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A person's heart should be so hidden in Christ
that a man should have to seek Him first to find them.

*W*hen I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean living.
I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.

*W*hen I say 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

*W*hen I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

*W*hen I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

*W*hen I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

*W*hen I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

*W*hen I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow.

*B*e Blessed, Be a Blessing.

Shared Thoughts from Lila Briggs . . .

Had a scripture this morning, Ephesians 6 (below), that I was pondering and then someone sent me this on email and I decided I needed to share this along with the scripture.

My reminder came from both. It made me think that when I dress each morning do I put on the armor God has given me to keep me safe from Satan and his demons during this day? If not I am not fully dressed and I open myself to all sorts of things, none of which I will like. Since I am not fighting an earthly foe but a spiritual one, I need the special armor that only God provides.

I can't do this without Him. When I saw the above, I am reminded of what I have as a child of God. A Christian, not just in name but as a true daughter of His, with Jesus as my brother, with all that means for me. An Amazing thought!!!

*"Finally, brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the
heavenly places ...therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand
in the evil day and have done all, to stand.
Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of
righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace,
above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of
the wicked one.
And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,
praying always with all prayer and supplication for all, being watchful to this end with all
perseverance and supplication for all the saints....."
(Ephesians 6:10-18)*

May your day be blessed, it is a beautiful day that the Lord has given us, may we rejoice and give thanks for it. - Lila

He Giveth More

by Annie Johnson Flint

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
to added affliction, He addeth His mercy,
to multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
when our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
when we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men:
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness..."
(2 Corinthians 12:9)*

*"In You O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed, deliver me in Your
righteousness, bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily: Be my rock of refuge,
a fortress of defense to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress: therefore, for
Your name's sake, lead me and guide me. Pull me out of the net which they have
secretly laid for me, for You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit:
You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth."
(Psalm 31:1-5)*

May our day be one free of stress and concern as we cast all of our
burdens and concerns on Him and trust Him to help and guide us all
day long! - Lila

A TANDEM RIDE WITH GOD

(Author Unknown)

I used to think of God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there, sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I didn't really know Him.

But later on, when I met Jesus, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Jesus was in the back helping me pedal. I didn't know just when it was He suggested we change, but life has not been the same since I took the back-seat to Jesus, my Lord. He makes life exciting. When I had control, I thought I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points.

But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places and at break-through speeds; it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it often looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!" I was worried and anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into adventure. And when I'd say, "I'm scared", He'd lean back and touch my hand.

He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, our journey, my Lord's and mine. And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it, but He knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus.

And when I'm sure I just can't do any more,
He just smiles and says...
"Pedal."

From Stormie Omartian

We will never really understand our true identity unless we can forever settle in our hearts that we are true sons and daughters of God. Once we accept this and come to know God as our heavenly Father, our lives will change.

We begin to take on a family resemblance—having our Father’s eyes, heart, and mind.

For today’s Bible study, open your Bibles and read:

✚ John 1:12

✚ Luke 11:13 and

✚ Luke 12:31-32.

Then, write out a prayer of praise, thanking God for taking you in as His beloved child.

In the Kitchen

Oh my word... I've been looking for a good pork chop recipe & this looks AMAZING! Crunchy honey garlic pork chops/ I would try this with boneless chicken too!

Crunchy Honey Garlic Pork Chops

Ingredients:

6-9 pork chops (not too thick, you

can use boneless pork loin)

2 eggs

4 Tbs water

2 cups flour

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. black pepper

1 tsp. garlic powder

Canola or vegetable oil for frying
chops



Glaze:

- 1 1/2 cups honey
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. ginger dash of cayenne pepper (to your taste)
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 Tbs chopped garlic
- 2 Tbs butter

Directions:

Whisk the eggs and water together in a shallow dish. Mix the flour, salt, pepper, and garlic powder in another shallow dish. Dip the chops in the flour, then over into the egg. Then back over into the flour mixture once again. This is what puts the extra crispy coating on the chops. Be sure to get plenty of flour on in this last coating, then shake them a little and place in a pan with about a half inch of oil. Be sure the oil is hot, but not too hot or the chops will cook too fast. You need to get it good and hot and then turn to about medium. Cook for about 6 minutes on each side. Try not to turn more than twice or your breading will come off. Remove from the pan to a 9"x13" baking dish.

