

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

**A ' pot pouri' of 800
diverse thoughts to
muse upon, have a
chuckle over, and which
may even inspire you to
reach deeper into God.**

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A NOTE FROM DAVID...

A 'MIXED VEGETABLE SOUP' OF THOUGHTS (FLAVOURED WITH A LITTLE MEAT!)

I have always been interested in the 'sage sayings' of others and have come up with a few myself, from time to time. However it wasn't until the near the end of writing of the book 'Eagles Fly High!' that over a period of a couple of weeks, the Lord gave me the first inspiration for the series of 'Taberneagle Thoughts' that follow. This encouraged me to start recording other thoughts also, as they pop up in my mind. And they have simply just grown spasmodically into the collection presented here.

The thoughts have come to me in all sorts of different circumstances, but generally at times when there has been a 'space' for contemplation. Has really shown me that it is important to take time out from our busy lives to think, to contemplate and to seek God for ourselves.

Please, please, please, this is not another Book of Proverbs! It is simply the thoughts of one man – some hopefully inspired - others distinctly human. Take out of them what you will. I am not going to be offended if you disagree!

Finally, 'knowledge of wisdom' is not an end in itself. Applied wisdom or Godliness, is the necessary ingredient if we are to be the people that God desires us to be. This is well illustrated in the example of Solomon, who had great wisdom (1 Kings 4:29-34) but still succumbed to the 'male temptations' of 'girls, gold and glory', which led to the break-up of the Kingdom of Israel after his death. (1 Kings 11:1-43)

It is most interesting that Solomon's father, King David, who displayed an incredible lack of wisdom at times, was the one who won God's favour as being "a man after my own heart." (Acts 13:22) A tremendous love for God, leading to genuine repentance when he was wrong, was the key to his success.

There is hope then, for us all! God's grace rules supreme!

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'TABERNEAGLE' THOUGHTS FROM.....

(The Foolish, the Wise, and the Godly Person)

Originally written in the masculine gender, because they are easier to write and, to me sound better that way, this group of sayings applies equally to women as to men. However, in line with the current seemingly overwhelming move towards inclusiveness, at the request of my vocal women readers, I have succumbed to pressure and made them gender neutral.

The name 'Taberneagles' comes from the allegory 'Up The Mountain' contained in the book 'Eagles Fly High!'. It is a unique, interesting and challenging 'story' of living the Christian life today.

These particular sayings are all related to living a Godly life. God very often works in 'threes'. This is a principle theme of 'Eagles Fly High!' These thoughts show the need for a progression or development in our walk with Jesus. While God is the same yesterday, today and forever but we are not to be! For we are called to maturity in Christ. So here, we have a progression from the foolish, to the wise, to the godly person.

A lot easier to write than to live! But God and I are working on it together.

A foolish person knows their strengths, a wise person acknowledges their weaknesses and makes allowances for them, while a godly person seeks to overcome them.

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A foolish person needs wisdom, the wise one godliness, a godly person the character of Christ.

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A foolish person denies God; the wise one acknowledges God, but the godly person experiences their God.

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The foolish person seeks pleasure on earth. A wise person builds treasure in heaven. But the godly person seeks to build heaven on earth.

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Earthly possessions are perceived to be:

- Owned - by the foolish.
- Rented - by the wise.
- Administered - by the godly.

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The true heart of a person is found in their wallet:

- A foolish person spends all they have on themselves.
- A wise person tithes 10% to the provider.
- A godly person spends all they have been given on the provider's behalf.

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The foolish person rejects God, the wise one respects God, but the godly person lives for their God.

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A foolish person speaks before they think, a wise person thinks before they speak, but a godly person lets their life speak for them.

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The foolish person is satisfied with reading the Word, a wise one follows the Word, but the godly person is as one with the Word.

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Foolish people listen to themselves, a wise person listens to others, but a godly person submits to spiritual oversight.

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The lips of a foolish person blaspheme God, those of a wise person honour God, but a godly person's lips glorify their God.

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A foolish person seeks wisdom, the wise one godliness, while the godly person grows into the image of Christ.

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A foolish person rests content in hope, a wise one finds faith, but the godly person unreservedly loves both God and man.

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A foolish person seeks nothing, a wise one seeks ' to do' , while the godly person desires ' to be' .

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A foolish person lusts after instant pleasure, the wise one seeks knowledge, but the godly person yearns for God' s truth.

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A foolish person keeps all they have for themselves. A wise person gives, expecting the blessing to be returned. But a godly person gives, simply to bless God.

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A foolish person loves pleasure, a wise one finds pleasure in love, but to a godly person, pleasure is love.

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David was a godly man who sinned but remained godly. His son Solomon, a wise man, who sinned and became foolish. His son Rehoboam, a foolish man, who sinned and remained foolish.

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Foolishness is effortless, wisdom a gift, but godliness requires submission.

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Satan loves the foolish, attacks the wise, but fears the godly.

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Wisdom is easily read, takes time to acquire, but needs to be applied over a lifetime.

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A fool believes they have all wisdom, a wise person is prepared to learn from others, while the godly person's teacher is the Holy Spirit.

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A foolish heart seeks only God's blessings, while a wise heart seeks to bless others, but a godly heart first blesses God.

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Laziness begets foolishness, knowledge wisdom, but the truth, godliness.

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Foolishness is of the flesh, wisdom of the mind, but godliness comes from a heart right with God.

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A foolish person who goes astray remains foolish, a wise person becomes foolish, but a godly person seeks God's forgiveness.

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Unity of fellowship is spurned by the foolish, acknowledged by the wise, but sought by the godly.

GROWING IN GOD

For some people, salvation is the one and only highlight of their Christian walk. However, the reality is that it is just the beginning of an exciting adventure that lasts as long as we live here on this earth – and I am confident continues in our longed for heavenly home. Yes, we are meant to continually grow in God each and every day of our life.

To the believer Jesus is Saviour, but to the disciple he is also Lord.

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The stairway to great faith is climbed one step at a time. A single leap courts disaster.

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Our most dearly held beliefs often inhibit God's further revelation to us.

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The foundation of our spiritual house is to be built upon the solid rock of Jesus, the walls constructed using the insights of the fathers of the faith, while the 'roof of truth' is God's revelation to us today.

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As we grow in God, what we *are* to do assumes greater importance, than what we *are not* to do.

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A new believer focuses upon the 'thou shalt not's', while a mature disciple develops the 'thou shalt's.' in their life.

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God's word is a two-edged sword, revealing both love and judgement.

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To believe in God is good, to hear from God is great, but to obey God
reaps the ultimate reward.

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A man's wisdom is based upon experience, but God's wisdom comes
through revelation.

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It's easy to be wise in theory, but a lot more difficult in practise!

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The major difference between childhood and adulthood is taking
responsibility. Many Christians dislike responsibility!

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In nature, human growth occurs naturally. We expect the same in the
Spiritual and get offended when others grow more quickly than us.

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Human growth is measured in height, girth and wrinkles, spiritual growth
by the ' fruit of the Spirit.' Often we confuse the two.

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DISCIPLESHIP

Our call in God is to discipleship. In these days, as it has always been, He is seeking out those who are 100% sold out to Him. Are we prepared to answer the call of being more than a believer, by becoming one of God's disciples.

Discipleship is...

... doing the right thing because we want to, not because we are expected to.

... being a servant both to God and man.

... honouring God with body, soul and spirit.

... loving the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind.

... being 100% committed to the Lord' s cause.

... putting the Lord first in all things.

... placing the Lord' s desires ahead of our own.

... applying the Lord' s will to our mind and emotions.

... accepting the Lord' s correction graciously.

... being joyful in the Lord - even while being corrected!

... subverting our will to His.

... centered upon giving rather than receiving.

... becoming a little more like Jesus every day.

... being prepared to die for our Lord.

... honouring and worshipping God as Lord, rather than a ' holy Father Christmas.'

