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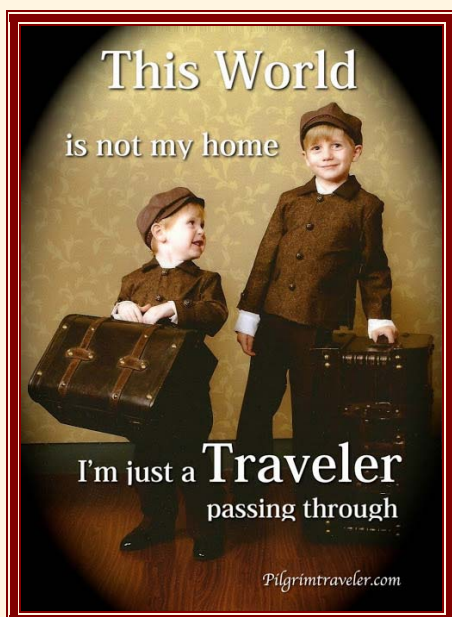
WHEN AT HOME

While we are in Lockdown and Isolated from being with other Christians there is one of many blessings we can turn to and be encouraged and learn more of God's Word from. That is the Bible and Great Bible Lessons found online. Below is a LINK to one of many resources I have used to enhance my Bible Study and focus more on God's Word rather than the distractions of life. Let me encourage you to go to this YouTube Channel and begin listening and study one of the many topics.



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PROVERB FOR THE DAY

One of the key methods I have learned over the years for dealing with the everyday challenges that living throws my way is to meditate on the Word of God each day as I walk with God.

I have found that reading the Proverb for the day in the morning and reflecting on that Proverb and seeing how I can put it to action in my life as I go through the day has become a great faith builder and strength when trials and conflicts come my way.

Each day has its own Proverb and in one month I have applied all 31 Proverbs ready to do it again the next month. It really works, try it.



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This World Is Not My Home!

This world is not my home, I'm just a passing thru. My treasures are laid up some where beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven's open door, And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

This is the first line of one of my favorite gospel songs and the message spoke to me on December 27th when I visited the emergency room with a sudden case of high blood pressure (over 210). With a birth day the 27th and turning 75, my room was 7-5 in the ER. It had a special effect on me as a neighbor passed away the day before of a sudden heart attack. Add to that the number of friends and family who are struggling with the COVID virus, it really got me thinking about how precious life really is but it is so uncertain how long it may be for each one of us. The only thing that rings so true is the fact that eternal life is priceless and that should be my focus in this temporary world.

For me the hospital visit showed no cause and I will follow up with my family doctor. All the test results were positive in my favor. In this life we all will go through trials and testing that will add pressure to our daily earthly life. But I ask myself how will I know that I can have a positive result in my favor? **LET THE BIBLE SPEAK!**

James 1:2-4 NASB

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1 John 1:1-4 NASB

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life — and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us — what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

1 John 2:1-4 NASB

My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

1 John 5:13-15 NASB

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

Romans 1:16-17 NASB

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Romans 8:1-11 NASB

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

Yes, this life and all of it's trials can be hard, a worry but with a new focus on what is really important and a desire to do what our Heavenly Father has purposed for each of us in Christ we can meet the challenges with hope and confidence that in the end we all will experience positive test results in our eternal favor.

We can not go back in time and change anything. We are not guaranteed tomorrow. We only have today and how we view it and live it will determine if we have good test results in eternity. This event of December 27th confirmed to me the importance of the eternal message that will last forever. The Hope of The Gospel is the only eternal message to live and share today.

I'll Fly Away!

Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er. I'll fly a-way;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly a-way.

When the shad-dows of this life have grown, I'll fly a-way;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly a-way;

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly a-way;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly a-way;

I'll fly a-way, O glory, I'll fly a-way; in the morning,
When I die, Hal-le-lu-jah, by and by, I'll fly a-way, fly a-way.

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Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth. [2 Tim 2:15 NASB]

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God. [1 Peter 1:22-24 NASB]

An Invitation!



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