Sautee the garlic a little in the butter. Add the honey, soy sauce, brown sugar, cayenne, and ginger. Bring to a boil then reduce to low and simmer for about 5 minutes. Watch this carefully because it will foam and might boil over. Pour 1/2 of the glaze over the pork chops. Flip them over and pour the other 1/2 over the other side. Place uncovered in a preheated 350° oven for about 20-25 minutes. This sets the glaze and finishes them to be sure they are cooked through. ~Works great with chicken too!!!

Pumpkin Spice Blossoms

Ingredients:

- 1 pouch Betty Crocker Sugar Cookie Mix
- 1 Egg
- 1 cup Canned Pumpkin (I used Libby's)
- 1/3 cup Softened Butter
- 1 Teaspoon Pumpkin Pie spice
- 1/2 cup White Sugar
- 2 1/2 Tbsp. Cinnamon
- 30-35 Hershey Pumpkin Spice Kisses (unwrapped)



Directions:

Blend cookie mix, egg, canned pumpkin, butter and pumpkin pie spice with hand mixer until well combined. Refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°.

Unwrap and freeze about 30-35 Pumpkin Spice Kisses

Mix together the white sugar and cinnamon. Take small amounts of dough and roll into balls. Roll balls through cinnamon sugar mixture. Place on parchment paper lined baking sheets. Bake for about 11 minutes

Allow to cool for 1 minute. Press a frozen Pumpkin Spice Kiss into the center of each cookie. Allow to cookies to cool completely and Kiss to re-harden. (Refrigeration will speed this up)

Epsom Salt the Versatile

Epsom salt is one of the most useful items you can have in your home. If you need to relieve aches and pains, or remove a splinter then Epsom salt is your answer. Perhaps you're looking for a natural scrub or need something to help cut through dirt? Epsom salt to the

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1. The Grass is Always Greener:

Those who add a few tablespoons of Epsom salt to their lawn watering routine will find greener grass over time.

2. Facial Exfoliate:

Adding just a little when you wash your face will give you a nice little spa treatment.

3. Splinter Removal

If you get a splinter in your finger just soak it in water and Epsom salt for an easy extraction.

4. Tile Cleaner

Mix equal parts of dish washing liquid and Epsom salt and use as a scrub on your dirty tile.

5. Hair Volumizer

Mix equal parts of hair conditioner and Epsom salt and apply to hair. Leave on for 20 minutes and rinse.

6. Bath Soak

Add a cup of Epsom salt to bath water for a relaxing bath. It will help kids get to sleep as well. You can combine this lavender oil for the ultimate experience in relaxation.

7. Body Aches

Add 2 cups of Epsom salt to a warm bath and soak for 20 minutes to relieve body aches.

8. House Plants

Add a few teaspoons of Epsom salt to the water you use to water your plants to encourage healthy plant growth.

9. Vegetable Garden

Add Epsom salt to your garden soil to boost growth.

10. Slug Deterrent

Sprinkle Epsom salt in your garden area to keep the slugs away.

11. Watch the Roses Grow

Add a tablespoon of Epsom salt a week to the soil and watch your roses grow.

12. Sea Salt Spray

Make your own hair texture spray by mixing Epsom salt and water and placing in a spray bottle.

13. Laxative

Dissolve a teaspoon of Epsom salt in water and drink. Please talk to a doctor BEFORE doing this.

14. Headache Relief

Soaking in a bath with 1 cup of Epsom salt can help relieve your headaches.

15. Foot Soak

Tired feet are relieved by soaking them in hot water and Epsom salt.

16. Minor Sunburn Relief

Dissolve two tablespoons of Epsom salt in 1 cups of water and spray on affected area.

17. Bug Bite Relief

Dissolve two tablespoons of Epsom salt in 1 cups of water and spray on area. This will also help itchy skin.

18. Fade Bruises

Mix cold water and Epsom salt together then soak up with a washcloth and apply to bruise.

19. Maintain and Improve Health

Soaking in a tub of hot water and 2 cups of Epsom salt for 15 minutes, 3 times a week, can help with overall health. Your body will absorb magnesium and sulfate, two minerals we are normally low in. You can also use epsom salt as part of a detox bath routine!

20. Body Scrub

For a relaxing and healthy scrub, mix 1 cup of Epsom salt and 1/4 cup of olive oil. You may want to add essential oils for further benefits such as peppermint, citrus, or lavender.

From Lesa Brassette: I saw this on Facebook a few weeks ago and it made me smile. Be blessed this beautiful Fall, sweet sisters.



Today you are You
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
that is youer than You.
-Dr. Seuss