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... being the one God would like us to be.

... placing God' s needs and others godly needs ahead of our own.

... helping others attain to their ministries, even to the expense of our own.

... being Jesus to others.

... retaining the joy of the Lord in times of personal sadness.

... putting wrongs right - graciously!

... walking as one with the Lord, night and day.

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BELIEVERS v DISCIPLES

A believer praises the Lord in good times - the disciple at all times.

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The Holy Spirit resides in the believer but shines through the disciple.

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A believer loves God with heart and mind while a disciple commits the will.

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A believer loves God and others, but they are the disciple' s life.

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A believer lives in hope, but for the disciple, God' s hope is certain.

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A believer seeks forgiveness for sin but the disciple also determines not to walk that path again.

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A believer has faith in God but the disciple' s faith is tempered in the fire of testing.

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A believer loves the Lord, but the disciple' s love is unconditional.

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The believer serves the Lord in strength, but the disciple is made perfect through weakness.

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God is part of the believer' s life, but the central focus of the disciple.

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A believer forgives, but the disciple also forgets.

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Believers communicate with God at their own convenience, but the disciple' s heart is open to the Lord at all times.

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A believer knows, but the disciple does.

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GOD'S REST

One of the most important things I have had to learn in my walk with Jesus is not to strive in my own power, but rather to rest in Him and let Him do it all. I am learning – sometimes slowly!

God's rest is a gift, but resting in God a way of life.

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God's rest is learned, not earned.

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God's rest is free, not earned. Rest in God is also free, but learned.

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God's rest is freely given, but rest in God must be freely learned.

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A believer receives God's rest, but a disciple rests in God.

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Man seeks to strive for God. God wants us to rest in Him. Couldn' t be easier, couldn' t be harder!

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God' s rest is to be sought not only in death, but firstly in life!

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Lord, teach me not to strive!

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At work we seek rest. In God we strive to work. Something is wrong here!

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Resting in God seems too easy to be religious. It is! And it isn' t!

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FREE GIFTS

God's free gift to us is salvation; ours to others is – a smile.

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God' s gift of salvation is free, but to reap the full benefits, costs us our
life.

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Salvation costs us nothing, but cost Jesus everything.

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A MATTER OF TIME

The whole concept of time and the limitations it creates both during life and in death was not in God's original plan for us, but arose as a result of sin. Like the weeds in the field to the farmer and gardener, the limitations of the curse of time are a thorn in the sides of us all. Indeed, today in the affluent West, time often now assumes a greater scarcity value than money! Amazing!

The most precious gift I can give is of my time.

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In youth, time is measured as the grains of sand on the beach;
In middle age, by the thinning hairs on our head;
But in old age, each day is as precious as they all really were.

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Be honoured when one gives you of their time, for it is an irreplaceable gift.

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Time is more precious than gold, for it cannot be bought at any price.

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We must remember that the past is gone, the future is yet to come, but what I am doing now is the reality of today.

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The only stride in the race of life that we can instantly change, is the one we are now taking.

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If I was given a dollar for every minute I have wasted in my life, I would be able to waste the rest of it in absolute luxury.

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Time is not truly valued until it is running out.

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Time is like any other commodity. When you have plenty of it, it is valueless, but when in short supply, it is priceless.

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Time is an illusion. At first it appears plentiful, but suddenly disappears into thin air.

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Let's not think, "if only I had time," but rather how best to use, "the only time I have."

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The most precious gift we can give is often the least appreciated – our time.

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"If only I had time" is more often an excuse than a reason.

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Life is like a one-foot rule. We inch our way along it until inevitably falling off the far end.

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Life and time are inversely proportional. The older and slower we get, the faster time goes.

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What is the one thing that cannot be stored for future use? Time.

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There is nothing on earth as perishable as time.

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The difficult takes time, the impossible a little longer.

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Time is a fine servant but a harsh master.

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Love and time walk hand in hand.

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There is never enough time to learn all I should know, but plenty of time to make all the mistakes I should know not to make!

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Time is like the air we breathe. We don' t appreciate it until it runs out!

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The ' old days' were golden - upon reflection that is!

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Time makes the heart grow fonder but the memory less reliable.

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' What could have been' is the product of time past, ' what can be,' the promise of time to come.

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It' s no use crying over spilt milk - or lost time.

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Time is an irresistible force - until it meets that irresistible object called
' death.'

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Time cannot be beaten - so why not try working with it, rather than
against it.

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Time and true love are the two luxuries that money can' t buy.

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In the battle of life, time wins and we lose. We rest more contentedly
once we accept this inevitability.

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By the time we appreciate that time is truly precious, most of it has
already passed us by.

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Time is a master of extremes; for ' African Time' is the curse of Africa,
' busyness,' that of the West.

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Time is a great healer, but one not appreciated until it' s soothing balm is
experienced.

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Work shared is time spared.

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The greatest time saver in the world is the ' Off' button on the TV set.

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Modern appliances save us time so that we may work the longer hours required to afford them!

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Labour saving devices are amazing. The more labour we save, the busier we get!

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Isn' t it time we took control of time?

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Mankind is more productive than at any previous time in history, yet somehow, we have even less time than ever to enjoy it!

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Unfortunately, it takes time to gain the experience to save time. This is a compelling reason to learn more from the experience of others.

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True love is magnified by the passage of time.

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The world' s greatest motivator has always been, and remains, the ' last minute.' !

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The curse of time came into being as the result of the sin of Adam. It remains with us today.

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Man has conquered space but never, the curse of time.

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We may plan for the future, but can only live in the present.

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It is amazing how quickly our tomorrows become yesterdays.

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The one event we can't control in our lives, is the moment the first becomes the last!

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FOR THOSE NOW PINING FOR THE SLOWER DAYS OF YESTERYEAR

God's Slow Motion: 5 years of testing seems like 50! But then of course, that's only for me!

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Life's Slow Motion: Everything takes twice as long as it used too. But it still gets done!

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A Slow Hearer: The wife gets to the end of the story, just as I start to listen. (Kathy's comment – "and won't repeat it!")

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A Slow Learner: Its taking me so long to go round the mountain, that others are racing past on their second lap!

**LESSONS FOR COPING WITH THE EVER INCREASING PACE OF
LIFE**

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MISTAAKES IN HALF THER TIME.

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Took a Speed Logic course. Can immediately jump to a conclusion. A
very popular course, his one!

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Took a Speed Memory course. Able to remember everything before it
happens. Life's now so dull!

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Took a Speed Learning course. Now I know it all. Others have confirmed
it! You already knew that!

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THE AGE OF GRACE

The major difference between the Old and New Testaments is the principle of 'grace.' One of the major mistakes Christians now make is the assumption that this era will never come to an end.

The biggest impediment for many in delaying a decision for Christ is the mistaken belief that the present 'Age of Grace' will never end.

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God's nature is finely balanced between love and judgement. As His love has predominated for the past 2000 years, how fearsome then must be the single Day of Judgement that is to come.

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We know in life, that all good things come to an end. How is it then that we continue to believe that the current age of God's grace and mercy will go on forever?

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Why is it that I continue to walk round and round the mountain when I know when the path to the top goes up?

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God' s gracious gift of grace is the reason to walk in truth, not an excuse to continue in sin.

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God' s graciously given grace gift gallantly galvanizes garrulous, grateful gentiles!

GIVING

The 'pocket' is a subject near and dear to everyone's heart! A cause of heartache as well as being a measure of commitment for us all.

THE GIVERS DICTIONARY

- A RELIGIOUS PERSON follows rules to earn God's favour.
- The CHRISTIAN delights in giving to God, in gratitude for what He has given us.
- MAN delights in turning 'gifts to God', into 'rules of attainment'.
- GOD seeks an ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE from a giver.

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How we spend our money and time clearly reveals where we are at in God.

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The world says, 'Blessed is one who receives', but the Lord says, 'Blessed is the one who gives.'

