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THE GOOD LIFE

by Jim Campbell, First Baptist Church of Melbourne

I think that if you asked just about anyone if they wanted to live a “good life”, the answer would probably be an immediate “yes”. “The good life” is used positively about the circumstances and characteristics of the life that all of us would want to live. If you followed up that question with this one “What is a good life?”, while you might get some common mentions, I doubt you’d get two answers that are the exactly the same.

For the Christ follower, this answer is meant to be easier. In the Bible, in Luke 18, Jesus makes a statement, almost an afterthought, but it’s powerful and defining as far as the subject of “good” goes. In verse 18, a guy refers to Jesus as “Good Teacher” and asks a question. Jesus’ reply ignores the question at first as He says “why do you call me good?” You might think that Jesus is giving him a hard time, but Jesus follows up by saying “No one is good except God alone.” I think that Jesus makes an important statement. What Jesus is saying is that “good” isn’t some concept that God meets the qualifications to be, He’s saying that “good” is whatever God is. It is defined by Him, not the other way around.

Usually our definition of the “good life” is based on some moral code or personal standard, maybe on what we think or some general consensus of cultural goals/ideals from our friends and family opinions. Another majority category of declaring a life good comes in the area of enormous prosperity in some area...financial,

social, (friends), reputation (good name) or experience (the complete bucket list that makes everyone jealous). These two popular categories that can creep into the church are wrong and flawed. Even some Christians attempt to “live a good life” by believing that morality is the way to Christ, but the Bible says differently. A “good life” is a life that is characterized by honoring God.

To many a good life is one unmarred by tragedy or failure, but that’s not the defining characteristic. Without these, how would God’s characteristics of healing, forgiveness, grace and life-giving strength ever be seen in the lives of people? I don’t have to be “perfect” to live a good life. I have to be consistent pointing to God in everything that I do.

A good way to evaluate the good life is not by what people think of me, but by what people think of God. This measurement takes the quality of my life’s circumstances out as the priority, because in EVERY situation, I have the choice to make the God-honoring decision. In failure or success, we can be the example that shows God’s power in our lives, giving others reason to praise Him, and in doing that, we can live the “good life”.

Jim is the Campus Pastor and Primary Communicator at Bay West Church, which meets at Heritage High School Sundays at 10am. For more info on Bay West Church, check us out at facebook.com/baywestchurch or www.baywestchurch.org. Bay West Church is a campus of First Baptist Church of Melbourne.



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One of lesser known economic injection of business in Brevard County is film production. Brevard County has played host to several major films including "Transformers." Filming along the Space Coast by both national and local area production companies is consistent enough that Brevard County maintains a local film commission with by Bonnie King as the director.

The Space Coast Film and Television Commission strives to positively attract business tourism revenue generated by the film and television industry. It serves to attract film and video production, including motion pictures, television movies and commercials, music videos, fashion photography and corporate industrials.

King states that the Space Coast Film Commission streamlines the production process by acting as the liaison between the area governments entities. She states that film projects have a tremendous economic impact on the local vendors and job creation, as well as a positive, profound public relations effect for the region.



Director/Executive Producer Michael Bay on the set of TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON from Paramount Pictures.

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For a lot of people, Labor Day means two things: a day off and the end of summer. But why is it called Labor Day?

Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada since 1894.

Labor unions themselves celebrated the first labor days in the United States, although there's some speculation as to exactly who came up with the idea. Most historians credit Peter McGuire, general secretary of the

Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, with the original idea of a day for workers to show their solidarity. Others credit Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J.

The first Labor Day parade occurred Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. The workers' unions chose the first Monday in September because it was halfway between Independence Day and Thanksgiving. The idea spread across the country, and some states designated Labor Day as a holiday before the federal holiday was created.

President Grover Cleveland signed a law designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day nationwide. This is interesting because Cleveland was not a labor union supporter. In fact,

he was trying to repair some political damage that he suffered earlier that year when he sent federal troops to put down a strike by the American Railway Union at the Pullman Co. in Chicago, IL. That action resulted in the deaths of 34 workers.

