



Wesley's Blog



The best man is careful of these things:
His eyes - so that he may observe
His ears - that he may learn
His face - that it may always reflect kindness
His manners - that they might show respect for other people
His words - that they may be true
His dealings with other people - that they may be fair.
There's a lot in that isn't there
Confucius

You can complain because the weather is rainy or you can be thankful that the garden and farmers' fields are getting watered for free.
You can grumble about your health, or you can rejoice that you are alive.
The way each new day will work out depends rather a lot on each one of us.
Happy living. Keep safe.

Many stories are told of Dr Spurgeon, the great London preacher. This is one He was speaking to a group of young ministers, passing on to them some of the secrets of a successful sermon when he gave them this advice, 'My friends, when you talk to your congregation about heaven, let your face light up with joy and shine with a heavenly gladness. When you talk to them about hell, your ordinary face will do.....!'

When Johnny came home from a party, his Mother, knowing her son's weakness remarked meaningly, 'I hope you didn't ask for a second piece of cake.' Johnny beamed angelically. 'I didn't' said he with immense emphasis. 'All I did was to ask Mrs Dowson for the recipe so that you could make one like it and she gave me the recipe and two more pieces of cake all of her own accord!'

A church member complained to his minister, after yet another financial appeal had been made, 'The trouble with this church is that it's Give! Give! Give! All the time.' The minister looked for a moment at the complainer and then said quietly, 'Thank you. That's the best definition of Christianity I have heard.' Yes, and not just of Christianity, but of life itself; nor, of course, is it just a matter of money. Life's richness is not in getting and having, but in giving and sharing - Happiness, Friendship, Good counsel, Experience.
What a lot we all have to give.

There was no doubt Bob was very much in love with Jenny but try as he might, he couldn't summon up enough courage to propose to her. Then he had a brainwave. He'd pop the question over the phone. He dialled Jenny's number and when he heard her voice answer, he blurted out 'Will you marry me?' Quick as a flash Jenny gave her answer, 'Yes, of course I will, but who's speaking?'

*'We've found 5 loaves and 2 fishes
- but he won't part with them'*



You can give without loving but you can't love without giving!
Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.
One kind word can warm three winter months.

Starting on Wednesday 11 November, Deacon Guy Austin-Bride will be leading a weekly, short act of reflective night prayer, at 9pm. Zoom details will follow.

I didn't intend to do a thing today and so far I'm right on schedule

Those of us who have a multitude of things to do may well pray this simple prayer:
Give to me, Lord, a quiet mind
When pressing duties throng;
A peaceful mien, a gentle voice,
And strength to carry on.

In Pittsburgh, a retired army man, Colonel Anderson, became concerned over some boys who had no chance to read good books. The Colonel unfortunately, wasn't in a position to give books to the boys. He had, however, a fair sized library of his own, so he invited the boys to borrow anything they liked. Andy, a boy who made four dollars a week as a telegraph clerk, jumped at this chance. Each week he would return one book and borrow another. These books helped to kindle a spark in him that culminate in a great career. Without him, America and Britain might never have had free libraries, for Andy was none other than the founder of so many public libraries - Andrew Carnegie.

There is a story of the little girl who was asked in Sunday School if she knew the story of Adam and Eve. She replied, 'First God made Adam, and then he looked at him and said, 'I think I can do better' - so then He created woman.'

**All I need to know about life,
I learned from eating chocolate**

Some people are semi-sweet, others just plain nutty.
The best things in life are not fat-free.
You never know a person until you've shared a box of chocolates with them.
An ounce of truffles is worth a pound of anything.
Flowers and champagne may set the stage but it's chocolate that steals the show.
Don't cry over spilled milk, unless it's chocolate milk.
Milk chocolate...for all it's worth.
Money can't buy you love - but it can buy you chocolate!

And who do you say that I am?
Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves;
They will have no end of fun.
Blessed are those who can tell a mountain from a molehill;
They will be saved a lot of bother.
Blessed are those who know how to relax without looking for excuses;
They are on the way to becoming wise.
Blessed are those who think before acting and pray before thinking;
They will avoid blunders.
Above all, blessed are you who recognise the Lord in all who you meet,
The light of truth shines in your life for you have found true wisdom

A little girl was late arriving home from school so the mother began to scold her daughter, but stopped and asked, 'Why are you late?' 'I had to help another girl who was in trouble', replied the daughter. Mother asked, 'What did you do to help her?' The little girl said, 'Oh, I sat down and helped her cry.'

Think how lonely it must feel,
Living in a land
Where people speak a language
You cannot understand.
So just in case this might apply
To anyone we meet,
Let's try to smile at everyone
When walking down the street

There is an old Christian tradition that God sends each of us into this world
With a special message to deliver,
With a special song to sing for others,
With a special act of love to bestow.
No one else can speak that message,
Or sing that song, or offer that act of love.
Only you, that one special person.

A small boy visiting New York for the first time rode in an elevator to the top of the Empire State Building. As they whizzed past the 62nd floor, he gasped and said to his father, 'Daddy, does God know we're coming?'

Have you heard the story about the old toad and the young rabbit? The toad was deep in a rut when the rabbit lolloped by. 'What are you doing down there?' asked the rabbit. 'Can't get out', replied the toad. Later when the rabbit was returning to his burrow, he met the toad on the side of the road. 'I thought you couldn't get out', said the rabbit. 'I couldn't', replied the toad, 'But I heard a lorry coming along and I had to!'
It's surprising what we can achieve when we really have to, isn't it?

From one pumpkin to another!!!!!!
A woman was asked by a coworker, 'What is it like to be a Christian?' The coworker replied, 'It is like being a pumpkin.' God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.' This was passed on to me by another pumpkin. Now it's your turn to pass it to other pumpkins.

When up to your neck in trouble or boiling with indignation, remember the kettle. Though up to its neck in hot water, whenever it reaches boiling point it begins to sing.

Best Quote for 2020
This is not the year to get everything you want.
This is the year to appreciate everything you have.

A heart in tune with God sings melodies of praise.