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It is so easy to remember the gift, but to forget the giver.

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Giving in the expectation of receiving a multiplied return, is an investment, not a gift.

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Any gift given by us, pales into insignificance when compared to the gift given for us.

To give out of bounty is great, to give out of poverty, divine.

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We cannot ' out give' God, but we could always try!

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Giving should be the heart guiding the wallet, not the other way round.

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PROSPERITY

Earthly prosperity is ' just a little more' . Heavenly prosperity is learning to be content with what the Lord has given.

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There is no absolute measure of prosperity for our perception of it relates to what we see others have. I wonder what God sees?

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The problem with prosperity is that we all want to own God' s ' cattle on a thousand hills' personally.

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It is a sad fact that if the rich gave all they had to the poor, poverty would merely be delayed, not allayed.

HEALING GOD' S WAY

God's healing methods are different to ours. For He desires to bring us to wholeness.

Time heals slowly, love faster, forgiveness faster still.

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Forgiveness lubricates the healing that both time and love bring.

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Time heals, love heals better, but only forgiveness heals totally.

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The one who has suffered the greatest rejection, most appreciates the comfort of God's acceptance.

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God' s love is bigger than any human hurt.

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The secret of inner healing is to draw nearer to God, not run away, as most of us do.

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The bigger the problem, the bigger we can discover our God is.

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THE BODY

Our constant companion for as long as we live. To love, to hate, to look after, to abuse. But it's the only one we have and we can't live without it!

Man seeks the body beautiful, but God embraces a beautiful heart.

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Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Man sees the body, God the heart.

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The world' s finest cosmetics are produced by a beautiful heart.

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Time ravages the body but perfects a beautiful heart.

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In the "Beauty Stakes", ' The Body' makes the early running, but ' Beautiful Spirit' always comes through to win the race.

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It is often said that in old age, "The spirit is willing, but the body is weak", but too often in youth, "The body is willing, but the spirit is weak." However, when you find "a young body with a willing spirit", it is indeed a powerful force for God.

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The body - memories, memories!

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The body performs better when lubricated by the oil of the Spirit.

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Youth and exuberance normally drifts into age and experience. But age with experience and exuberance - now there' s a winning combination!

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BIBLE HEALTH WARNING!

God's Word is bound to burn out long held prejudices and inspire new life goals. Please continue with the treatment until the full prescription, including repeats, is completed, for the programme needs to be fully assimilated. This will likely take a lifetime, requiring ongoing dedication and personal commitment to be truly effective. Success is assured if the Maker's instructions are followed.

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SEX

How to offend at least half the people all the time. But still, it is a part of life!

Men are inefficient sexual machines – thinking about it far more than doing it.

Women however, don't think about it as much - often even when doing it.

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Sex is like riding a bicycle – once learned, never forgotten – although technique can always be improved.

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Sexuality and self-worth are intimately intertwined.

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Holiness is not found in sexual abstinence but rather in sexual purity. Abstinence is tough, purity even tougher.

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Children have little trouble in accepting the 'immaculate conception,' for surely their parents couldn't have 'done it'! I was young once.....

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God made men and women to be different. Men give love for sex, women, sex for love.

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WORRY

'Not to worry', is one of the most difficult Biblical instructions to keep. We all fall into this trap on occasions – some more than others.

Definition of a worrier – one who worries that they have nothing to worry about!

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I can never catch up with my worries, for they are all about tomorrow.

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Rarely does tomorrow's worry become today's problem.

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Today's worry rarely solves tomorrow's problems.

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An apple a day may keep the Doctor away, but a worry a day keeps him fully employed.

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Repentance is when you change a 'worry' into a 'sorry.'

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Laughter is the only medicine I know where the side effects are even more beneficial than the medicine itself.

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After birth on earth, a dearth of mirth reduces self-worth, leading to an increased girth.

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The ultimate worrier does not have the time to concern themselves with today or tomorrow for they are still too busy worrying about what happened yesterday.

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An optimist tackles a problem while the worrier lets the problem tackle them.

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Magicians and worriers both create illusions. Magicians entertain others, while worriers entertain themselves.

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Worry is like the fast breeder nuclear reactor, which feeds upon itself. Unsurprisingly, neither has proved to be of lasting benefit to mankind.

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Somehow, it seems easier to build a mountain of worry than a molehill of achievement.

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A worry a day keeps the psychiatrist in business.

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SUCCESS

And now for something completely different! Success! We love it in ourselves, and sadly, sometimes we hate it in others. For success is a powerful and often controlling motivation in our life. But what really constitutes success?

'Earthly Success' is based upon achievement, 'Godly Success' upon relationship.

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'To be, not to do, that is the answer.' (with apologies to Shakespeare)

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God desires our 'being' much more than our 'doing'.

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God prefers 'ones self' to 'ones works'.

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In God's order 'works' should succeed, not precede, relationship.

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On earth favours lead to friendship, while with God, friendship leads to blessings.

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Money is slippery – hard to grasp and even harder to hold on to.

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Earthly achievement's are fleeting, a heavenly investment eternal.

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Being a successful Christian is both to give and to for-give.

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Nothing is less conspicuous than a famous man's grave.

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Having control over ones self is of much greater worth than having control over others.

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You must clamber over the rocks of failure in order to ascend the mountain of success.

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It takes the Holy Spirit to transform a 'churchian' into a 'Christian'.

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The world will meander, as long as men philander.

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Sleep refreshes body, mind and spirit, but you have to wake up to experience the benefits.

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Failure is very often the first rung on the ladder of success.

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100% success is unattainable, but 100% effort is available to all.

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Easy success breeds arrogance, but success, hard earned, builds character.

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God accepts us as we are. As we learn to accept this, he develops us into what we can be.

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Let failure breed experience, not despair.

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A failure learned from is a step towards success.

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God specialises in turning worldly failures into heavenly successes.

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Worldly success is fleeting, heavenly glory, eternal.

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Worldly success is like the rainbow – beautiful for all to see for a short time. Heavenly glory is that elusive pot of gold, which once found never decays.

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At the end of the fleeting, worldly glory of the rainbow, the unseen, eternal, heavenly pot of gold is found.

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Don't be seduced by the fleeting rainbow, but rather, search for the eternal pot of gold.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

The path of a successful life is built with many paving stones of failure.

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The Jesus in us, makes us invincible in Jesus!

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Life brings strife. Overcoming strife brings back life.

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Challenge and opportunities are bedfellows. For the one is inevitably born out of the other.

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On God' s ' Order of Merit' a Z+ far exceeds an A- as effort outranks ability every time.

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Earthly success is an aphrodisiac, while heavenly success requires fertilisation, labour pains and new birth.

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We live in an instant society where sadly, momentary success is preferred to eternal glory.

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Earthly success is like instant coffee. Quick and easy to make but lacking the aroma, taste and satisfaction of the real thing.

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Earthly success is elusive and fleeting, heavenly glory, certain and everlasting.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Success in life after death has more appeal than success in life, for
tombstones tell me it is longer lasting!

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Death is the greatest leveller of human achievement.

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Inevitably, human success results in - death!

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REACH FOR THE SKY!

Sparrows can only twitter in the foothills while eagles soar to the
mountaintops. Why then, are there so many more sparrows than eagles?

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Nobody told the bumblebee that he cannot fly – so he does!

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If the bumblebee can fly, so can you and I.

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Only eagles fly high!

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Unfortunately, there are many more people in life who would rather see
you fly low than high. They want company!

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

The higher the mountain, the fewer who are prepared to climb, but the greater the rewards.

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It' s a lot less crowded on the mountaintops!

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It' s only the unsuccessful who have the secret of ' easy success' !

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You can only get to the top of the mountain by starting from the bottom.

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If you don' t start, you will never finish!

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage and families are at the very heart of God's creation order. They are to be the very foundation of society. Yet this area creates more heartache than any other, particularly in present times where the whole institution of marriage is under attack in our secular world.