In European countries, China and other parts of the world, May Day, the first day in May, is a holiday to celebrate workers and labor unions. Before it became an international workers holiday, May Day was a celebration of spring and the promise of summer.

Membership in labor unions in the United States reached an all-time high in the 1950s when about 40 percent of the work force belonged to unions. Today, union membership is about 14 percent of the working population. Labor Day now carries less significance as a celebration of working people and more as the end of summer.



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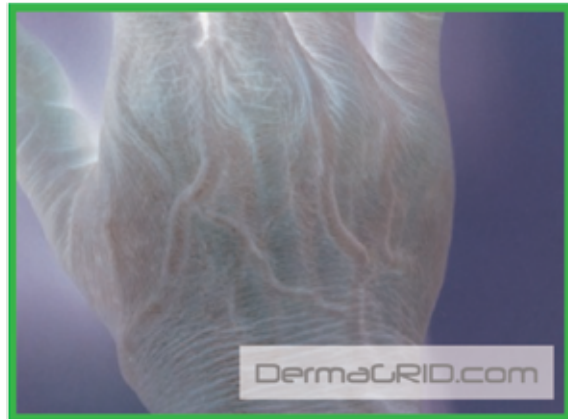
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SPOTLIGHT ON CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH

by Dr. Deanna Carlisle, Carlisle Chiropractic Center



Back pain is pervasive among American adults, but a new and disturbing trend is emerging. Young children are suffering from back pain much earlier than previous generations, and the use of overweight backpacks is a contributing factor, according to the American Chiropractic Association (ACA). In fact, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that backpack-related injuries sent more than 7,000 people to the emergency room in 2001 alone.

This new back pain trend among youngsters isn't surprising when you consider the disproportionate amounts of weight they carry in their backpacks - often slung over just one shoulder. According to Dr. Scott Bautch, a member of the ACA's Council on Occupational Health a recent study found that the average child carries a backpack that would be the equivalent of a 39-pound burden for a 176-pound man, or a 29-pound load for a 132-pound woman. Of those children carrying heavy backpacks to school, 60 percent had experienced back pain as a result.

What Can You Do?

The ACA offers the following tips to help prevent the needless

pain that backpack misuse could cause the students in your household.

Make sure your child's backpack weighs no more than 5 to 10 percent of his or her body weight. A heavier backpack will cause your child to bend forward in an attempt to support the weight on his or her back, rather than on the shoulders, by the straps.

The backpack should never hang more than four inches below the waistline.

A backpack with individualized compartments helps in positioning the contents most effectively. Make sure that pointy or bulky objects are packed away from the area that will rest on your child's back.

Urge your child to wear both shoulder straps. Lugging the backpack around by one strap can cause the disproportionate shift of weight to one side, leading to neck and muscle spasms, as well as low-back pain.

Wide, padded straps are very important. Non-padded straps are uncomfortable, and can dig into your child's shoulders.

The shoulder straps should be adjustable so the backpack can be fitted to your child's body. Straps that are too loose can cause the backpack to dangle uncomfortably and cause spinal misalignment and pain.

If the backpack is still too heavy, talk to your child's teacher. Ask if your child could leave the heaviest books at school, and bring home only lighter hand-out materials or workbooks.

Although the use of rollerpacks - or backpacks on wheels - has become popular in recent years, the ACA is now recommending that they be used cautiously and on a limited basis by only those students who are not physically able to carry a backpack. Some school districts have begun banning the use of rollerpacks because they clutter hallways, resulting in dangerous trips and falls.

