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"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men;" Colossians 3:23

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Proverbs

23:22-25

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.



Editor's Desk



Dear Readers,

This spring has been a challenging spring for me.

As I mentioned in the Editor's Desk of the spring issue, I got sick the end of February, then improved for the next 4 weeks.

The weekend after we printed the spring issue, Luke and Dawn got married. I realized that I was probably not going to be well by the wedding. So I prayed to God and said, "Lord, if you're not going to make me well by the wedding, please make it so I can function when I need to during the wedding." I felt pretty good over the wedding and was able to do everything that I needed to do. But I was not able to sing or help with any of the work, (they didn't need my help to do that) and I got very tired. After the wedding was over, I spent a few days in bed, and then improved for the next month until I was mostly normal. However, I still cough some, and my lungs/ throat gets tight sometimes.

This spring I converted Daniel's produce cultivator from a standard transmission and brake steering to a hydraulic drive system. What I expected to take a few days ended up taking over a month. I finally got it to work,

but I had to give up on the hydraulic steering for now, and go back to the brake steering. We got it to work just in time as the weeds in the strawberry patch were growing.

Should I be sad and discouraged because things have not been going very well? No, I have lots of reason to rejoice.

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." I Timothy 6:7-8 I have all the food and clothes that I need, besides a warm bed with a roof over head.

I have a loving Mom and Dad and siblings who care for me, especially when I'm sick and in bed.

I have brothers that help me when I need help, especially when I'm at my wits end.

I have many other things to rejoice about: Friends, a nice piece of land, lots of work and resources, tools to do the work, and computers and copiers for the magazine, just to mention a few things. Also I have access to a shop, electric, phone, vehicles, any piece of farm equipment that I may need, and many other

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Rejoicing In Your Labor!

By Daniel Martin

Have you ever wondered and pondered about work—is it a blessing or a curse? As I observe the world and the people in it I see some who "have to go to work." I wonder if they are waiting to begin living their lives till the weekend comes, or till they get old enough to retire. I also see others, which find in their day-to-day duties, rich blessing and joy. Solomon in his writings states, "Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is portion..." (Ecclesiastes his 3:22)

One of the wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon mankind is the ability to work—to create—be useful. Yet this blessing is not universal; labor can be a curse. I wish to provoke you to think a bit about what makes work a blessing for some and a curse for others.

- 1. Greed makes life a curse. We will enjoy our toil a lot more if we have found the joy of service. Love finds its deepest pleasure in the pleasure of the beloved.
- 2. The unthankful person feels as if he is over worked, underpaid and unappreciated. If you think of what you have, you are more likely to rejoice in your

lot in life. BE THANKFUL.

- 3. Things that break or go wrong otherwise can spoil the fun. FAITH that God is in control is essential to my sanity. Angels are watching over us. Have you ever thought that sometimes "trouble" is the best possible thing that could have happened?
- 4. Some experiences and jobs are lessons in appreciation. Be glad when they are over.
- 5. Work hard but relax about what didn't get done. A pressured, frustrated person is probably not rejoicing.
- 6. Plan your duties. Avoid unrealistic situations.
- 7. For maximum enjoyment, avoid overwork. Say NO sometimes. A good worker will be sought out.
- 8. When you are doing tasks that don't take your whole self, occupy your mind by meditating about worthwhile things. This is a good time to plan and dream.
- 9. Follow your dreams and that which you love to do if it is possible and wise.
- 10. Involve your children, friends, wife and whoever else is appropriate in your work. Most of us thrive in community. We need to be needed to live a full life.
- 11. If it is wise, make major changes in lifestyle to find a God

honoring occupation that you love. Less money and bodily comfort is a small price to pay in trade for a full rich life.