In marriage the two become one flesh, but still have two minds.

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134. A successful marriage is a process, not an event.

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135. While men philander, the family meanders.

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136. Women (men). Love to love them – would love to understand them!

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137. The 'secret ingredient' of a successful marriage is 'mutual commitment'.

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138. True love equals commitment.

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God gave Eve to Adam as the perfect companion. The last thing they agreed upon was to eat the forbidden fruit. Nothing has changed.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Adversity proves true love.

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Adversity makes or breaks marriages.

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Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but too long an absence leads the heart to wander.

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The most satisfying thing in parenthood is when children become friends.

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When the family founders, society sinks.

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A successful society is built upon the foundation of fully functional families.

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Society is simply a gathering together of families. Therefore it is simply impossible for society to be better than the family foundation it is built upon.

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A nation' s true wealth is best measured by its families' health.

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REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

A core value for living a successful Christian life. Particularly difficult at first, but as it becomes part of our lifestyle, we experience a release and freedom that we could previously only dreamed of.

True repentance is - a godly principle applied.

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Personal repentance is a verb, not an adjective.

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True repentance is an action that results in a life changing reaction.

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Show me one who walks in forgiveness and talks with their wallet, and I will show you a true believer.

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It is amazing how a sprinkling of forgiveness can calm a raging sea of hurts.

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Sadly, the human mind subtly subverts the holy, 'I Am', into the unholy, 'I am'!

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Forgiveness is unique. The more you give the more you get.

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Forgiveness is the one thing you can have more of by giving it away. There are two inexplicable things in life - that the bumblebee can fly and

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

the more forgiveness I give, the more I get.

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Forgiveness flies away, a leaf borne by the wind, soon to be returned
upon the wings of an angel.

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Medicine heals the body, while forgiveness heals the soul.

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Forgiveness is a mind soothing balm.

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Repentance brings peace with God - forgiveness, peace with ones self.

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The simplest way to avoid repentance is not to sin. All too often I forget to
follow my own advice!

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HUMILITY

A characteristic of the godly that the world cannot understand. It is one thing that truly sets Christians apart from those in the world.

It' s hard to be humble when you always win. So God doesn' t let that happen!

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Learning humility in defeat trains us to remain humble in success.

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Boasting is of the human heart, but humility is God' s heart for us.

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True humility cannot be generated in the mind, for it comes from our spirit.

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True humility arises when confidence in God overcomes confidence in ones self.

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Humility is a positive attribute, not a weakness.

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False humility reflects weakness, but true humility exudes godly strength.

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The truest expression of a godly character is reflected in humility.

UNITY

Looking at the Christian Church, you would easily be led to believe that fragmentation rather than unity was the Biblical teaching! Christ is to return for a unified church. Unless there is a great change, it seems impossible that He will be prepared to return soon! But then, God is the God of the impossible!

United we stand, divided... God will wait upon another generation.

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Unity in Christ is so close to God' s heart but so far away from ours!

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Why do we keep asking God for more strength, when He has already given us the answer - unity!

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We keep looking for the unity of one world government to arise in the nations, but constantly fail to seek it in the church.

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The Trinity is the ultimate example of how a many faceted Church is to become united as one.

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KNOWING GOD

As we mature in our relationship with our heavenly Father we get to know Him more deeply. Gradually we start to appreciate in a deep way what a tremendous Father we have. Also how unlike Him we truly are, for His magnificence surpasses all our understanding.

The more I discover about God the more I realise there is to know.

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The closer I get to God, the more I realise how big He is and how small I am.

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While God graciously accepts me as I am, His desire is for me to become more like Him.

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When God moves, the results are beyond our imagination. Why then do we try and do His work ourselves?

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DARKNESS AND LIGHT

One of the greatest problems I had after becoming a Christian was accepting the reality of a spiritual world out there. For we in the West are trained not to believe anything we cannot see, or at least have a reasonable explanation for. Go to Africa or India though, and this is not a problem, as they live with the reality of the spiritual world, day by day. For a Westerner though, the concept of light and darkness provides a physical example of a lot of the spiritual principles in the very real battle between the kingdoms of Light and Darkness.

The only way to turn off darkness is to switch on the light.

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The laws of both Nature and the Spirit reveal that light will always penetrate darkness.

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Most people try to switch off darkness when in reality, they need to turn on the light.

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There is nowhere so dark that it cannot be penetrated by light.

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So often we don' t appreciate the true value of light until we find ourselves in darkness.

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Light doesn' t shine brightly through a dirty window.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

We must pull back the curtains to let light shine into the room of our life.

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Light and darkness cannot co-exist. The one will always mingle with the other.

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There must always be a barrier to separate light and darkness.

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There are only two ways to turn light into darkness - building walls to exclude the light, or turning the light off at its source. The second is by far the easiest.

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TRUTH AND KNOWLEDGE

One of life's challenges is learning to discern the difference between knowledge and truth. This need for this differentiation arose when satan convinced Adam and Eve that having knowledge would make both him and them like God. The deception and missing link in his offer was that truth was not part of the package. For God is truth and God's truth is often at considerable divergence to human knowledge. As God followers we have the challenge of discerning between the two.

Knowledge is subject to change, while truth stands firm.

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Man seeks truth. God is truth. Shouldn't then, man seek truth through God?

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The one who claims to have all the answers cannot have been asked all the questions.

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Truth is perceived through our 'life filters.' Unfortunately no two filters are the same!

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The greater the truth revealed, the more room for human error to be concealed.

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Since God is the sole source of absolute truth, shouldn't we seek the mind of God?

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

The more of God in us, the greater our potential to reveal His truth.

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Knowledge is too often confused with truth.

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Yesterday the world was flat, today it is round, but God's truth is the same forever.

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Knowledge is fleeting, truth eternal.

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If I knew everything in the world, I would be most confused!

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The pursuit of knowledge is excellent, the pursuit of truth, unsurpassable.

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The more I learn, the less I know, so to my God I'd rather go.

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Truth is like tightening a nut. There is only a small difference between maximum effectiveness and stripping the thread.

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Human knowledge corrupts. Absolute knowledge corrupts absolutely.

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Knowledge seeks truth but only God can reveal the truth.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Truth provides the foundation upon which the house of knowledge should be built.

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Knowledge is relative, truth absolute. Problems arise when we confuse the two.

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If I have all knowledge in the world but have not the truth, I am as nothing.

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Computers are able to process endless knowledge, but only humans can discern truth.

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God created mankind to live in His truth. Satan's temptation is to live in earthly knowledge. Which will we choose?

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Satan was the first to substitute knowledge for truth. His plan hasn't changed.

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Knowledge is subject to rust and decay, but truth is golden.

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Seek knowledge to wander, but truth to wonder at God's great glory.

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Worldly knowledge fills our brain, but godly understanding fulfills our life.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

All the knowledge in the world will be of no worth on the Day of
Judgement.

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Knowledge puffs up, truth humbles.

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I desire knowledge, but desire God' s truth even more.

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Knowledge so easily kills the Spirit in us. But Spirit inspired knowledge
changes the world.

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Satan uses knowledge to kill the Spirit within. Now God is using Spirit
inspired knowledge to return the favour.

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Knowledge is partial, truth complete.

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Man's truth is revealed in the world, God's truth in the Word. One 'l' of a
difference!

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Understanding the truth is just one small step for God, but a giant leap for
mankind.

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Knowledge binds up, while the truth sets free.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Knowledge is to doubt as truth is to faith.

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Knowledge is to be desired, faith to be sought.

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All too often we place our faith in knowledge rather than acknowledging our true need for faith.

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Knowledge is complex, faith and truth simple.

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If I had full knowledge of everything, wouldn't I be God? Fortunately I will never have to answer this question!

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Knowledge is a golden sceptre, appearing to be so powerful and beautiful to behold, yet it can be quickly disfigured by even the smallest diamond of truth.