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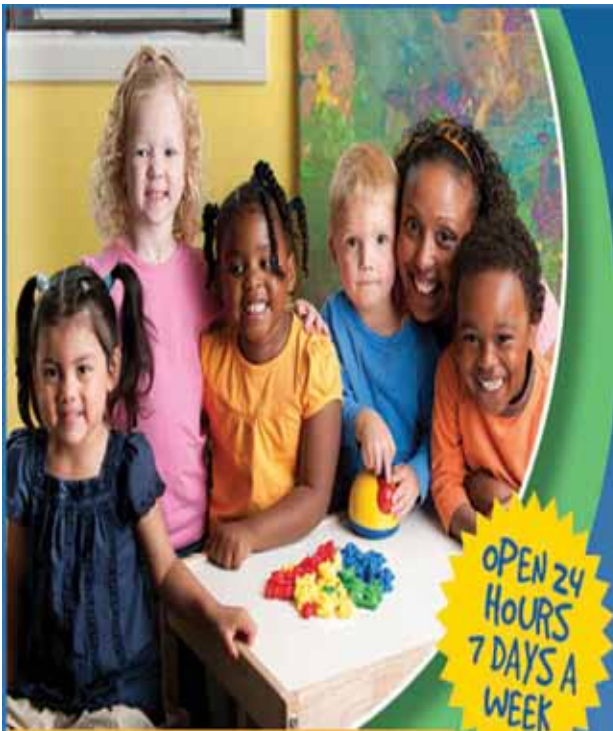
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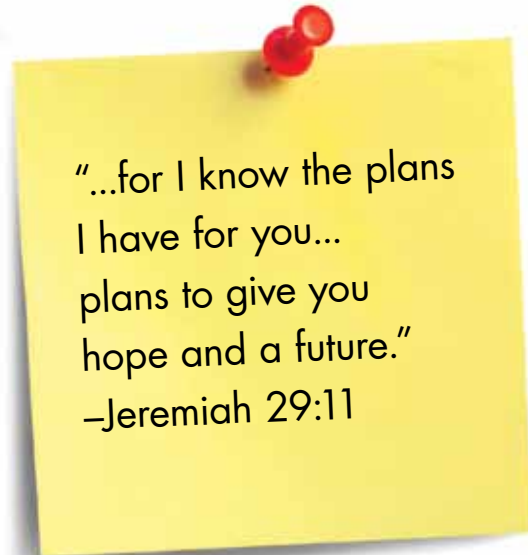
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by Larry A. Attig, Pastor,
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A couple months ago, Becky and I had one of those whirlwind trips driving almost 2500 miles in 5 days. I have a new respect for truckers or anyone having to drive to make a living. I am grateful I wasn't called to sit behind a wheel for 8 to 10 hours a day.

Our trip required us to stay a couple nights in a hotel. I admit that as a result of past experiences, (you know the ones where they sling a rag around the sink and vacuum down the center of the room) I am willing to pay a few dollars more to stay in a room that is clean and comfortable.

There are a couple hotel chains we prefer when traveling. They are usually about the same price, both satisfy our expectations and neither will bankrupt us. So when possible we choose the one where we receive rewards after so many stays. We have never been disappointed in the accommodations, so I was a little surprised when we



checked in that first night. I had thrown the bags on the bed and a post it note caught my attention. It was stuck to the headboard. It was obviously computer generated, but it was done to appear it had been hand written. The note read: "we value your stay, all duvets and sheets are cleaned daily for our guests." My first response (in my out loud voice) was I certainly hope so. If these aren't clean sheets, I'm out of here. Now I'm having this conversation, mainly with myself, as to the purpose of such a note. Are the rooms discounted if the sheets are used? That's just gross!

The next night over 400 miles away, I found the same note on the headboard. My response was a little different. It was still ... I hope so, but this time I began to think they are simply reminding every guest of just how important they are. They take great care in making sure every guest enjoys their stay and will choose their hotel again.

A couple days later I was reminded that God gives us that same kind of affirmation. His Word reminds us that we are important and valued. God leaves us many post it notes, but my favorite is: Jeremiah 29:11 ... for I know the plans I have for you ... plans to give you hope and a future.

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by Valerie Oliver

"There's a huge difference between abuse and discipline."



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Dear Val,
Last weekend, I went to the mall with my best friend. I don't know why we did it (we both had money) but we stole some stuff. I feel so guilty that I can't sleep at night. I want to return everything or pay for it. I asked God to forgive me but I still feel the need to make things right somehow. I want to tell my parents but I'm ashamed—please help!
-Amanda of Viera

Dear Amanda,
We've all made bad decisions in our lives; why?... because we have a sinful nature. One of the best things about being a Christ follower is that God's grace and mercy is renewed each day. He is a loving Father and His ultimate goal is to restore us, to Him, because sin separates us from God.

