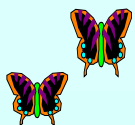


THE BEAUTY OF THE 23 PSALM

The Lord is by your side, even through the dark path of the life that you must follow. Often times, your trials and tribulations will seem to be overwhelming. With this in mind, your faith may seem to weaken, your strength may appear to falter. Always know that if you seek him, the LORD will restore your strength. He will remind you that he is with you always, even during your times of trouble. He will walk with you through danger seen and unseen. He will protect you in the presence of your enemies. Regardless of the obstacles, **God's Grace & Mercy** will bring you through. Therefore, do not be afraid to walk through this violent world. **JUST REMEMBER, THAT WHEN YOU WALK, "YOU DO NOT WALK ALONE".**



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THE PURPOSE OF ONES' LIFE

The purpose of ones' life is without a doubt
The giving of ones' self, is what life is all about.

David said he had never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
What is life, if you know there is a hungry person whom you have not fed.

Daniel slept in a den of Lions, peaceful and satisfied.
What is life, if you can't love your neighbor or even tried.

Why remember how God healed the sick and how he helped the poor;
If you can't help an elderly person to open up the door.

Life is about *sharing, loving and caring*, if nothing else;
It is about the giving of ones' self.

In life we get without a doubt.
In full return, what we give out.

So, try in every way;
To do a deed of good each and everyday.

And when at last you have done your best;
In peace with God, your soul can rest.

HOW TO SPEND YOUR TIME

Your day should begin with a prayer.
Ask the Lord to be with you at home, work and everywhere.

Spend your day helping others in every way that you can.
And the Lord will order your steps as he does for the Good Man.

Point your steps in the right direction and your conduct the same.
Everything that you do through-out the day, do in Jesus' name.

If the stress becomes unbearable during the day,
Remember that the joy of the Lord is your strength, and go on your way.

When your day comes to a close and you sit down to rest.
Be thankful for the opportunity that you had to do your best.

Before you close your eyes in slumber, look up and say;
Thank you Heavenly Father for giving me **One More Sunny Day!**

HOW TO SOW YOUR SEEDS

Cultivate the grass you have, do not look at others with eyes of greed,
Because the grass planted by others may be of a different seed.

The things that grow are the things that we choose.
So when you cultivate those things, they can be easily used.

If you choose to plant roses or lilies of the field;
Choose all the good things to make them yield.

When time comes for reaping, and the fragrances are combined.
The roses will smell sweet and grow in time.

When you sow your seeds, sow enough to share.
Because, when you give back your ten percent, it will grow to become a pair.

HOW ONE WOULD SPEND THEIR LAST DAYS ON EARTH

One should look at this beautiful world, and everything therein;
And think of God our Heavenly Father, a God above all sin.

Look at the green grass that sprouts up here and there;
Think of how God created the Universe, and he is everywhere.

Look at this wonderful World, which should be dear to your heart;
And give thanks to the Lord for having been a part.

Thank God for the opportunity that others did not hold;
The opportunity to repent and save your soul.

Look back over your life and all of the corners that you've turned;
Did you help someone along the way, in this race that you had to run?

Prepare your family for your departure, which you should be bounded to do;
Teach them unity and try to see it through.

Because unity is undivided, separate from every other thing.
That is why the eagle can fly so high, there is unity in his wings.

When at last its time for your homecoming, do not despair.
Just wait on the Lord to meet you in the middle of the Air.

LOVE VS LUST

Love is happiness, joy and peace, that can not be misleading.

Lust is dishonest, confusion, and deceiving.

Love is trustworthy, faithful and true.

Lust is selfish, and only wants to use you.

Love is always there, when the sea gets stormy and rough.

Lust is gone, when the going gets tough.

Love find ways to work problems out.

Lust runs always, before it knows what the problem is really about.

Love is the sharing, and the giving of yourself to each other.

Lust is self-righteous, and not willing to share with another.

Love is always there when you need a helping hand.

Lust is a fly-by-night, and not willing to help any man.

Love is so strong, it will show thru shoe leather.

Lust is shallow, and light as a feather.

Real love is as precious as a dove.

Because it is not within our power, **it is granted from above.**

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Where Battles are Fought

The **mind** can become a terrible place when thoughts erode your head.
Jealousy, lust, envy and **pride**, these things to God are dead.

Our **battle** is not with flesh and blood, but against an unseen force.
Within the regions of our mind the devil plans his course.

The **enemy** seeks to destroy us; through **deceit** he tells his lies.
If he can control the thoughts we think, then he can control our lives.

I'm told that our **minds** are a **battlefield**, where the enemy attacks with care.
There's no sure way of winning the war, *without using spiritual warfare.*

When feeling **depressed, lonely** or **sad**, remember that Satan is near.
Placing these thoughts within your head as he fills your *spirit with fear.*

Pay heed to the thoughts that you think about, and remember, a **war** is at hand.
Your **mind** is the place where battles are fought; take hold of God's word and stand.

The **Bible** holds the truth of the **Word of God**, and the truth shall set you free.
Take **captive** each evil and lofty thought; when you do, then Satan must flee.

PEOPLE COME INTO YOUR LIFE FOR: A REASON, A SEASON OR A LIFETIME

REASON

When someone is in your life for a **REASON** it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. *They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid spiritually.* They may seem like a godsend, and they are! They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part, or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What you must realize is that *your needs have been met, and your desires have been fulfilled. Their work is done.* The prayer that you sent up has been answered. ***And now it is time to move on!***

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before

Philippians 3:13

SEASON

People come into your life for a **SEASON** because your turn has come to *share, grow, or learn.* They bring you an experience of *peace, or make you laugh.* They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! **But, only for a SEASON.**

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not

Galatians 6:9

LIFETIME

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. **It is said that love is blind, but friendship is clairvoyant!**

Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Matthews 7:24-25