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Faith grows through a conviction of the truth rather than in the understanding of knowledge.

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Knowledge enhances a faith already secure in the truth.

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God's truth is constant, but knowledge is defined by our circumstances.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

God's truth is progressively revealed to those with a heart willing to embrace it.

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Faith is built by embracing God's truth, enabling further truths to be revealed.

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Faith and truth are heavenly lovers.

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Faith and truth is a marriage made in heaven.

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Genuine faith revels in godly truth, but human faith is dependent upon earthly knowledge.

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It is so easy to be beguiled by the complexity of knowledge when seeking the simplicity of true faith.

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KEEPING THE MIND OFF THE DENTIST'S DRILL!

There are some times in life when we have the opportunity to think! Such as when waiting for the dentist to make war on our teeth. I have to admit though, that dentist visits aren't the potentially painful experiences they used to be, but memories die hard. It is amazing how God can use the most unusual times to communicate with us, provided of course, that we are open to hear.

Oh for more than two cheeks to turn!

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When holiness meets with helpfulness a harvest is reaped.

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Jesus turns our human 'LESS - ness' into His 'FULL - ness'.

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GOD'S PROMISES

From:

- restless to peaceful,
- hopeless to hopeful,
- careless to careful,
- thoughtless to merciful,
- mirthless to cheerful,
- powerless to powerful,
- humourless to gleeful,
- spineless to forceful,
- penniless to bountiful.....

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LEADERSHIP

Leadership is both a calling and a responsibility, both in the world and particularly in God's kingdom. Leaders exacerbate many of the world's problems for their own ends, yet without leadership, there would be chaos. So a balance has to be achieved.

In God, being led to lead is a calling. Leading, when not led, guarantees an appalling mauling!

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A Christian leader is but an ordinary person called to an extraordinary task. Both leaders and the led need to be reminded of this!

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Worldly leadership builds up self, but godly leadership builds up others.

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In God, understanding and sharing vulnerabilities is a sign of maturity and success, not an acknowledgement of failure.

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In God, if you're not led to lead, you'll be led to death.

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To lead or be led? The difference is 'a' for attitude!

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Only God has the required glue to attach 'super' to 'natural'.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

To be a leader in the world is difficult, in the church, impossible. However,
with God' s help, we can do the impossible.

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God loves obedient leaders.

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Leaders are not God - for only God is perfect.

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Our leaders are not God substitutes. They too, make mistakes, just as we
do.

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Truly godly leaders are more precious than diamonds - and equally hard
to find.

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The Bible tells us that there is only one God. Some leaders need to be
reminded of this fact.

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“EAGLES FLY HIGH!”

The ‘birth’ of ‘David’s Doodlings’ occurred during the writing of my book, “Eagles Fly High!” This three-part work contains musings in both poetry and prose, bible based teaching on the development of the Church, and one man’s vision of what is to come. The ‘Taberneagles’ series started the flow and for better or worse, these followed.

Far from perfect – but allowing God to work on it!

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Our highest call is to be the ‘Living Word.’

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We are to be dependent upon God, interdependent amongst each other,
and independent of the old nature.

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The 3 ‘H’s’ of our walk in God – Holiness, ‘Helps’ and Harvest.

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Salvation yields a 30 fold harvest, the Spirit a 60 fold harvest, but
obedience a 100 fold harvest of that which was sown.

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Religious titles are but a human invention, for every minister is to be
God’s servant.

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God desires the ‘height’ of relationship, while man prefers the ‘distance’
of fame. As we seek His heights so He will provide distance to our
ministry.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Life brings strife. Overcoming strife brings back life.

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'New birth' on earth, removes a dearth of mirth, increasing self worth and spiritual girth! (Inspiration from the Firth of Perth!)

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Only fools make up rules for God's principles never change.

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The '5-G' Principle. A 'GIVER' Gratefully Gives God Gracious Gifts.

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BITS AND PIECES

Not everything in life can be categorised – particularly the machinations of my mind! Wouldn't life be dull if all was predictable?

There are but two types of people in the world. Those who replace an empty toilet roll - and those who don' t.

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Have you noticed how the most 'holey' socks always find their way to the top of the pile?

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The one thing you can rely upon is the unreliability of weather forecasts.

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Earthly governance is based upon society imposed rules but godly governance requires individuals to care for each other.

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Earthly governance is imposed from without, but godly governance bubbles up from within.

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' To be or not to be? , that is Shakespeare's question. ' To be and to do' , that is God' s answer.

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In the human body, pain facilitates the healing process. Unfortunately it' s the same in the spiritual!

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

A life without pain is a life devoid of feeling.

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Men generally think of a group in terms of averages, while women view it as a collection of individuals.

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Men tend to focus upon the group, women upon individuals. So women find God more easily than men.

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We must remember that without individuals, there would be no ' Law of Averages' .

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Before complaining about pain, ask a leper if they would like pain in their life.

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I would have a great body if I ate less, exercised more and became a year younger with every birthday! Therefore I am greatly relieved that God is interested in the state of my soul!

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The best way to find happiness is to give it away to others.

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Every time we forego excellence in favour of the average, we succeed in lowering the average.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

A procrastinator would get a lot more done if they lived tomorrow, today.

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To overcome procrastination, live tomorrow today.

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A truly wise person is quick to listen but slow to answer.

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Life experience has taught me that the most ' forthright' are more than likely to be the most 'forthwrong' .

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Enthusiasm wins the sprint, perseverance the marathon, while enthusiastic perseverance maximises performance in the race of life.

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Life experience has taught me that ' much fuss' hinders results while ' little fuss' reaps great rewards.

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People find it much easier to find solutions to the problems of others than to face up to their own.

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Strength is not a matter of opinions, but of purpose.

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Many mean to ' find the way' , but few seek ' The Way' to find life' s answers.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

An Olympic Gold Medal will soon tarnish, but God' s reward is eternal.

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An inspiration lasts for but a moment. An inspiration written down can
bless others for generations.

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If all those godly inspirations lost to memory had been recorded, we
would now be much greater in wisdom. Also in filing cabinets!

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Without challenges there can be no accomplishments.

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FOR SALE - Free mansions in the sky. Over 1.5 billion sold but still a few
left. All enquiries to Jesus.

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Our human desire is ' to do' , but God wants us ' to be' .

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Our job is ' to be' , so that God can use us ' to do' .

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How is it that those who hate mice can still manage to operate a
computer?

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How is it that 'back seat drivers' usually sit in the front passenger's seat?

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Heroism is in the eye of the beholder.

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You may know how to get there but you first have to know where to go!

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For another to believe you is good, to believe in you, life giving.

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The quickest way to get feedback is to make a mistake.

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If you don't think anyone is listening, make a mistake and you will be sure
to find out!

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To be believed pleases the mind, to be believed in, builds up the soul.

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Hope is of the mind, faith of the heart, but true love is our expression of
God's will.

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Prophecy is powerful when confirmed by the Word.

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Mankind loves words, God desires action.

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FAITH

Faith is at the very centre of the Christian Faith! Without faith, Christianity is merely another human organisation to try to help people cope with the problems of life. With faith, Christianity can and does change the world.

Present faith is built upon our past experiences of its results.

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Faith is like a baby – it needs to learn to crawl and to walk before it can run.

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Faith is like dropping a stone into a pond. The small circles enlarge with time.

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A single step of faith is necessary to start the marathon of life.

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One step of faith is worth ten thousand words of talk about it.

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Faith is but one small step for God, but viewed as a giant step by us.

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The dropping of a small stone in the centre ripples the entire pool of faith.

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As we build a reservoir of faith experience, so our power generation capacity increases.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Enacting God-given faith is easy, for He never lets us down.

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FEAR is the inability to affect the unknown.

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FAITH is the ability to prevent the unknown affecting you.

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ULTIMATE FEAR is the uncertainty of future hope when death threatens.

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ULTIMATE FAITH is the certain hope of life after death.