Your parents love you. Go to them and repeat everything you've told me. They'll be upset and there will be consequences; however, your remorse and your desire to make restitution will show them that you're back on track. You failed to mention whether your friend shares your regret. You need to find out and perhaps re-evaluate this friendship.

Dear Val,
One of my closest friends, Pete, has back-slid in his faith. For several years, he's been on medication for chronic back pain. I have reason to believe he's now using heroin. I thought about confiding in an elder but what if I'm wrong? I'll look like a gossip; or worse yet, I could damage his reputation. What should I do?

-Becky of Brevard County, Florida

Dear Becky,
Pete is fortunate to have such a caring and sensitive friend. If your suspicions are correct, he needs help—and fast! The elders'

objective is to "correct—rebuke—and encourage" 2 Timothy 4:2. Explain the situation to the elder and trust leadership to do its job. This is different from gossip since you are making a confidential report of your suspicions to the proper person for the purpose of helping your friend. Pray for Pete and know that God is there in the midst of this trial.

Dear Val,
I recently got into a disagreement with a friend of mine over swatting my six-year olds bottom. He was acting up and after scolding him a few times, I took action. My kids are usually respectful, loving, and well-behaved but they have their moments. My friend Shelly doesn't believe in corporal punishment; she considers it child abuse. Her children are spoiled, disrespectful, and often destructive. Sorry if that sound mean, but it's true. So who's right?
-Melinda of Palm Bay

Dear Melinda,
There's a huge difference between abuse and discipline. A swat on ones' bottom (delivered in love, not anger) is not the same as bruises, broken arms, or cigarette burns. The Bible has much to say on disciplining children. Let's look at a few different passages...

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| 2 tablespoons butter or vegetable oil | 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can condensed cream of celery soup |
| 1 medium onion, peeled and diced | 1 cup mayonnaise |
| 3 cups diced, cooked chicken | 1 (6-ounce) box long-grain wild rice, cooked according to package |
| 1 large head of broccoli | 1 cup grated sharp Cheddar |
| 1 (8-ounce) can water chestnuts, drained and chopped | Pinch salt |
| 1 (4-ounce) jar pimentos | |

Preheat oven to 350F. Heat butter or oil in a small skillet over medium heat. Add onion and saute until translucent, about 5 minutes.

ingredients to bowl and mix together until thoroughly combined.

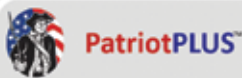
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Who has not heard the old adage, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away”? It may seem unlikely that one fruit could be so effective at maintaining good health, but apples really are a super food.

Apples are a member of the Rose family and are related to pears, peaches, apricots and plums. Though considered a fall fruit, apples can be enjoyed year-round thanks to commercial food production and importing.

Apart from being sweet, sometimes sour and refreshingly crisp, apples pack a number of nutritional benefits. Research has shown that apples can help to reduce a person’s risk of heart disease and help those with diabetes. In addition, apples can help fight cancer and prevent dental problems.

According to new information from long-running studies published in the British Medical Journal, eating at least two servings a week of whole fruit,

particularly apples, blueberries or grapes, reduces a person’s risk for type 2 diabetes by around 23 percent.

Apples are high in many antioxidants and, as a result, this makes them especially valuable at fighting illness. For example, the disease-fighting compounds in antioxidants have been shown to reduce the risk of certain cancers by neutralizing free radicals.

Apples also are very high in fiber. Fiber is needed to help a person feel full and can also regulate digestive function. Fiber also can help reduce cholesterol by preventing the buildup of cholesterol-causing plaques in the blood vessels, improving cardiovascular function and possibly reducing risk of a stroke as a result.

In addition to working their magic inside of the body, apples can have a noticeable impact on physical appearance as well. Apples are sometimes referred to as “nature’s



toothbrushes” because they can brighten and clean the teeth. The crisp, abrasive texture stimulates the gums and removes debris from the teeth. What’s more, the natural mild acidity of apples helps to stimulate saliva production that can rinse away germs that lead to plaque.