"...My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Luke 1:46-47

"... I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content..." Philippians 4:11-12

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I also have a marvelous body. I'm so much smarter than a computer that it's not even a comparison. My body is so much more versatile, reliable, efficient, and compact that it's not a match to any robot. And when it breaks, it's usually able to fix itself. I don't need to buy fuel for my body from the gas station or the electric company. Besides there are many other marvelous features about my body.

And most important, I have a God that I can go to that can get me out of any problem that I'll ever face.

So if you get discouraged, count your blessings and see just what the Lord has done and is doing for you.

I do not know what I should

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have for a theme for the fall issue.

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If you want to help put magazines together, contact us. We can then inform you when we're going to do it. We usually have a work party to put the magazines together, and would enjoy having you there.

Rejoicing in the Lord,

Food for Thought

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married... you are very rare.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful... you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder... you are blessed because you can offer the healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

Young People of the Bible

A Series of Bible Character Stories that teach a lesson.

Josiah _

Worthy Ambition

There are several lessons for young people to be learned from the life of Josiah. Although he was King of Judah for 31 years, he was a relatively young man when he died, being only 39 years old.

We are not told anything about the first eight years of Josiah's reign. They were very important years for Josiah (and the nation of Israel) because at the end of that time "he began to seek after the God of David his father" (2 Chronicles 34:3). What factors influenced him to turn to the God of his fathers when most of the nation had turned from God to idols? It probably was not the actual reading of God's Word, since it appears that Josiah saw his first copy of the law when one was discovered in the temple during the eighteenth year of his reign. Perhaps it was the influence of his mother or some other godly person. At any rate, Josiah was only sixteen years old when he turned to God. Josiah did not put off the most important decision of his life. Although Josiah's life was fairly short, he had several years to serve the Lord because he turned to Him when he was young. None of us knows how many years we will have on this earth. Let us not waste any of them or risk losing eternal life altogether by waiting to accept Christ "until we are older."

Four years after Josiah began to seek after God he began his work of purging Judah from idolatry. He did not rush into a great work before his heart was well-established in the fear and love of God. All Christians need to undergo a period of waiting on the Lord in order to learn God's will for them and to become firmly rooted in the principles of His Word before they take up any special work for Him. The length of this period will vary for each individual, depending on the person's age and maturity at the time of his conversion, the amount of Spiritual teaching he may have absorbed as a child, and how fast a learner he is in God's school. Four years may seem like a long apprenticeship, but Josiah was still only twenty when he began his work.

We are not saying that a young Christian should go for years without confessing his Saviour or giving the gospel to anyone; far be the thought! But we need to be well-established before we begin any public ministry.

Having set out upon his work, however, he let nothing stand in his way. Some of the abominations he took away had been established by Solomon and had been around for hundreds of years. Josiah did not bow to the traditions of men nor did he attempt to cultivate the approval of his contemporaries. He was concerned only with God's approval and with serving Him. He was diligent and did his work thoroughly. He ground the images and altars into dust and even burned the bones of priests who had conducted the false

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The Calling of:

Luke Rosenbarker

Greetings in Jesus name! Yes, God is Good. He has given me life. He has cleansed my soul. He has given me direction in life, and a love in following his lead.

Hi, my name is Luke Allen Rosenbarker. I am 25 years old. I have a driving desire to help others. Ever since I was a little kid, I always wanted to help others. As I got older I pursued the ideas I had, and it became a reality to me. I joined a volunteer Fire Department participating in all three branches of service; Fire, Rescue, and Dive teams. I have been living my dream and fulfilling my goals in life of helping others.

With all this, I still try to leave room for God in my life, and room for my wife Dawn, both of which are most important to me. Life with God and loving my wife are both very fulfilling and challenging at times. So I pray to God to lead me through the days ahead, giving thanks for the days gone by. Thankful for life, love, and a wonderful Father, "God".

Well, I went to Parishville Hopkinton Central School, graduated, went on to college and graduated, now working for Clarkson University, performing the task of Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Repairs.