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You can't truly live by faith until you have nothing else to live on.

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Our faith is like the air we breath. It is only the current breath that gives
life.

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As we build our faith, so faith builds in us.

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Past faith is but a memory, future faith but a dream, but today's faith
defines our relationship with God.

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Our faith ebbs and flows as the tide, but God's faithfulness never wavers.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

While yesterday' s faith is but a memory, it provides the inspiration to reach higher today.

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Funnily enough, faith to move mountains, is generally given to those first prepared to remove the mountain of rubbish from their own lives.

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The journey of faith starts with a single step.

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Faith is a current stock item, available to all. Some however, leave it on the shelf for fear the price may be too high.

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Faith is one of the few things in life where the more you take, the more you get given.

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If faith were easy, it would be of little value.

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Faith to God is like breathing to life. Without it we are spiritually dead.

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To believe in the essential goodness of man is perfectly normal. But to believe in God takes too much faith. Something is basically wrong here!

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We all hope for a better future. But few are prepared to exercise the faith required to guarantee it!

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Hope gives you but a shovel to dig, while faith removes the mountain
itself.

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Faith is the means God uses to move the mountain. Beats a bulldozer
every time!

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The one who continues to build their faith will be blessed beyond
measure.

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Faith breeds faith.

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True faith is exercised to attain God' s desires, not our own.

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Building faith in God builds faith in oneself - in God.

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We must exercise faith to accept God' s grace. But once done, God
returns the compliment in unlimited measure.

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God creates a mountain of faith out of a molehill of obedience.

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Grace and faith make God' s world go round.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Hope is expressed through faith. Faith is expressed through love.

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For God so loved the world that He gave... us grace and faith.

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Faith and doubt are constant companions. For it is only in accomplished faith that we see the devil's defeat.

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If there is no room for doubt in faith, there was no need for faith in the first place.

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' Blind faith' is 'blindingly blind' !

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Doubt is to faith as butter is to bread.

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Faith involves seeing the goal before it is achieved. Therefore, ' blind faith' , by definition, must be a contradiction in terms.

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A Christian without faith is like a newly beheaded chicken. Running round aimlessly flapping its wings, before collapsing in a heap - 100% dead.

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Faith brings life. Without faith, we die in the Spirit.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

We can have the faith of the sparrow, the dove or the eagle. Our choice determines the height to which we can soar.

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Exercising faith releases further faith. (These sayings - good or bad - are an example of it!)

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Dreams are centred in hope, accomplishments in faith.

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Without dreams there is no hope, but without faith, no reality.

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Without challenges there can be no accomplishments. Faith lubricates the challenges and drives the accomplishments.

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As we grow in God, so our hope is expressed through faith and our faith through love.

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Faith in mankind will occasionally generate human love, but godly love is a requirement of faith in Christ.

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Lose faith and die.

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A young person without faith rapidly grows old, while vibrant faith keeps us young at heart.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

When we give up on faith we give up on life.

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Other' s faith is an encouragement, but can never substitute for our own.

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Dreams may be shared, but faith must be experienced.

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Faith is to heaven as doubt is to hell.

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Faith builds, doubt destroys.

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An ounce of faith in God' s hand is worth a tonne of mans self-belief.

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Ten men of faith will defeat ten thousand without.

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Faith and risk are constant companions.

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Our bucket of faith is filled one drop at a time.

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Faith is like walking up a hill. You get to the top one step at a time.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

When you reach the top of the mountain of faith, you look round at the view and see an even bigger mountain to climb.

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Faith moves mountains - shovel by shovel!

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Faith comes through experience, not learning. Ask the bumblebee!

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Faith is god' s gift to the poor, for it is often all they have.

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Desperation breeds faith or despair. We make the choice.

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Comfort kills faith.

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True faith is the ability to accept the truth, particularly when it conflicts with the understanding of our circumstances.

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HOPE

The one certainty on the day in which we are born is that, one day, we will also die. There is really little ultimate hope in human life. But in Jesus, we have the hope of eternal life.

The one thing history teaches is the futility of placing our hope in the goodness of man. Could the world rely upon you, or me?

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Hope in mankind is hopeless, but hope in God springs eternal.

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Without hope we perish. Without God we perish. So our hope is to be found in God.

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In mankind there is only futility, but in God we have hope.

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Faith turns the hope of our salvation into the experience of God's love.

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God's hopefulness gives the hopeless, hope.

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Godly hope transforms human hopelessness – if we will allow it!

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Life without hope is short, but with God's hope, eternal.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

God's hope can help transform tragedy into triumph.

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It is often said that 'without hope we perish.' This is as true literally as it is figuratively.

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Out of God's hope springs eternal youth – eventually!

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I am so glad that my hope is in you Lord. For I so often let myself down.

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Hope in self is not at all comforting on ones deathbed.

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Our hope in Jesus is retained in the mind, even when our body tells us that there is none other left.

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Hope for the best? Be assured of it in Jesus!

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Hope enables us to wake up in the morning, confidently prepared to share the uncertainty of the day ahead with a friend.

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Hope builds faith, which is to be reflected in love. Without hope, there is no love.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Hope overcomes hopelessness.

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'Hoping for the best' is at best a gamble, hope in the salvation of Jesus,
a certainty.

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Hope expands horizons.

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God's hope gives life, but human hopelessness brings death. The choice
is ours.

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The hope of tomorrow helps us deal with the realities of today.

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LOVE

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13)

True love is of the will, rather than the heart.

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True love is truly proven in unlovely situations.

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“It is better to have loved and lost...” is not true of God’s love. For He never fails us.

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Jesus specialises in loving the unlovely – fortunately for me!

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We all need love. What differs, is where we seek to find it!

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To submit our will to another is the ultimate love commitment.

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Jesus loved us to death!

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It is much harder for the worthy to accept God’s love than the unworthy.
Always has been, always will be.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

As passion goes, true love grows.

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Passion stirs, love builds.

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True love takes time.

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True love is like a good cheese. It takes time to mature.

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Passion and action combine to build God's kingdom.

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True love is a verb, rather than a noun.

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Love becomes just another 4-letter word unless it is worked at.

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Lust sells newspapers, while love builds relationships.

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Love and lust both start with the same letter, but there the similarity ends.

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Lust takes – love gives.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Lust lasts but a moment, but love a lifetime.

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With lust, the thrills precede the spills.

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Love forgives. God's love forgives totally.

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Forgiveness of hurts is a sign of true love.

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Love heals the heart, God's love, the soul.

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I can't possibly understand why "Jesus loves even me" but I'll accept it anyway!

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Love means acceptance – by God if not by others.

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Love is the foundation stone of God's order. Trivialising love devalues both God and society, to our peril.

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My goal as I grow less lovely on the outside is to become lovelier from the inside out.

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We become whom, or what we love.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

It is said that the longer 2 people are happily married, the more like each other they become. This is particularly so with Jesus and us.

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Love is both the first requirement and the ultimate experience of our walk with Jesus.

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Our freewill is the ultimate gift we can give to our God.

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True love is motivated to give, rather than to get.

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No one is beyond God's love. Not even me!

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Love overcomes hate – if we let it!

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Love motivated kindness reflects Jesus to the world.

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Love is to be found in actions rather than words.

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Love talk is for the pillow. Love in action spreads the Kingdom.

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In God's economy, "Love and marriage, go together like a horse and carriage," or else societies wheels fall off!

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Lust brings temporary pleasure, love, long term happiness.

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Lust reduces, love reproduces.

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The difference between young and old lovers is proven commitment.

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SERVANTHOOD

The principle of servanthood is at the very foundation of the Christian faith. As it turns accepted worldly principles upon their head, it is, or should be, the most obvious characteristic that defines a Christian to the world.

It is better to be 'led' by God than 'bled' by life.

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In God, to obey is the better way.

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Our Christian walk in a 't' – from rust to trust!