An apple weighs in at under 100 calories per serving, making them a low-fat and ideal snack any time of the day. Because they are low in calories and full of fiber, apples can help men and women maintain a healthy weight.

Because apples can be plagued by insects and parasites, some growers repeatedly spray the trees with pesticides. It is advisable to buy organic apples to avoid many of the pesticide dangers and to be able to safely eat the apples raw.

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FIREWORKS FROM YOUR PHONE SPOTLIGHT ON COMPUTING

by Bill Ford, Data Doctors Computer Service

During the recent Fourth of July celebrations, many of you were out trying to make good photos of the fireworks

with your smartphone. Although the sophistication of smartphone cameras continues to improve, one area that most of them still falter in is low-light settings. While it may be too late for the 4th, with this information you can plan for New Years or maybe a nighttime space shot.

Capturing fireworks the way you see them in magazines may be a stretch, but getting a shot worthy of a social media post or for your memory books is certainly achievable. Getting familiar with your camera settings prior to the big show is the biggest tip I can give you. Assuming that the camera will figure everything out automatically will generally result in pretty poor results.

The first thing you should do is turn off both the flash and any HDR settings your camera may have. HDR or High Dynamic Range is great for getting shots where there's variable lighting in the frame, such as people standing in front of a sunset, but



not for fireworks. It tells your camera to take multiple shots at different exposures and combines them afterwards. With fireworks, this will result in blurred images, as each frame will be slightly different; so make sure you turn it off.

Holding still is another huge key to getting a clear shot, so if possible, get a smartphone tripod that gives you a much better chance of keeping still. Some cameras have a stabilization feature that will also help, so turn it on if you have it. If your camera has a fireworks or night mode, use it and if you can manually set the ISO -- try starting around 400 and work up and down from there. If your camera has a burst mode, which takes several pictures in succession, turn it on so you will have many more images to

choose from.

The vantage point you choose to take the images will also play a major role in the outcome. Try not to set up right underneath the fireworks. For the best shots, look for a higher vantage point that keeps the show more in front of you rather than over you.

If you want to go for a really interesting shot, try to frame the fireworks with other objects like a body of water or a city skyline (another great reason to find a higher vantage point). When the show starts, use the first couple of fireworks to make sure your camera is focusing in the right area by tapping the screen as they explode. This will also allow the camera to adjust its metering so when you start taking shots, it's set to go.

The fireworks may seem a little small on your screen when you take the pictures, but avoid the urge to use your smartphone's digital zoom. Digital zoom essentially is cropping the image, not actually zooming, so do your cropping afterwards with a real image editing program, such as Adobe's free Photoshop Express app.

If you want to take a completely different approach, there are apps that allow you to extract images from video, but don't expect the same level of quality. iPhone users should take a look at StillShot (\$0.99), which allows you to scan the frames from a video and save them as photos right from your phone. Android users can use AndroVid Video Editor (free) to do the same thing as well as many other things that may come in handy for just about anything you might want to do with video.

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The new guidelines come courtesy of the United States Preventive Services Task Force, which is a group of independent health experts convened by the Department of Health and Human Services. The USPSTF reviewed and commissioned research to develop computer-simulated models comparing the expected outcomes under different screening scenarios. The USPSTF is the most influential group to provide preventive care guidelines for doctors, and this is the first time the group has spoken up about breast cancer screening since 2002. The reasons for the change were based on the strong emotional stress breast cancer screenings can create and the rates of false positives that may require follow-up testing.

Younger women's breasts are naturally more dense,

and dense tissue can make it more difficult to read mammograms and identify problems. For this reason, perceived abnormalities on the mammogram may require follow-up mammograms or biopsies to rule out cancer. According to Harvard Medical School, almost half of women under age 50 who have mammograms are called back for repeat films or biopsies because their test results look suspicious. This can subject women to undue stress, further exposure to radiation and more invasive biopsies, not to mention the added expenses of further testing.