I was born and raised in the town of Parishville, still living there today. It's wonderful God made this a beautiful town to live in. I have always enjoyed living in this area in Northern New York. The seasons are great, hunting and fishing are good, and there are a lot of great people around that have a heart of warmth and giving help to those in need and sharing of their faith that works by love.

Love is a wonderful thing. God meant for it to be good and gave us commandments to use it. We shall love our neighbors as we love our selves. And love your wife as you love your own body. I believe God meant us to show forth kindness, love, and the light which is God's Gift, the words he gives forth to our lips to bring more people close to him so he can carry teach them, love them, them, and put them to service for him, to show forth the light which he gives



Luke and Dawn the day of their wedding.

them.

I know Jesus has cleansed me of my sins, and I can trust in him to lead me through life. He'll help me when things are hard. He will always be there when I need him most. Sometimes we may feel hurt by God for things sinners do to us, but God makes us learn from what has expired and makes us use it to help others as he has helped us. O how God is so good to us!

My plan for the future is no more than to try and live each day, particularly today, starting right now. And be happy/thankful for Jesus dieing for my sins and living this day for Him, to the fullest, which is in Him. And be thankful to

wake to a brand new day. For the sun comes up, and the birds sing. Cool breezes make the leaves come to life. The fresh smell of clean air, or just something as small as "Good Morning" from a family member, our loved one, makes our days begin in thanks to who created it all, OUR God. My God. And your God.

Thanks, Sincerely, Luke A. Rosenbarker

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You Are Loved

When you are all alone and feeling lonely too.

If you think you've been forgotten that no one cares for you.

I know someone whose waiting to hear your every care.

He listens oh so patiently as you lift them up in prayer.

Yes my Jesus will come to help you your spirit to renew.

For he loves us each and everyone, yes, my Lord God he loves you.

By Randy Alan Michaud St. Regis Falls, N.Y.

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How much are you Worth?



A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first let me do this.

He proceeded to crumple the \$20 dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Next he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He

picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, we have all learned a very

valuable lesson. No matter what was done to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

"Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. "But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely

creased, you are still priceless to those who DO love you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE. "You are special - Don't EVER forget it."

If you do not pass this on, you may never know the lives it touches, the hurting hearts it speaks to, or the hope that it can bring. Count your blessings, not your problems. Never be afraid to try something new.

And remember amateurs

built the ark ... professionals built the Titanic. Read Slowly - This first line says a lot. If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it. God will either

lighten your load or He will strengthen your back.



You only have one life and it will soon be past, Only what you did for Jesus will last.

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worship. (A more complete account of his work is given in 2 Kings 23.) Let us follow his example in the conduct of the work that God has given or will give us to do. Let us do diligently and thoroughly what God has given us to do and look only to Him for approval.

It took Josiah six years to purge the land, but he did not retire from active service for the Lord when this was done. His next project was the restoration of the temple and the worship associated with it. During this period of his life we see Josiah's reaction to the Word of God when he became acquainted with its precepts. Josiah took it to heart; he applied it to himself first. He might have contrasted his own behavior with that of the people around him and comforted himself with the thoughts of his superior morality. But instead, he humbled himself before God and rent his clothes. When we see ourselves in the light of the Word of God and measure ourselves by God's standard, there is no room for self-congratulation. After Josiah had heard God's Word read and expounded, he made sure the people heard it. Anyone who is truly convinced of the reality of the promises and warnings in God's Word will want to share them with others. They are too important to keep to ourselves. Finally, Josiah based his worship and the order of the temple on God's Word. He celebrated the passover as God had commanded. We cannot worship God on our own terms; we must come to Him on His terms. There is no room in Scripture for personal preference or "doing one's own thing" in the manner of our worship. To attempt

to tell God that we know what He desires better than He does is blasphemy.