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To serve is to...

- ... love the unlovely
- ... help the helpless
- ... befriend the lonely
- ... rebuild the broken hearted
- ... soothe the sick
- ... bless the poor
- ... raise up the downtrodden
- ... seek the lost
- ... comfort the dying

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True servants add their own desires to the end of the queue.

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Pride demolishes, while servanthood builds.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Leaders of character understand the twin character difference between
serve and slave.

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To serve is God initiated, to slave, human imposed.

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A servant serves by choice, a slave through fear.

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For down to be up, up must first be down.

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A 'servant leader' is beyond the world's comprehension. And many
Christians too!

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To serve is a privilege, to abuse the server, a sacrilege.

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Show me a true servant and I will show you one whom God truly loves.

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To abuse God's servant is to abuse God himself.

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Maturity in God is learning that service is a privilege, not a burden.

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The firepower of God's Army is 'service'.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

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Service is the invincible secret weapon of God's Army.

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'Service with a smile' means to 'go the extra mile.'

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The world works by taking away, God by giving away.

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To go down to go up is logical. Ask a bouncy ball!

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To serve is a blessing, to lead a challenge. To be a servant leader, a
challenging blessing!

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A theologian thinks, a worshiper feels, a servant acts.

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FORGIVENESS

Once we learn to forgive others, and ourselves, for the inevitable hurts in our lives, we find that life takes a dramatic turn for the good. If Jesus could forgive those who crucified him, surely we can do the same to those who have injured us.

Forgiveness is the healing balm of life.

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'Tis the oil of forgiveness that lubricates the journey of life.

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'Tis only by grace, we run the race.

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To win life's 'race', start it with a 'g'!

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Forgiveness first heals the forgiver.

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Forgiveness heals both the forgiver and the forgiven.

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To forgive is Christian, to forgive and forget - Godly.

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Lord; please forgive me for forgetting forgiveness!

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TRIALS AND TESTINGS

Just about everything worthwhile in life comes at a cost. So it is with growing to maturity in our Christian walk. God's way of making us more like Him is to put us through trials and testings. Overcoming these challenges, and learning from them, helps impart into us more and more of the nature of Jesus.

The view is from the mountaintops but growth comes in the fertile valley soils.

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Trials are a real trial!

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Trials build character, character Godliness.

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A test done, a test won, while not much fun, it pleases the Son.

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Tests require change. Little change requires greater tests.

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If we were already perfect, we would no longer need trials and testings.
Life tells me I have not yet got there!

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A trial a day keeps the devil away.

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Heat draws out dross. In gold, silver and me!

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Failing a test means I need to take it again!

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The unbearable becomes bearable through God's grace.

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Trials are for life's winners!

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The ladder of testing is best climbed one step at a time.

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The best fruit grows on pruned trees.

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An unpruned tree produces little fruit.

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Heated and treated gold glistens. It's the same with us!

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THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

We live in a world today where thoughts and feelings have taken over from moral absolutes as the arbiters of how we should live. 'If it feels good it must be okay', particularly, but not necessarily, if it doesn't hurt others. This change in thinking has subtly worked its way into so many areas of our lives and thought patterns. It represents one of the greatest challenges to the Church and Christian living in the world today, not forgetting the very fabric of society itself!

To think about God is stupendous. To believe we are Him, disastrous!

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To think is good, to feel fantastic, but it is what we do that is most important in God's sight.

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Thoughts and feelings lead one astray, but God's word is an anchor to the soul.

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We may think, we may feel, but all is wasted unless we act.

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610. Men think, women feel, God acts.

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Result of the game of life. God's Word 100 v Thoughts and Feelings 0.

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Satan corrupts thoughts and feelings, but never God's Word.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

To 'be' is what it is all about.

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People's feelings ebb and flow with the breeze, but God's Word is rock
solid.

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JOY

Joy is one of the most misunderstood of all the principles of the Christian way of life. For the world associates joy with happiness and laughter, an emotion which comes and goes depending upon the circumstances in which we find ourselves. True Biblical joy however is not based on emotion, but rather, the understanding and acknowledgement of the gift of eternal life received when we enter into a committed relationship with Jesus. Hence it is possible, desirable, and indeed Godly, to be joyful in the midst of difficult circumstances. What a difference this makes to our life!

Joy is much like eating prunes. You may not like them but you are joyful because of the good effect they have at the other end.

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True joy is a positive peace about your eternal destiny.

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Joy is the ballast that stabilises your ship on its voyage through the sea of life.

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Laughter lasts but a moment, but joy is eternal.

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Joy is a bottomless well that bubbles up from within the soul.

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To laugh is great, but to be joyful, everlasting.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

One of life's greatest assets is the ability to turn tears of sadness into pools of joy.

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Tears of joy soothe the soul.

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Joy is the outward expression of the certain hope of your eternal destiny.

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Laughter expresses emotion, joy character.

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Remaining joyful in adverse circumstances reflects God in you.

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Joy is not an emotion, but a way of life.

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Joy is the outward expression of peace within.

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Laughter comes, laughter goes, but joy goes on forever.

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THANKSGIVING, PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Thanksgiving, praise and worship show our gratitude to our God for all that He has done for us. Every believer has so much to be thankful for, that these three actions should come naturally. Not only in Church, but all the time!

A true believer is thankful whatever the circumstances.

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Praise gladdens the heart. Worship strengthens the soul.

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True worship is reflected in positive actions.

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Our actions reflect our true worship.

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Thanksgiving brings forth praise. Praise leads on to worship.

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With thankful praise, I worship my maker.

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The freedom to worship is not truly appreciated until it is taken away.

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God gives us praise and worship so they may be returned to Him.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Worship is available to all, but only availed of, by some.

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True worship is a way of life.

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Freedom in worship sets us free!

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Worship is a gift made to be returned to the sender.

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More worship, worship more.

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One person's curse is another's praise.

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Praise is an attitude, not an emotion.

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Praise blesses both the giver and the receiver.

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Worthy worship works wonders with worshippers wellbeing.

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SELF CONTROL

An unpopular word and concept in modern times and thinking. For self control can only effectively be applied when there are absolute standards of morality and behaviour in your life. Once morality becomes relative, self control is no longer one of life's imperatives.

Self control is...

- ... saying no to another piece of chocolate.
- ... biting your tongue when others criticise you unfairly.
- ... calmly watching the person ahead of you take the last seat.
- ... not answering an argument with an argument.
- ... looking straight ahead when a beautiful lady walks by.
- ... keeping your temper when others are losing theirs.
- ... resisting the temptation to pick your nose in public.
- ... keeping your attention on the one speaking to you.
- ... waiting in the queue for a loo!
- ... turning the other cheek – again!
- ... watching your kids make the same mistakes, just like you had to do.
- ... not striking back when struck.
- ... waiting patiently in a queue when the one next to you is moving faster than yours.
- ... not reacting to something you once used to.

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... resisting the urge to scratch the itch when standing at attention.

... keeping your cool when others are running hot.

... not commenting on your kid's cool clothes.

... giving good advice and seeing it go unheeded.

... having a quiet time with the Lord when you are really busy.

... graciously accepting the smallest piece of cake.

... turning off the TV.

... leaving the last lolly in the bag.

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The best form of self-control is to be under God's control.

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When you can't control yourself, give your self to God.

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PEACE

Most of us desire peace. The only problem is that we tend to look for it in the wrong place! Like joy, true peace is to be found in the heart of a mature Christian, remaining active in spite of the circumstances one is experiencing.

Peace can be found in the eye of the storm.

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A soul truly finds peace in God's rest.

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Strive for strife, rest for peace.

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Internal peace can flourish amongst external turmoil.

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Peace is not a feeling, but a place.

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World peace is an impossibility, inner peace a personal choice.

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How is it that people rejoice when a peace agreement is reached, yet remain at turmoil within themselves?

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Peace in our time – simply impossible. Peace within – always available.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Inner peace is a treasure of far greater value than gold.

