouldn’t be much hep. Still, he smiled at his son and said, “Why, thank you, Justin! I really do need your help!”

As the man began raking a fourth pile, he noticed Justin working on pile number three. The little boy swung his rake vigorously at the leaves, sending them flying everywhere. All the while he repeated the words, “Hep baddy! Hep baddy!”

Justin’s father grinned as his son tried to copy his raking motions. He finished the fourth pile and went back to the third to try to straighten up the scattered leaves. Just as he was almost finished, Justin threw down his rake and jumped in the middle of the pile, still shouting, “Hep baddy! Hey baddy!” He buried himself in the pile, laughing and kicking his legs, scattering leaves everywhere.

This went on for several hours. The man would rake a pile and the boy would mess it up. When it came time to put the leaves into bags, Justin wanted to help with that, too. Again his father graciously allowed him to participate, even though the job could have been completed a whole lot quicker—and certainly a whole lot better—if the father had done it himself.

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## “Hep Baddy”

(from page 17)

Unfortunately some dads don't realize that bonding time with a child is more important than a great-looking lawn. They don't understand that it's more important to give a youngster a sense of importance and accomplishment than it is to complete a job early enough to catch the afternoon football game on TV.

Our heavenly Father doesn't need our help, but he loves us deeply. Certainly he's capable of getting things done in the world much faster and better than we can. However, he graciously allows us to be part of the process. He invites us to “hep baddy” by throwing ourselves into ministry and service to him. Even though we are apt to make a giant mess of things, he urges us on.

Remember Moses? God certainly could have rescued the Hebrew children without Moses' help. But God used Moses and assured him, “I will be with you” (Exodus 3:12)—and he most definitely was.

### Solution to Crossword on page 16

#### **ACROSS**

1– Timothy; 3–Jude; 6–Hebrews; 9–Mark; 11–Revelation;  
12– Peter; 14–Acts; 17–Thessalonians; 18–James; 19–John;  
20–Philippians.

#### **DOWN**

2–Titus; 3–John; 4–Luke; 5–Matthew; 7–Ephesians;  
8–Corinthians; 10–Galatians; 13–Romans; 15–Philemon;  
16–Colossians.

Those who see God's hand in everything  
can leave everything in God's hands.

## HOW SINCERE ARE YOU ?

Dearly Beloved,

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1Thess. 5:18. We are not commanded to give thanks for circumstances like: thank God I was shot, or thank God I am sick, etc; rather, we are to give thanks in all circumstances like: thank you Lord for protecting my life when I was shot, or thank you Lord for being by my bedside in my sickness and how you are teaching me to trust you more. To be genuinely thankful, one must state clearly what he/she is thankful for and why you are thankful for that particular situation. For example: Lord, I thank you for my job that through it you provide food for me and enable me to pay my bills. I thank you also for the opportunity to represent you before my colleagues at work. Giving thanks to God in this way for several things will take quite sometime. This is not what many of us in this jet age do. We bundle all things together and simply say, "thank you Lord for your many blessings to us." This is not genuine thankfulness. God deserves more than that. Would you begin right now to thank God for something specific and tell Him why you are thankful?

Sunday Bwanhot

### Extracts from Rick Warren's Bible Study Methods

One day a man asked me, "What is the best translation? (He was referring to the best Bible version). I answered "The best translation is when you translate the word of God into your daily life"

He said, "But I've got my Living Bible." (He still didn't get the picture).

I replied, "You ought to be a living bible! The word made fresh ought to be visible in your life."

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A man saw his neighbour coming out of church on Sunday morning. He asked the churchgoer, "The sermon done?" The neighbour wisely replied, "No, it was preached, but it has yet to be done."

submitted by Harold Randall

Motto /Text for the year  
"I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES  
ME STRENGTH" *PHIL. 4:13*

### FINDING OUT ABOUT ...CHRIST CHURCH?

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We are a family of men and women, boys and girls who are trying to live for God in a world that has largely chosen to ignore Him.

We believe that it is God's world and that He has given the answer to all human problems in Jesus Christ.

As a body of believers, we offer to all who come regular opportunities for worship and service that point the way to God as our strongest resources in all aspects of life.

We will be pleased to welcome you to any of our activities. You will find a warm welcome at Christ Church.

#### Times of worship and fellowship are shown below:

**Sunday** - **8.00am.** Holy Communion ( Book of Common Prayer)  
- **10.30am.** Main service with Crèche facilities

There is family/parade service once every month– usually the third Sunday of the month unless otherwise indicated.

- **6.00pm.** Evening worship

#### ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK - on recess till week of September 4

Monday - Baby n' Toddler Group (**10.00 am to 12 noon**) -Term time only  
- Brownies meeting in Church (**5.30 pm**)  
- Prayer meetings 17th July, 4th September (**8pm**)

Wednesday - Bible Fellowship in the Hall (**7:30pm**)

Friday Home Group at Flat 10, 3 Waverley Road, N8 (**2.30 pm**)  
- Scouts meeting in church and hall (**6.00 pm**)

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