We now come to Josiah's death. This is the first time the lesson to be learned from Josiah is a negative one. From 2 Chronicles 35:20 we may infer that Josiah had finished restoring the temple before his death. He was an energetic man of action and he was looking for a new project. Alas, he did not look to God for directions, but undertook a military campaign in direct disobedience to the revealed will of God. The result was his death and the beginning of the fall of the kingdom of Judah. It is good to be energetic and ambitious, but let us be energetic in carrying out God's will, and not ours; and let us be ambitious for the increase of God's glory, and not ours. If we desire blessing rather than disaster, we must obey God.

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The Children's Challenge

To Charity and Cheerfulness

The Jeep's Miraculous Battery

This story takes place in the spring of 1991 when we still lived in PA. I was 8 years old.

My oldest sister was sick with cancer. The doctors gave her no hope. They said she would never eat again.

We were moving to New York, so Dad was making many trips hauling loads of stuff.

We had an 8 hour drive from our home in New York to our home in PA.

On this particular trip, Dad, Daniel, and I were along. On the way up, the one trailer spring broke. Dad put a block between the axle and the frame and kept going. We got a load of cedar posts on the trailer and headed for home.

When we left for home in the evening, Dad noticed that the amp gauge was showing discharge on the Jeep. He decided to keep driving till he comes to an auto parts store and then fix it. All the auto parts stores where closed because it was after hours. So, he decided to drive until his battery got low.

I was in the back seat and when it got dark, I fell asleep. Sometime in the night, I woke up, looked over the back seat, and saw Dad and Daniel loading cedar posts in the back of the Jeep. I realized that there was trouble, so I prayed and asked God to get us

home safely.

The second spring on the trailer had broken. When the spring broke, the fender came down on the tire and blew the tire out. The trailer had to be left behind. We were still 2 hours from home. So on we went.

The lights were getting dim. About 6 miles from home there is a mountain that we have to climb over. Normally the Jeep had lots of snap to climb that mountain but this time it hardly made it. Dad did not stop at the stop sign in Bethel because he did not think that he would have enough power to get going again if he stopped. The Jeep died half way in the lane. The next morning when Dad went to check the Jeep out, the starter would not even click.

This instance was a big encouragement to my Dad because he realized that if God will listen to the voice of a child, he would listen to him and heal his daughter.

My sister is alive and lives in Bolivia today.

Melvin Martin

From our Readers:

Dear Editor,

When the enclosed article was given to me I felt led that it might also be something you could add and use in your selection for publication. Everyone could benefit from its challenge.

ED-See the article on the next page.

As ambassadors for Christ, we are to be the representives whose walk is always upright in the sight of God and man, in a blameless manner. There should not be any occasion given to the accuser (Satan) to find fault with the BODY OF CHRIST...

As believers, we are not to use the modern trend of this world as our comparison. At times one would feel tempted to step out of the boundaries of true righteousness when making deals, no matter how harmless it appears. How does the public eye regard us in our business transactions? Do we boast how clever we are when we are able to BUY LOW BUT SELL HIGH? Should we not take a close inventory of our standard of life in the light of God's Word?

For example: While handling incoming mails, it is noticed that many of the stamps had not been cancelled after leaving the post-office to its destination. One could take it for granted that because of this being a matter of carelessness,

it could be said; FIND-ERS-KEEPERS, LOSERS-WEEPERS. But no! Isn't postage government property? And whatever is rightfully theirs should be rendered to them and what belongs to God be given to Him as the Word of God tells us in Matthew 22:21.

Your story and pictures in an earlier issue described the icestorm that you had experienced the previous year. Northeastern Ontario had share in this too. At large, it was considered an emergency situation as the power lines had been down for days on end. Here in our area which is about 50 miles SE from Hamilton, Ontario, the weather- although somewhat quite\unpredictable — is without extreme conditions.

Yours sincerely, Ms Margaret Gabor Bright, ON

Please send us your contribution before August 1 to get it here in time for the next issue. Thank-you.