The USPSTF revised recommendations state that:

- Routine screening of average-risk women should begin at age 50, instead of age 40.
- Routine screening should end at age 74.
- Women should get screening mammograms every two years instead of every year.
- Breast self-exams have little value, based on findings from several large studies.



But some health organizations disagree with the task force's revised guidelines. For example, the Mayo Clinic supports screenings beginning at age 40 because doctors there believe mammograms can detect breast abnormalities early in women in their 40s. Others scoff at the notion that breast self-exams have little value, as many times it is a woman who first alerts her doctor to a lump or problem.

Doctors are unable to distinguish dangerous breast cancers from those that are not life threatening, which is why many still recommend annual mammograms, despite the fact that mammogram screening has not decreased the number of deaths associated with advanced breast cancers.

A woman and her doctor should chart the best course of preventative breast cancer treatment. Many insurance companies still cover annual mammograms beginning at age 40. Women who are at high risk for breast cancer are special cases, and should discuss earlier screening schedules with their doctors.

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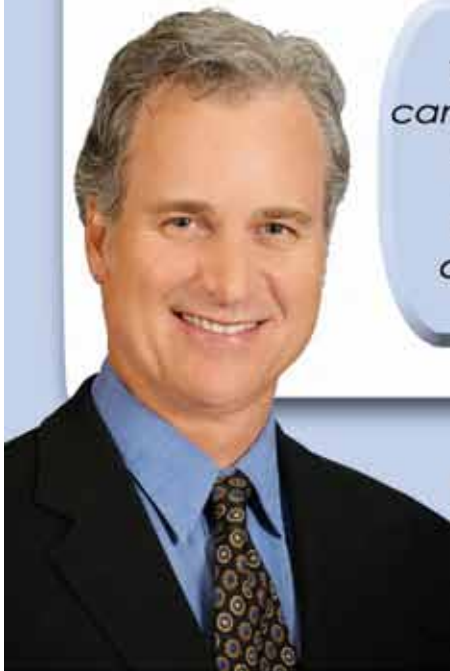
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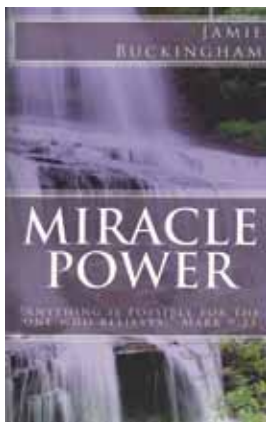
Miracle Power

by Jamie Buckingham

As a boy, attending a Baptist Sunday school in Vero Beach, Florida, I often sat listening to my teacher tell of the miracles of Jesus. She believed Jesus walked on water, gave sight to the blind, and raised Lazarus from the dead. The only miracle she had a problem with was His first one — where He turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. She chose to believe Jesus turned water into grape juice and tried, rather unconvincingly, to persuade us nine-year-old boys that this was the only textual error in the Scripture. She believed the word “wine” was added by King James’ translators. People in King James’ day drank a lot of wine, she said, and this was their way of justifying their sin. But everyone knew Jesus was a teetotaler, just as all good Baptists should be. We kids sat, as kids do, staring at the floor. But when she got up to use the chalkboard, we all looked at each other and giggled. We wanted to believe in a Jesus who not only gave sight to the blind, but loved to stick it to the Baptists as well.

Later, as a seminary student, I found this same mentality — rationalizing the Bible to satisfy a jaded theology — among several of my professors.

Jesus really didn’t speak to the wind and the waves when they grew calm, these professors believed. Actually, the wind on the Sea of Galilee often stops blowing suddenly anyway. The real miracle lies



in the fact that Jesus gives peace to the inner man....

Likewise, each miracle that Jesus performed was explained away. It was taking more of a miracle for me to believe the explanations than for me to believe the miracles. I chose to believe, as my Sunday School teacher did, that Jesus had all power and could do whatever He wanted to do — and that all the miracle stories in the Bible were true.