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Peace and riches are seldom bedfellows.

War within? Sign the Lord's 'Peace Treaty' today!

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Our internal battles are bloodier than man's wars.

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War is of the world. Peace is of God. Therefore we need to seek peace in the right place.

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The 'War of the World's' is fought within each one of us. Satan versus God.

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The person with peace has more than all the riches of the world have to offer.

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PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance today is most often associated with elite sports men and women and those who are successful in various spheres of life. It is largely a quality to be admired in the chosen few, rather than something that applies to ordinary people living ordinary lives. Yet without perseverance we are not able to walk the road with Jesus effectively. For being a disciple requires both sacrifice and determination.

Perseverance perseveres!

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Perseverance is keeping running the race with feet blistered by the problems of life.

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Perseverance is wading through the mire of life, confident of reaching our eternal heavenly home.

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Perseverance is walking through the valleys before ascending to the mountaintops.

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Perseverance is retaining hope when all seems hopeless.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Perseverance is ...

... forgiving one more time

... one more prayer.

... going on when others are giving up.

... picking yourself up once again.

... loving that little bit extra.

... just one more step.

... serving one more time.

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FAITH AND WORKS

The hope we have on the inside is to be reflected in our actions. As the Apostle James says, "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17) We were created to do good works, for it is through good works that our faith is reflected to the world.

Man is made to work – but not all the time!

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Show me faith. Show me works. And I will show you a faith that works.

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Building faith takes time but good works are always ready and waiting.

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How much faith does it take to do good works?

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People come, people go, but needs go on forever.

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Works reflect the light of Christ in us to a dark world.

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Faith reflects our place in God, works reflect God's place in us.

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Faith is internal, works external.

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DAVID'S DOODLINGS

Works are the reflection of our faith to a disbelieving world.

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Works are the single most convincing expression of our faith.

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THE CROSS AND THE BLOOD

The Cross, and the blood of Jesus shed that day, are at the very centre of our Christian faith. The power and truth of these are the real areas (although often not admitted to) that those who move away from the Word of God will be found out in. For those who do not truly believe, cannot truly understand. For without the Cross, where Jesus spilled his blood, there is no foundation for our faith. On the Cross, Jesus did it all.

I' m CROSS that the ' CROSS" has been CROSSED off by those
CROSSING the CROSSROADS into deception!

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Without His priceless love bought on the Cross, I am only a resounding
gong or a clanging cymbal.

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The Cross of Jesus points in all ways - up, down and around. There is no
way of avoiding it!

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To deny the Cross is to deny Christ.

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The miracle of the Cross is that the very best could come out of the very
worst.

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The Cross of Jesus was designed to take life, but ironically served to give
life to all who believe.

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There is still no greater power working in the world today than that of the
Cross of Jesus.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

The devil takes, the Cross gives.

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Pilate' s charge, THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS was both the present truth and a prophecy yet to be fulfilled.

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Don' t cross the Cross. It will cost you your life!

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Jesus freely gave His life for us on the Cross. He invites us to freely give our lives back to Him in return.

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New Zealand has 4 million people and 40 million sheep. Yet, if it weren' t for the Cross of Jesus, our sheep numbers would still be insufficient to pay the ongoing cost of sin. For this, the sheep are most grateful to Him!

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Most people dislike the sight of blood more than that of sin. But sin is so ugly that Jesus shed all His blood to cover it!

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Blood represents life - both natural and spiritual. Give me more of the blood!

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Without blood, there is no life. Without sacrifice, there is no blood. A sacrificial life is bathed in the blood of Jesus.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

The Cross cost Jesus His all. How much of our all are we prepared to give back to Him?

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Colours in God' s sight! Blood is red. Sin is black. White is purity. Red over black is white.

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Jesus' Blood is the stain remover of life.

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Man' s blood spilled, is to be feared. Jesus' blood spilled, to be revered.

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The Days of Grace in which we now live have not reduced the awe-fullness of the Cross, but oftentimes have hidden its bloodiness beneath the shroud of love.

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It' s relatively easy to spill our blood as a martyr. Yet, it' s extremely hard to submit ourselves to the ongoing blood transforming transfusions necessary for His life to live within us.

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Blood is life. Sin is death. Help me to love your blood more and more each day, Lord.

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Human blood grows, flows and goes. But Jesus' blood never fails.

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HEAVENLY TRUTHS GOD HAS SHOWN

Unexpectedly given one afternoon when I wasn' t feeling very well. How often God works like that! Kept my human input to a minimum.

God has shown me that...

... to go down is to go up.

... He can do it better than me.

... to strive is to ensure failure.

... to rest in Him brings success.

... it is better to give in to Him the first time.

... I need to be broken before being restored.

... repentance benefits me even more than the one I have
wronged.

... the nearer I get to Him, the further away I discover I really am.

... fear of the Lord is positive, not negative.

... the more I fear Him, the more He loves me.

... the more I fear Him, the more I am prepared to change my life.

... the fear and love of Him are intertwined.

... as pride comes before a fall, so repentance precedes
restoration.

... there is nothing good in me until I am touched by His healing
hand.

... I can' t be found until I admit I' m lost.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

- ... to be a servant is indeed the highest calling.
- ... He is to be obeyed, even when I don' t understand why.
- ... He lives outside of time, but I don' t.
- ... love works wonders.
- ... He desires me to change: not me to try and change Him.
- ... to give in to Him is to grow up in Him.
- ... life is born out of death.
- ... life is not meant to be fair.
- ... we seek spiritual gifts while He desires spiritual fruit.
- ... submission builds character.
- ... character outscores performance every time.
- ... 'to be' is infinitely better than ' to do' .
- ... we cannot put Him into a box, no matter how big we make it.
- ... sin caused man and God' s thought patterns to become
diametrically opposed.
- ... He reveals himself to us when we least expect it.
- ... revelation is given in His timing - which generally isn' t ours.
- ... we learn more about Him in the hard times than the good.
- ... He can turn our failure into His success.
- ... when we put others first in this world, He does the same for us
in His.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

- ... in the end, He always wins.
- ... in Him, to die is to live.
- ... when there is less of me there is room for more of Him.
- ... salvation is a privilege, not a right.
- ... He can change me if I let Him.
- ... while salvation is free, the walk with Jesus is to cost us
everything we have.
- ... our love for Him is reflected through our service to others.
- ... His love is infinitely greater than my hurts, and His grace, than
my sins.
- ... I can' t hide anything from Him - even though I try.
- ... while we currently live in the Age of Grace, one day it will
come to an end.
- ... His grace can only be activated through our repentance.
- ... our part is to present the Truth. Other' s responsibility is to
accept or reject it.
- ... unity comes from the Spirit, not the soul.
- ... happiness and joyfulness are not the same.
- ... without Him, we will never fulfil our potential.
- ... the more I get into Him, the more He gets into me.
- ... the more time I spend with Him, the more time He has to make
changes in me.
- ... His love never fails, but other' s love may.

DAVID'S DOODLINGS

- ... the reward for loving others is found in Heaven, rather than on earth.
- ... life is to be our investment in eternity.
- ... ultimately, I am the one responsible for me.
- ... salvation is a process, not an event.
- ... life' s limitations are man driven, not God given.
- ... when my wants line up with His desires, things happen.
- ... I need to place godliness even above wisdom.
- ... to be effective for Him, the light within, must shine without.
- ... happiness comes and happiness goes, but joy stands firm.
- ... we have second chances in life but not in death.
- ... we only get to live life once.
- ... my time invariably runs ahead of His time for me.
- ... to wait is still to grow.
- ... my job is simply to be available to Him.
- ... yesterdays faith is to become today' s normality.
- ... exercising my ' will' frequently involves my ' wont' .
- ... the wall of faith is built one brick at a time.
- ... to ' overcome' I need to ' undergo' change in my life.
- ... God is God, is God.