Moral Foundations Begin at Home

"Thou Shalt Not Steal" (Exodus 20:15)

Spoken by God Himself some four thousand years ago, the Ten Commandments still give a solid foundation for building a home. The eighth commandment states firmly, forcefully and finally, "Thou shalt not steal." These words should be carried in the heart of every adult and diligently taught to every child. (Deuteronomy 6:7,8).

Although these next words are about two thousand years old, the truth they contain is also very relevant for us today. And they are especially applicable to parents. "Thou therefore which teachest another. Teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?" (Romans 2:21)

A look at the following questions will help us determine how carefully we really obey this commandment. It stands guardian over the things God has entrusted to men.

- 1. What would my family expect me to do if they learned that I had received five cents too much change with our last store purchase? One man reportedly walked three miles to return six cents of wrongly calculated change. He earned the name, "Honest Abe." What name have I earned by my past actions?
- 2. Am I known to be prompt in returning borrowed items? Sadly, it is reported that twenty-five million books are not returned to

our nation's libraries every year. Do I have any books that do not belong to me?

- 3. An item may not be new when it is borrowed, but to return that item broken, is to rob the owner of its value. Do I make proper compensation?
- 4. Have I given in to the temptation to misrepresent things when offering them for sale? Do I drive hard bargains when making purchases? "It is naught, it is naught. saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth" (Proverbs 20:14).
- 5. If I find something of value that has been lost by another, do I put forth honest effort to find the rightful owner? Or do I childishly say, "Finders Keepers"?
- 6. Are there any "souvenirs" in my house that I have collected in my travels? Things like hotel towels or restaurant spoons. Such remembrances may be remembered too well by your children.
- 7. Do I steal from my employer? Is he my "Five and Ten Cent Store"? *Pilfering* is another word for stealing, not a synonym for "fringe benefits." And what about his time? Does my lunch half-hour have more than thirty minutes or my coffee break run over the allotted time?
- 8. Can I sign my name on my tax return, pledging my honesty and resting assured that the all-knowing God knows of no discrepancies? The attitude of the Pharisee in the New Testament times

was, "It is all right to cheat the tax collector if you can get away with it." How do I feel toward the Internal Revenue Service?

- 9. Am I prompt and punctual in keeping schedules? Does it matter if others often have to wait for me? Negligence in these matters is a form of stealing time from others.
- 10. Do I faithfully return to God a fair portion of all His blessings to me? Remember the question the prophet Malachi asked the people of his day, "Will a man rob God?" They had robbed Him by failing to give their tithes and offerings.

The way I answer these questions will have a definite bearing on whether I will be able to teach my children the eighth commandment. As parents our conduct sets the tone for the family. Our values and honesty determine whether moral integrity begins in our home.

And just one more question, if moral values do not begin at home, where do I expect them to begin?

Are you a Christian,
 (a follower of
 Christ)? Then act
 like a Christian,
 speak like a Christian,
 and call yourself a Christian.

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Questions and Answers

- 1. Will we meet people in heaven that we cannot fellowship with here on earth?
- 2. If you have an apple tree that gives bad fruit, you have a bad tree. If you have an apple tree that gives good fruit, you have a good tree. Does the fruit make the tree good?

Please send us your questions and answers:

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Who am I in Christ?

I am Romans 8:16

A Child of God,

Ephesians 2:8

Saved by Grace through Faith,
Psalms 107:2

Redeemed from the Hand of the Foe, 1 John 5:11-12; Ephesians 1:7

An Heir of Eternal Life, Forgiven, Romans 8:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Led by the Spirit of God, A New Creature, Galatians 3:13