Why, though, had I never seen a miracle? Deep inside, I believe — or at least I wanted to believe — that Jesus Christ was the same today as He was yesterday. That if He had the power to heal then, He still had that power. Secretly I yearned to have it also — to be able to do what Peter and John did at the gate of the Temple and speak to a man who had been crippled from birth: “In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise and walk.”

Wouldn’t that be wonderful! Yet Jesus and His miracles were as far removed from me as Jack and the Beanstalk. It was wonderful, remarkable ... but it was like all fairy tales — not for now. Then one day it happened to me....

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Even children are proving adept at using technology, which can be a valuable tool for educators attempting to reach today's youngsters. Digital learning is learning facilitated by technology. Not only can digital learning be done in the classroom, but also it can extend to home life as children continue to explore lessons through hands-on interaction with digital devices.

According to data from Project Tomorrow's "Speak Up" study, an initiative of the nation's leading education nonprofit organization, students are frustrated with the lack of technology in their schools and by the lack of sophisticated use of

that technology. The study indicates that students want more of the following:

- social-based learning;
- tools that increase untethered learning;
- development of and connection to a personal network of expert resources; and
- a digitally rich learning environment.

Students acclimated to technology at home are not content to merely rely on textbooks or CDs in the classroom. They're more interested in interactive, Web-based tools that enhance communication and collaboration.

As a result of this shifting landscape, parents should expect to see more lessons and homework involving interactive technology. To make this transition go more smoothly, teachers and parents can work together to ensure kids are making the most of the exciting developments in education.

The following are just a handful of the changes that figure to come about as a result of the transition to digital learning.

- lesson plans, assignments and tutoring opportunities available online for continued reference;
- learning-centered chat rooms for peer-to-peer interaction and sharing of materials;
- Digital content in the way of high quality academic materials available through interactive apps and not stagnant PDFs or text materials. Software may range from video lectures to learning games.
- Increased availability of teachers and professors. Students and parents will be able to reach out to educators beyond school hours if assistance or further clarification of assignments is needed.
- Supplemental material that comes at the pace of the student, rather than the pace of an entire classroom. Interactive and adaptive software enables students to spend more or less time on lessons to achieve the best level of learning.
- Digital communication with educators, including online conference scheduling.
- Smartboards, tablets and laptop use more heavily integrated into classrooms.



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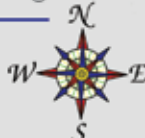
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- "Holly Fisher getting death threats after her Hobby Lobby, July 4th photos went viral" speaks of a young woman who posted to her Facebook account a photograph of herself standing in front of a Hobby Lobby store, wearing a Pro Life tee shirt, and receiving death threats as a result.
- We see a state university that does not wish to teach the Constitution in violation of law in "University of South Carolina refuses to mandate Constitution course, despite state law requiring it". I'd say the headline "Judge says incest no longer taboo" speaks for itself.
- Pastors along our southern border are confused about why they are not

allowed to visit and offer comfort to undocumented adults and children in "Feds: Pastors not welcome at immigration camps".

- In "NOW Calls Little Sisters of the Poor "Dirty," Claims Nuns Use Religion to Attack Women", feminists take exception to a group of Catholic nuns who tend to the needs of the elderly poor.

Just to quickly summarize, in these articles a veteran is forbidden to fly the American flag, a woman is threatened with death for exercising her free speech rights, a college does not wish to teach our country's founding documents, a judge claims that there's nothing wrong with incest, pastors are forbidden from offering comfort to those in need, and feminists fight for women's rights by attacking another group of women.

Has the world gone mad? How many times lately have you read or heard about a situation in which something good is turned into something vile and bad or vice versa? Why are these

things happening so often?

We can turn to the Bible to get some important insight into this situation. Isaiah 5:20 says, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." Here we can see Isaiah prophesying of a time in which there would be a reversal of morality; a time when moral distinctions would be blurred and confused. God promised to bring His wrath against Israel and cause further darkness, but that the darkness would turn into light at the coming of the Messiah. This was the first fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Yet we see this same thing happening again now, as we get closer and closer to the time of Jesus' second coming. And this is not only the prevailing attitude in the world, but is also happening with some of God's own people too, just as in Isaiah's day.