Redeemed from the Curse of the Law,

Kept in Safety Wherever I go, Ephesians 6:10

Strong in the Lord and in His Mighty Power, ² Corinthians 5:7

Living by Faith and Not by Sight,

Rescued from the Dominion of Darkness, Romans 5:1: Romans 8:17

Justified, An Heir of God and Co-heir with Christ, Ephesians 1:3

Blessed with Every Spiritual Blessing,

An Overcomer by the Blood of the Lamb

And the Word of My Testimony,

Matthew 5:14; Ephesians 5:1

The Light of the World, An imitator of God, 1 Peter 2:24

Healed by His Wounds, Romans 12:2

Being Transformed by the Renewing of My mind, Galatians 3:14

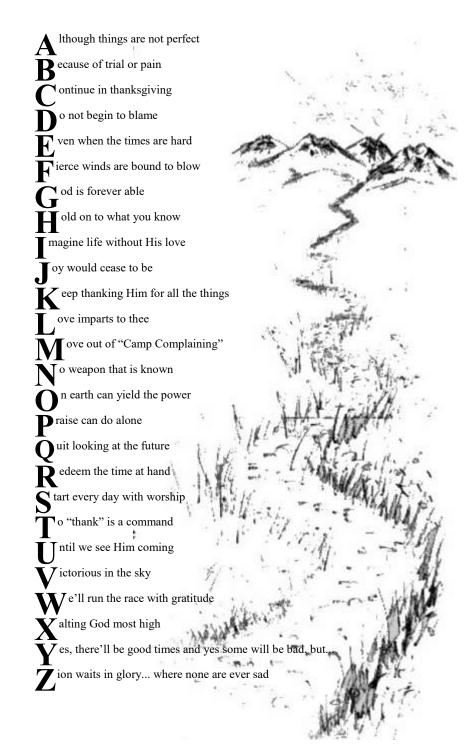
Heir to the Blessings of Abraham, Philippians 4:13

Doing All Things through Christ who Gives me Strength, Romans 8:37

More than a Conqueror.







Pharaoh

Simon **Bible Character Name Guessing Game**

Philip Ruth This is a game that I played a lot when I was little. We'd play it anytime that I and my siblings were working Nahum together, like when we'd be deheading beans, Abraham folding wash, shelling peas, traveling, etc.

Melvin Martin

Isaac Hagar

To play this you should have at least 3 people. One person is "It". "It" thinks of the name of some Chedolaomer Jethro Bible character.

Example: "King David."

Naaman Japheth

Then he tells the other players the first letter of that name.

Example: "D" Laban Balaam

Then the other players think of names that start with Elisha Peter "D". When someone thinks of a name that starts with "D," he describes the person without stating his or

Noah her name. Melchizedek Example: "Was he thrown into the lion's den?" Then "It" says, "No,

it is not Daniel." Adam Jesse

However, if he does not know who was thrown into the Orpah I am lion's den; then he needs to give a clue. Example: "It's from the Old Testament."

Jehovah Amram

Whoever guesses the right name then is "It" and picks a name.

Daniel Jesus

This is a very good way to learn the names of the Zacchaeus David Bible characters.

Have fun. Moses Uriah

Paul John

Theophilus Kish

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Time's Speed

"Time flies," how often spoken But its speed has never broken, Its feet were never made of lead Nor ever did it run ahead.

We are the ones who often wish That time would pass in one big swish, Or else it should remove it speed And let us now to take the lead,

But our pleas fall on deaf ears And it frets not 'bout our fears, Time begun has never varied And our foolish thoughts has buried.

Now let's take this in our mind
And let us not be left behind,
But in our hands we take the key,
And redeem the time to free
Those whose life is firmly caught
By things that Satan there has taught.

May we forever let Christ guide Because for us with love He died And freed us from the bonds of death To lead us to a greater breath, That we may by Him ever learn To show to men the way to turn.

Now with these thoughts within thy head Turn and face the time not dead, Then resolve inside your mind To closer to thy Saviour bind.

Author - David D. Boskovic

Do not count the passing days, but make the passing days count.

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"Réjoice in the Lord always. Again I say, Réjoice!" "Réjoice evermore."

Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16