As well, in Matthew 24:4-12 Jesus speaks of a time of great deceit, when Christians will be hated and persecuted by all nations. At this time, many – Jesus specifically uses that word – Christians will betray and deny their faith. In verses 13-14, Jesus concludes His thought by saying, "but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

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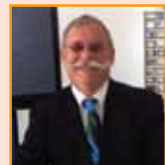
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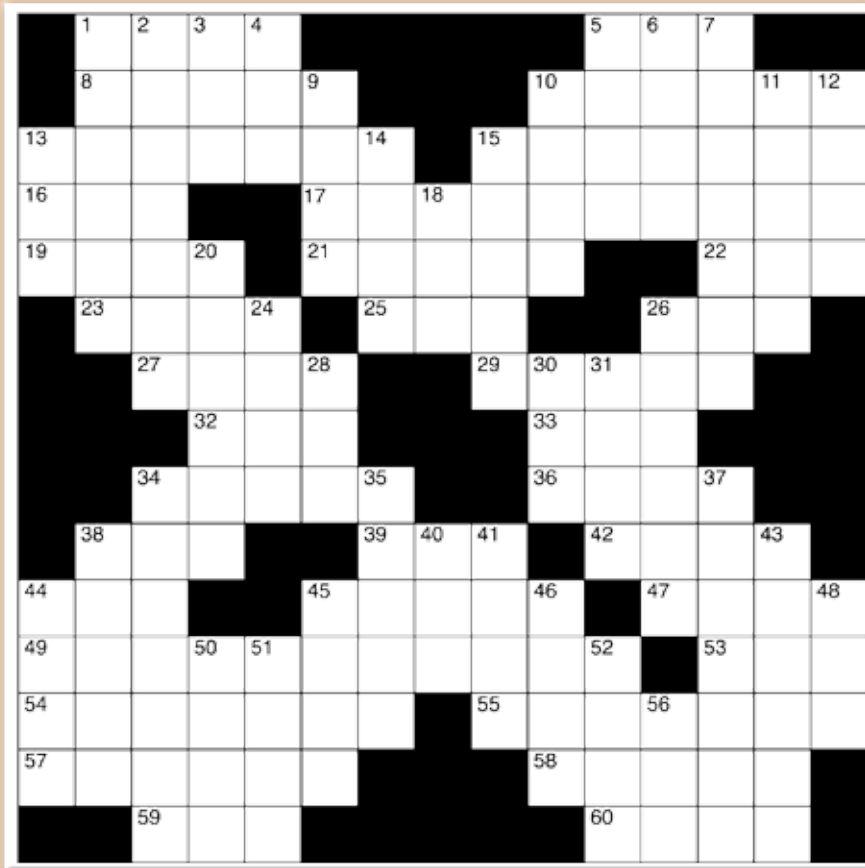
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16. Word element meaning ear
17. English romantic poet
19. Proofreading symbol
21. Marten pelt
22. Brew
23. Liquid body substances
25. Born of
26. Large primate
27. Aha ___ Honeymoon
29. Indian solder
32. NYSE regulator
33. Be incorrect
34. Badger groups
36. Gangster pistols
38. Hearing receptor
39. Gone by
42. "Heir of Fire" author Sarah
44. Short-term memory
45. Egg-shaped nut palms
47. Invests in little enterprises
49. "_____ Daniel Webster"
53. Busy, honey or quilting
54. Supplies with air
55. Repository
57. Verbal approvals
58. Make joyful
59. 1/100 yen
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9. Disseminates
10. Other
11. Appellation
12. Arthur ___ Stadium (USTA)
13. Seed container
14. Paradoxical Zen question
15. Runs disconnected
18. Rainbow Effect (abbr.)
20. Chalk remover
24. Assist in some wrongdoing
26. Main arterial vessels
28. Unreturned serve
30. Brain wave instrument
31. Baby carriage
34. Image recorders
35. Indian frocks
37. Jewish day of rest
38. Earliest anesthetic
40. Hair product
41. So. Am. wood sorrels
43. Blockades
44. Pierce
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